

# DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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

The Rev. Canon Gordon Redden, Acting Executive Secretary of Synod, reviewed correspondence received from the Fort Sackville Regional Council requesting that salaries of Diocesan Synod Staff be published. The Council members have requested that the Council be more specific with their request and the purpose of this request.

### **Anglican Foundation Applications:**

G. Redden noted that the Parish of Alberton had been written and asked to provide more detailed financial information.

St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour, was awarded a grant.

### **Controller's Report:**

P. Flemming reviewed his report as circulated.

Noted that a Narrative Budget has been published in an effort to help parishes understand how the allotment monies are spent.

It was agreed that this Narrative Budget, which was approved by Diocesan Council, be presented to the Regional Deans.

Noted that the "Treasurer's Handbook" has been mailed to parishes.

### **Bishop Sue's Report:**

Bishop Sue presented a report called, "3 things this Council will have accomplished by December 2010" to the members. It was noted that some items had already been accomplished while effort was being made to achieve others.

Made note of the Consultations to be held in the New Year: A Consultation on Leadership – Lay and Ordained and a Consultation on Healthy Congregations.

### **Canon Review Committee Report:**

The Diocesan Chancellor, Anthony Chapman, presented the draft of the revision of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of NS & PEI for review and recommendation for presentation to the May 2011 Synod.

### **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010:**

#### **NSOM Report:**

Bishop Ron reported that the Non-Stipendiary Ordained Ministry group meets on a monthly basis. Their work continues and any questions may be directed to the contact person, Mike Foley.

#### **Synod Arrangements Committee:**

D. Burleson reported that R. Townsend has resigned as Chair. She, along with Victor Henrikson, will co-chair this Committee.

Noted that last Synod over-spent by approximately \$6,000.00. The major cost was for food.

Work continues in preparation for the May 2011 May Synod.

At this Synod General Synod and Provincial Synod delegates will be elected, including one youth delegate for General Synod which is being held in Ottawa.

#### **Compliance Policy:**

The Chair of Administration and Finance presented a draft compliancy policy with the intent that this document be a "tool" to open dialogue with parishes to help them address potential financial problems. This document was discussed and a revised copy will be presented to the February 2011 meeting of Diocesan Council.

#### **Bishop Sue's Report:**

Bishop Sue circulated her written report noting that we no longer have a member on the Council of General Synod (COGS). They now send out a DVD to each Diocese with a report on the actions that have taken place.

One of the high points was that after 20 years they now have a balanced budget. Balancing was achieved mainly by means of staff reduction.

The newly established “Anglican Church of Canada Philanthropy” department of General Synod will be working through the process of rethinking what we are about and what we want to do as a church.

Bishop Sue also reported that she attended a Utilities Review Board meeting along with Kees Zwanenburg on “Payday Loans.”

**Bishop Ron’s Report:**

His written report was circulated and he spoke about the work of the Discernment and Formation Program noting that we do not have as many people entering the program as will be leaving.

Spoke briefly about his experience at the House of Bishops meeting and the Anglican Editor’s Association meeting which took place in Halifax.

**Diocesan Executive Director’s Report:**

G. Redden circulated his written report noting that Don Pulsifer has “stepped down” from his work with the Diocese.

A vote of thanks will be communicated to him on behalf of the Diocesan Council for all his contributions to the Diocese over the years.

**Archives Report:**

Report was circulated for information.

**Youth Coordinators Report:**

S. Naylor presented her report with the help of a display table with pictures from Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend and resources.

**Ministry Committee Report:**

C. Fraser, Chair, presented his report.

**National World and Mission Report:**

R. Moore, Chair, noted that at this time this Committee is not meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax.