

DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
Teleconference, 7 pm

Attendees: Archbishop John Privett (chair); The Very Rev. Nissa Basbaum; Canon Dr. Randall Fairey; Diocesan Treasurer, Gerald Fitz-Gerald; Mr. Paul Glen; the Rev. Sandra Stickney
Staff: Executive Archdeacon, Trevor Freeman

Regrets: Mr. Richard Frost, Ms. Helen Hall, Rev. Rick Paulin

Opening Prayer: Bishop John, including prayer for Rick Paulin as his mother died this past Sunday, all who travel, Queen Elizabeth, refugees, the homeless and migrants.

Sandra Stickney recorded the minutes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: January 11, 2017 (attached pp. 3-8)

Amendments:

replace Motion A17-02 with the following:

Proposed Motion that we give the Incumbent of All Saints, Vernon the authority to adjust the details of the project up to the maximum that the Diocesan Council approved in 2016 (\$1,000,000).

correct comment to:

Sandy Stickney: Is concerned there needs to be more support for the incumbent.

Trevor will ensure as per pages 7-10 that the incumbent would only be allowed to make changes within the scope of work document approved and signed by the bishop; anything outside of the scope as outlined will come back to the Diocese.

Randall Fairey: Agrees that the Incumbent may be put in a difficult spot if there is an error, there is no protection. The incumbent, in consultation with the wardens/council, would have the authority to make changes.

Amended motion:

Correct motion number to:

A17-03 A Motion made that we give the Incumbent of All Saints, Vernon, in consultation with the wardens, the authority to adjust the details of the project up to the maximum that the Diocesan Council approved in 2016 (\$1,000,000). Moved by Gerald Fitz-Gerald, seconded by Sandy Stickney.

Note that Richard Frost abstained from the vote. Carried.

Correct subsequent motion number as necessary.

p.2#4 2 comments amended as follows:

- 1) Sandra Stickney: *The quotations reflect image of God as male and king and seem dated.*
- 2) Someone else [not Paul Glen] wondered at the condition of the building and was assured that the window could be removed and repurposed if ever necessary.

A17-10 Motion to approve minutes as amended M/S/C/Gerald Fitz-Gerald/Paul Glen

Business Arising:

1. All Saints, Vernon – Trevor Freeman reported the following:

An update on the dialogue between All Saints and the insurance company: there is some hope that the Insurance company will need to cover some expense as there was no exclusion in the policy regarding design flaw. This is still a challenge as the design was according to building codes. Only verbal news so far. Waiting word from insurance company.

Financials: 1. January Statements (attached pp. 9-12)

January statements presented by Gerald Fitz-Gerald. KFS shortfall is major concern and already showing in January Statements. Quarterly statements will show a clearer picture. KFS budget and request figures are still a work in progress.

A17-11 Motion to receive statements as presented M/S/C Gerald Fitz-Gerald/Sandra Stickney

Thanks was expressed to Gerald Fitz-Gerald and Bonnie Bailey.

New Business

1. Diocesan Futures Update – Presented by Trevor Freeman

There are a number of ongoing pieces of work in the diocese right now regarding the big picture of diocesan life. This includes conversations among diocesan staff and the work of the Congregational Futures group. All of this work is in its early stages but this committee should be aware of the various threads and pieces of data being considered and gathered. These include:

-KFS acceptance rate (attached pg. 13) potential \$11,000 unexpected shortfall

chart attached has 1 error—Trail/Rosslund have accepted \$20,000 to KFS.

-Congregational Futures data (attached pp. 14-15) also a very early document—presented as a starting place.

-Inter-Provincial Collaboration-conversations beginning about sharing resources. In our Diocese we have not had a structural deficit (a deficit that is planned to regularly erode assets and is not sustainable.)

-working group is collecting data on all resources and all assets.

-several parishes are in serious trouble and some are beginning conversations with Bishop of dramatic changes such as selling property or closing churches.

Suggestion: Randall Fairey—That clergy reviews be included as part of data being collected.

Trevor Freeman: Please keep in mind that the Diocese wants this to be in partnership with the parishes.

We can help by keeping aware of what is happening and by paying attention to what's happening and what is possible.

2. Clergy Day Funding—Committee on Ministry has been working for many years on how to provide ministry where there is no money for paid clergy. Bishop John has called a clergy day around Christian vocations, for incumbent Clergy.

There is an undesignated synod projects fund that contains just over \$5000. That fund has been sitting unused for a few years. Currently, a clergy day is being planned for May and this fund makes an ideal location from which to draw funding.

Randall Fairey noted that this is in keeping with the original purpose of this Synod Fund set for building community and leadership for the diocese. Randall further suggested that this fund be cleared off the books and any residual be redirected. (Budget for clergy day is a little less than \$5,000).

A17-12 Motion that this fund be accessed to pay cost of Clergy Day. M/S/C Randall Fairey/Gerald Fitz-Gerald

3. Salmo Community Church (attached pg. 16)

The church in Salmo is used by a number of congregations but has been insured under the United Church plan. They are requesting to be covered under our plan because it may save

them as much as half the cost of their premiums. The building is held separately by the community church. Anglican services are held there, led by non-stipendiary clergy.

A17-13 Motion that we include Salmo Community Church under our insurance plan. M/S/C Paul Glen/Gerald Fitz-Gerald

Next Meeting: March 22nd, 2017, in person or teleconference to be announced later depending on the agenda.

A17-14 Motion to adjourn: Randall Fairey

Paul Glen announced he just received news that Jill Leir Salter died today, a short while ago. Bishop John lead prayer of thanks for her life and support for her family and parish family.

All in attendance shared in speaking the Grace.