

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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At its extended meeting of October 19, 2007, Diocesan Council

- was led in prayer by Judy Carpenter
- remembered with thanksgiving the life and ministry of the Rev'd Beverly Strople and the Rev'd Canon David Reid, who died since the last meeting of Council
- directed the Controller to draw on capital gains in the Growth for Ministry Fund to correct an overdraft
- heard a report from the Diocesan Executive Director, Canon Gordon Redden
- agreed that for 2008, Lorraine Slopek would allot 80% of her time to the archives and 20% to the Resource Centre
- agreed to three resolutions from the Campaign Financial Planning Task Group: (1) that the Diocesan Synod establish an annual appeal for funds; (2) that the expense of instituting the new annual appeal will be funded from the Leap for Faith Campaign (to a maximum of \$35,000 per year); and (3) that, for the purposes of continuity of giving, the expense of setting up an annual appeal will have a two-year overlap with the Leap for Faith Campaign
- received for information a new brochure prepared by the Leap for Faith Campaign office
- following presentation and discussion, approved the 2008 Budget, with an allotment rate of 20.50%, an anticipated compliance rate of 90.50, and total expenditures of \$2,716,700
- encouraged all those who spend budget income to spend less than that allotted in the budget
- heard that the total of money gifts collected for the Hiltz family was \$24,522
- heard that students in the Dalhousie MBA program will conduct a review of Bookroom operations, the report with recommendations eventually coming to Council
- heard a report from the Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Michael Janz
- received a final report from the Organizational Effectiveness Task Group that will be considered at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council
- called for and received a brief review of the budget for the 2010 celebrations, focusing especially on Metro Centre and audio-visual costs, now estimated at \$104,141.72
- agreed to seek further information from the 2010 Celebration Committee and tabled a motion until next meeting setting the total budget for all events at the \$100,000 already approved
- heard a report from the Audit Committee and approved the 2006 Audited Financial Statements
- heard from the Audit Committee that two matters require Council's immediate attention: (1) collection of overdue allotments; and (2) developing a new alternative for or closure of the Diocesan Book Room
- discussed whether the 5/3 Plan was working or not working
- heard the Rev'd Jim Slack report on how Lutherans have a voluntary giving rather than an allotment plan
- returned a policy directive motion to the Archives Committee for clarification
- was advised in writing by the Rev'd Canon Eric Beresford on behalf of the Intentional Listening Process Steering Group that a letter will be sent to all parish clergy enquiring

what kind of conversation about human sexuality would suit their expectations and situation

-received with thanks reports from the Program Committee, the Ministry Committee,

National and World Mission Committee, and the Summer 2007 Benchmarking Study

-heard an information report about and discussed the Phase II Property Development Project. This report is too complex to summarize. Highlights: 14 story building on

Diocesan Centre site. Land leased for a specified time. Some commercial space but

mostly for assisted living space. An operator has been contacted about this operation.

Remove housing from site (for Diocesan Bishop, Suffragan Bishop, Dean and Diocesan

Executive Director). Furnish them with housing allowance. On that cleared land, build

something of approximately 12,000 square feet to accommodate Synod and Cathedral

offices (current Synod and Cathedral staff space is about 32,000 square feet)

-heard a report and engaged in an exercise presented by Tanya Moxley, Wendy Terris

Klaus and Arran Thorpe, representing Companions on the Way. Awareness-of -

stewardship stories were shared

-received a report from the Episcopal Search Committee. The Rev'd Fred Rhymes

reported that three names have been placed in nomination for Diocesan Bishop: the

Rev'ds Rod Gillis, Susan Moxley and Gary Thorne

-discussed the times of Diocesan Council meetings. The current pattern prevents some persons from serving on Council