DEC meeting March 22, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Present: Tammy McKeachnie, Brian Vance, Don Thompson, Candace Mahaffey, Leon Cadsap, Cheryl Anderson, Bishop David Greenwood, Gail Shewchuk, Jamie McIlvenna, Stan Berry, Peter Clarke

Regrets: Maryann Amor, Rose Howell, Willi Whiston

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 by Bishop David.

MOTION: Tammy / Cheryl: approve DEC minutes from Feb 22, 2024, as distributed.
Carried.

7:08: Committees broke into their respective break-out rooms.

7:50: Committee of the Whole
Management Committee:

- Decision: A financial gift from the diocese to a bursary in the Primate's name.
  - $5000 from each province; 11 dioceses in each province.
  - MOTION: Cheryl / Don: DEC approve the Diocese of Athabasca contributing ~~$300~~ $500 to a bursary being collected in memory of the present Primate, upon her retirement.
    - Amendment to the motion to $500 from $300
      - Stan / Peter
        - 5 in favour. 5 abstentions. Amendment passed.
    - Motion Carried Unanimously
- Decision: Parish Financial Support
  - MOTION: Cheryl / Stan: DEC approve accepting funds designated for Diocesan Parish Support into a Diocesan Parish Financial Support fund.
    - Carried
      - 9 in favour, 1 opposed
  - MOTION: Don / Stan: DEC approve that a set of criteria and process be developed by the Management Committee with proper controls and transparency for disbursement of the Diocesan Parish Financial Support fund.
    - Carried unanimously.
- Update: Understanding of 2023 Year-End Financials
  - The Diocesan General/Operating Fund is showing that it has $5,725 more income than expenditures for 2023 (corrected from the $11,800 surplus reported last month).
  - Over $48,000 investment income added to various reserve funds
  - Diocese of Huron fund has been closed off.
    - Don was thanked for his hard and earnest work on our behalf.
  - Ok to distribute summary of both YE 2023 and YTD Feb to the Diocese.
- Update: 2024 Insurance – accuracy of information

Property Committee:

- Introduce: Camera Policy

        - All Saints' Fort McMurray have put together a policy for deploying and using security cameras. Could use as a template for other parishes. The bishop has passed to the chancellor for his feedback.
            - Bishop to distribute policy draft to all DEC members.
- Update: Fort McMurray sewer-backup rebuild
    - Progressing well.
    - Looking at a Sewer backup valve exterior to the building.
- Update: St. Andrew's Lac La Biche rebuild
    - MOTION: Brian / Jamie: DEC recommends the wall panelling be eliminated from St. Andrew's Lac La Biche for a savings of $45,000.
        - Carried unanimously
- Update: Boyle Worship Centre
    - Group currently renting (New Life Pentecostal) is putting together an offer for the diocese.
    - 7th Day Adventists have also inspected the property.
- Update: Utilities initiative
    - Progressing.
- Update: Solar power initiative
    - St. Andrew's-Zion (Colinton) very interested in installing solar panels and replace a boiler with a heatpump.
    - MOTION: Brian / Tammy: The Diocese of Athabasca support St. Andrew's-Zion congregations' application to the County of Athabasca for solar upgrades.
        - Carried unanimously.
- Update: Valleyview (Sturgeon Heights Cemetery)
    - M.D. of Greenview asking for a formal letter from the diocese
        - Bishop to write letter

Why Committee:

- Update: Survey of Parishes as to needs and context
    - Draft list of questions for parishes have been developed
        - Some relate to the WHY statement development done previously
    - Need to develop preamble for parishes to understand why questions being asked.
    - Thinking of using old fashioned mail-out to ensure all parish clergy and wardens can receive.
    - Hoping questions become a catalyst for congregational conversations.
- Cemetery Question: request to bury non-Anglicans in a cemetery we own.
    - Bishop to discuss with clergy after putting thoughts together.
    - High Prairie has been burying non-Anglicans in the "Anglican" cemetery for the past 70 years
- Stan recommended we table the Rectory Incomes Review. All agreed.

8:30 pm Common DEC: Rectory Incomes Review (see agenda for overview)

9:10 pm adjournment with prayer