

**Highlights of Diocesan Council Meeting –June 20-21<sup>st</sup>- prepared by The Rev. Janet Hatt Executive Secretary of Synod**

The Diocesan Council meeting was held on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm and Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>-9am-3pm

**Friday June 20th**

The meeting was chaired by Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley

- newly elected and returning members were welcomed as was Janet Hatt Executive Secretary of Synod
- worship was led by Tory Byrne
- A time of introduction and orientation was led by Bishop Sue, Gordon Redden and Janet Hatt.
- The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

**Saturday-June 21st**

- The Council reconvened on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am
- Gordon Redden acted as executive secretary in the absence of Janet Hatt
- Minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>** were approved.
- Property Redevelopment** update was presented by Harold Irving.

**-2010 Celebrations-** Selma Doucet reported on 2010 celebrations in the Cape Breton Region and their plans to fund their activities. “Every parish has been asked to contribute \$75.00 to create seed money for activities.”

Bishop Sue also spoke about the ongoing plans for 2010 celebrations.

**-Follow-up on Bookroom Closures-**Gordon Redden reported on the progress of the closing of the bookrooms. A questionnaire will be circulated and a booklet put together for parishes on where to get supplies. The booklet will be made available on the Diocesan website.

- **Two applications for The Anglican Foundation** were reviewed and approved. These will be forwarded to the Anglican Foundation. The two applications were submitted by St. George’s Church, St. Margaret’s Bay-French Village and St. Nicholas, Westwood Hills.

**-Preparation for discussion on budget 2009**

- Bishop Sue invited the Council members to review the package of material presented by Peter Flemming, on behalf of A&F. A discussion was held on the Budget process and Peter Flemming **would be joining us later to further the discussion. It is clear that we must cut \$257,500.00 from the budget.**

**-Motion** “that a letter be sent to the General Secretary of Synod requesting the rationale for the determination of the 26% apportionment rate that is currently in place for each Diocese. It was requested that this information be available for our October meeting for further discussion.

-Concern was noted for the Council of the North and the impact of cutting General Synod apportionment.

-**Organizational Effectiveness-Janet Marshall** joined us for a continuing discussion on Organizational Effectiveness. A revised copy of her report was circulated to the council for reference.

-**Youth Ministry Coordinator Michael Janz** presented his final report to Diocesan Council. Michael concludes his job at the end of June. He was thanked for the Youth ministry work that he has done in the diocese.

-**Follow-up to Synod-May 2008**

-**Resolutions** from Synod

-**Strategy and Program** planning put in abeyance for one year (carried)

-**Canon 1**-amendments were carried

-**Canon 16**-amendments were carried

-**Motion** on environmental responsibility

-**Motion on Sustainability of Synod**-Bishop Sue will be appointing members to review this resolution.-

-**Canon 35**-Amendments were defeated

-**Motion** on sustainable agriculture amended and carried.

Council heard a report given by Charles William on behalf of **National and World Mission**

-Alan Turner (Chair of A&F) **spoke briefly on A&F** and is recruiting new members for the Committee and sub-committee

-Council heard a report from **the Diocesan Executive Director**-Gordon Redden. From this report the following motion was carried

-“**Diocesan Council names a steering Committee of A&F with permission to add members at their discretion mandated to develop an annual appeal.**”

-**Policy regarding Maternity, Adoption and Parental leave** was presented by A. Turner.

**Motion carried** to adopt the maternity, Adoption and Parental leave guidelines as outlined in **2.1.6 with amendments.**

-**Minimum stipend** scale-Motion carried to approve a 2.4% Cost of living increase for the minimum stipend scale for 2009.

-**Minimum salary** scale-Motion carried to approve a 2.4% cost of living increase for the Diocesan Scales for Staff.

-**Bishop Sue** reviewed her report  
**Lambeth Conference in July**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm