

Minutes – Diocesan Council
Saturday, January 25, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. at St John’s College

Present = P; Regrets = R; Absent = A

Ex-Officio = (*); Appointed = (a)

P	Abra, Dr. Allison (* Warden, St. John’s College)	R	Gomez, The Rev. James
R	Aitken, Mary	P	Kawka, Bill (* Diocesan Treasurer)
P	Akinwale, The Rev. Wilson	R	Laldin, The Ven. Karen (* Archdeacon)
P	Bellay, Vic (* Chancellor)	R	Lampman, The Rev. Paul
P	Bender, Karen	P	Manzongo, The Rev. Naboth
P	Blaikie, The Ven. Simon (* Administrator)	P	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey (* Archdeacon)
P	Bonnett, Elizabeth	P	Mawejje, June Rachel
P	Bowman, The Rev. Matthew	P	McIntosh, The Rev. Wayne
P	Brown, Eva	P	Richens, The Rev. Liz
P	Buxton, Deb	P	Russell, Canon Gary
R	Caouette, Jena	P	Schoeck, The Ven. Lauren (* Archdeacon)
P	Dolloff, The Rev. John	P	Whitmore, Chris
R	Dorrian, Colin		<i>Staff and non-voting (N.V.) members</i>
P	Domenick, The Rev. Lee	P	Valencerina, Joy (Finance Director; N.V.)
P	Dugan, The Ven. James	P	Wedlake, Bob (*Secretary of Synod; N.V.)
P	Giroux, The Rev. John	P	Nixon, Melissa (Meeting Secretary; N.V.)

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Regrets, Opening Prayer

S. Blaikie called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. S. Blaikie opened with a prayer and land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 25 January 2025 meeting of Diocesan Council be approved*

E. Brown / N. Manzongo

Carried

3. Receipt of December 17 Executive Committee Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Minutes of the 17 December 2024 meeting of Executive Committee be received.*

L. Schoeck / J. Giroux

Carried

4. Election of laity to Executive Council

There is an open laity spot on Executive Committee. The members present were asked if there was anyone willing to volunteer their time and skills on Executive Committee. There were no interested members present.

5. Appointment to Finance Committee

Motion: *Be it resolved that Ted Cotton be appointed to the Finance Committee*

J. Dugan / L. Schoeck

Carried

6. 2025 Budget

Motion: *Be it resolved that the preliminary budget be approved as presented*

B. Kawka / C. Whitmore

Carried

7. Disposition of principal from sale of property

- S. Blaikie explained the winding up process of a property put up for sale and passed along the wishes from the closing parish community. Discussion revolved around what the canons set out, what had been done in previous situations, the deficit of the diocese and the desire for closed communities to leave a legacy of sorts.

a. St. James Beasejour

Motion: Be it resolved that 100% of the revenue generated from the sale of St. James, Beausejour be divided as 10% (not to exceed \$10,000) to the archives fund, 10% to the creation of a diocesan cemetery fund, and the remaining 80% to the New Church Development Fund.

A.Abra / C. Whitmore

Friendly amendment: Be it resolved that the proceeds from the sale of St. James, Beausejour in the amount of \$177,225.50 be allocated as follows: 10% (not to exceed \$10,000) to the diocesan archives fund; 10% to the creation of a diocesan cemetery fund; 10% be made available to the disestablished parish to apply for funds to leave a legacy in their community and the remaining 70% to the New Church Development Fund

A.Abra / C. Whitmore

Carried (1 opposed)

b. St. James, Rainy River

Motion: Be it resolved that the proceeds from the sale of St. James, Rainy River, in the amount of \$80,678.07 be allocated as follows: 10% (not to exceed \$10,000) to the diocesan archives fund, 10% to the creation of a diocesan cemetery fund, 10% be made available to the disestablished parish to apply for funds to leave a legacy in their community and the remaining 70% to the New Church Development Fund

A.Abra / C. Whitmore

Carried (1 opposed)

8. Receipt of meeting minutes from the Ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land

Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes from the Ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land be received

E. Brown / M. Bowman

Carried

- A brief stretch break was had from 11:16 -11:28 am

9. Search Committee Discussion

J. Dugan, chair of the Bishop Search Committee, presented what the committee has accomplished so far, what they have planned coming up and what we can do to help. He pointed to www.rupertsland.ca as a resource for all things Bishop Search Committee, including Prayer Resources, a visual timeline, and soon there will be a survey that anyone who worships in the diocese of Rupert's Land can fill out. They will also be hosting Archdeaonry meetings to speak with Clergy in early February. The search committee plans to take the thoughts and concerns of the survey, along with the feedback from Archdeaonry meetings, and from the smaller group discussions from this meeting, to create a Diocesan Profile for perspective applicants to discern whether this position of Bishop is something they feel called to.

10. Receipt and initial discussion of Motions referred from Synod 2024

This item was deferred to the next diocesan council meeting

11. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

M. Bowman

Carried

S. Blaikie declared the meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Before departing S. Blaikie lead us in a prayer for our fellow member D. Buxton who had to leave because her husband, Jim Buxton was having a medical emergency.