

Diocese of Rupert's Land  
Executive Committee Minutes  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 1:30pm: at St. George, Crescentwood

Present = P      Regrets = R      Absent = A      (\*) = *ex officio*

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| P | Bellay, Vic (* <i>Chancellor</i> )                   | P | Manzongo, The Rev. Naboth                        |
| P | Blaikie, The Ven. Simon (* <i>Exec. Archdeacon</i> ) | P | Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey (* <i>Archdeacon</i> ) |
| R | Bowman, The Rev. Matthew                             |   |  |
| P | Brown, Eva   | P | Schoeck, The Ven. Lauren (* <i>Archdeacon</i> )  |
| R | Buxton, Debbie                                       |   |  |
| P | Domenick, The Ven. Lee (* <i>Archdeacon</i> )        |   | <i>Staff</i>                                     |
| P | Dugan, The Ven. James                                | P | Nixon, Melissa ( <i>Office Coordinator</i> )     |
| P | Kawka, Bill (* <i>Diocesan Treasurer</i> )           | P | Valencerina, Joy ( <i>Dir. Of Finance</i> )      |
| P | Laldin, The Ven. Karen (* <i>Archdeacon</i> )        |   |  |

1. Call to Order – at 1:30pm by S. Blaikie

2. Land acknowledgment - Land acknowledgement and prayer said by S. Blaikie.

3. Regrets reviewed by S. Blaikie and M. Nixon

4. Introduction to the new member of Executive Committee, Archdeacon of Kenora St. Alban, the Ven. Lee Domenick

5. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 21 January 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted.

Moved by G. Mawejje, Seconded by E. Brown

**Carried**

6. Approval of Minutes

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

Moved by L. Domenick, Seconded by K. Laldin

**Carried**

7. Youth Grant Request

The Youth Grant Request from St. Margaret's served as a catalyst for discussion regarding access to Diocesan grants by parishes that have not met their commitment to Common Ministry and Mission, such as St. Margaret.

The Executive Committee asked that the Administrator, The Ven. Simon Blaikie send a letter to the parish acknowledging the approval of the Youth Grant request but also summarizing the thoughts and concerns of the Executive Committee

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the executive committee approve the \$3000 youth grant request from St. Margaret's Anglican Church for the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage.

Moved by L. Domenick, Seconded by K. Laldin

**Carried**

8. Finance Report

- B. Kawka presented the preliminary Budget for 2025 for review and discussion. This budget is mostly based on prior years and
- Rupert's Land News – used to bring in revenue through an ad manager, but the ad manager was let go because of billing issues, a new ad manager has not been found.
- Diocesan Programs has seemed to be lowered by \$100,000 but that is because it was for indigenous ministry and the funds have just moved to indigenous ministry account 6-1531 from Diocesan Programs 6-1235
- Account 6-1275 – A.C.P.O to be increased from \$1,879, to \$3,000 to better reflect trends
- Account 6-1130 – Provincial Synod Assessment to be increased from \$10,945, to \$12,302 as per the updated assessment received from the Ecclesiastical Province.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Executive Committee recommend the Draft Diocesan 2025 budget, as presented with the two increases to account 6-1275 and 6-1130 to Diocesan Council.

Moved by B. Kawka on behalf of the Finance Committee

**Carried**

9. Discussion on Episcopal Election

- Brief update on the search committee, they have met and decided a way forward. They should meet before the end of the month and then we will hopefully see a survey or some other means of input collection.
- At the upcoming Diocesan Council meeting, the search committee will have an hour to collect the thoughts and feelings of the members of diocesan council.
- J. Dugan passed out a timeline infographic made by M. Bowman, referred everyone to keep checking out the rupertsland.ca website for updates.

10. Property / Personnel updates

- St. Luke, Dryden, St. Luke, Winnipeg and St. Peter, Winnipeg are all still in the discernment phase.
- Rev. Jenn Sisson has announced her retirement from Church of the Good Shepherd after 25 years.
- The initial meeting of the cemetery committee was had and there is a lot of work to do before it is a fully formed committee, including contact with other faith denominations, members of government, from different levels in two provinces and other professionals familiar with cemetery management.

11. Members Announcements

- Year End forms are out and are due in by March
- Upcoming Celebration of New Ministry for L. Domenic and N. Manzongo, awaiting dates.
- Masses of Special Intention are still happening, at a new time, see new poster for details.
- Death by Dessert fundraiser at St. Paul Fort Garry on Feb. 7 at 7pm
- Olivia Steadman, a member of St. Paul's sang Anthem at Jets Game and was on the front page of the Winnipeg Free Press.

12. Adjournment – Moved at 2:34 by L. Schoeck

**Carried**