

# DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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Friday, December 2<sup>ND</sup> and Saturday, December 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011

St. Andrew's, Lock's Road, Dartmouth

Friday, December 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011:

Diocesan Council was called to order by Bishop Sue Moxley at 7 p.m. at which time all were welcomed and invited guests were introduced.

The Rev. Canon Gordon Redden, Acting Executive Secretary of Synod, reviewed correspondence received from the Anglican Foundation regarding applications and a memo which explained the process of replacement of Regional Council representatives on Diocesan Council.

Bishop Ron's Report:

Bishop Ron circulated his report noting the planning of the Clergy Conference and an afternoon spent with a formation Group and Youth Conference participants.

Diocesan Website Proposal:

The Rev. Canon Jack Tattrie and Jan Connors were welcomed and they spoke about the proposal for a new Diocesan Website.

Administration and Finance Committee Report:

Allan Turner, Chair of A&F, circulated a document showing some of the work that A&F continue to do as we move towards the new diocesan structure.

2012 Budget:

Council received Human Resource Advisory Subcommittee's recommendation that a 1% increase be made in clergy/staff salaries and an increase be made in parish travel rates effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011:

Bishop Sue called the meeting to order with Bishop Ron leading worship.

“Together In Mission”:

Invited guests, Paul Clur (Development Officer for General Synod), John Robertson (Senior Gift Planning Officer and Resources for Mission) and Murray McCarthy ( M&M International) were welcomed and made a presentation on “Together In Mission,” a new fund raising initiative that the Diocese is being invited to participate in.

John Robertson took the opportunity to thank Charles O’Neil, Diocesan Planned Giving Officer, who has resigned. He played a major role in the Ministry of Planned Gifts in the Diocese.

Staff Review:

Patrick Hartling was welcomed and circulated the Staff Review Documents which were for discussion by Diocesan Council Members.

His final presentation will be presented at the February meeting of Diocesan Council being held at St. Francis by the Lakes.

NSOM Review of the Program:

The NSOM Review Committee members were welcomed as they presented their findings during the review of the Program.

It was noted that in 2010 Diocesan Council requested a review of the program since it had been in place for the past 18 years.

The Committee’s report was received with thanks.

Budget 2012:

Bishop Sue made reference to the budget conversation which took place the previous evening and the recommendations of the Human Resources Advisory Sub-Committee.

Motions put forth approving the 1% increase in salaries/stipends and the increase in the basic travel rates for parish clergy.

Controller’s Report:

Was circulated for information and accepted.

Property Re-development:

Anthony Chapman reported that the building of the facility on College Street was on schedule.

Shannex and the Project Committee have worked together on redesign issues.

Youth and Family Ministries:

S. Naylor, Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator, presented the documents regarding youth and family ministry and this document was accepted.

Trusteeship:

H. Carthew reported on the Trusteeship Issue with the Conqueralls.

There has been some resistance and he is of the hope that a proposal will be ready for presentation at the February 2012 Diocesan Council meeting.

It was moved and seconded that a 3 month extension be granted to deal with this situation.

Anglican Foundation Applications:

It was noted that we have more applications than we are allowed for the 2012 year.

It was agreed by the Diocesan Council that they be submitted in the order in which they were received in order to be fair.

It was also agreed that we need to have a criteria for recommending and putting forth applications and Diocesan Council needs to be put a timeline in place.

“Together In Mission”:

Discussion took place regarding the presentation and whether to participate in this initiative.

It was agreed that the Diocese begin the process of developing a case for support with the National Church, engaging with M&M.

Bishop Sue's Report:

Bishop Sue noted that the Pastoral Letter which was sent out in October "A Pastoral and Liturgical Guideline for Civilly Married Same Sex Couples," has been made Guideline 1.1.24 and can be found on the website.

She also made reference to the Dalhousie/King's Chaplaincy position and funding. She gave some of the background history noting that Diocesan Council several years ago agreed to ½ the funding of salary and the other ½ would be from the Bishops' Action Appeal.

Bishop Sue has met with the President of King's and the Board has agreed to fund ½ of the salary for five years.

House of Bishops' Message:

This was circulated and some of the issues noted that were discussed.

Friends of the Bishop:

Bishop Sue spoke about what this group does and what the funds raised are used for, including the Pete Stanfield Bursary.

Diocesan Executive Director's Report:

G. Redden circulated his written report

Youth Coordinator:

S. Naylor circulated a report as well as the Mark's of Mission resource document for information.

Ministry Committee:

Diocesan Council is waiting for the VSST for leadership Terms of Reference.

A small group needs to get together to act upon the NSOM report and to prepare recommendations for the next Council meeting.

[Debra Burleson, Patti McKenna, Warren Huestis and Bishop Cutler agreed to serve.]

Next Meeting:

February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at St. Francis by the Lakes, Lower Sackville