

## Highlights of Diocesan Council Meeting held at St. Margaret of Scotland-April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>-2009

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### Friday-April 24<sup>th</sup>

-The Diocesan Council met at St. Margaret of Scotland on **Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Sue Moxley at which time the members and guests of the Diocesan Council were welcomed to the meeting.

The worship was led by J. Carpenter

Following the approval of the agenda and the minutes, **P. Flemming** circulated his report. He spoke to his report and the following highlights were noted:

- That he is assisting the Budget Sub Committee
- Income from parochial returns is increasing
- That the Parochial returns are better compiled and in on time
- Andy Carras is the Chair of Budget Sub Committee

**Bishop Sue Moxley** spoke to her report and the following highlights were noted:

- Spent Holy Week with the parishes of Shelburne and Lockeport
- Continues to work with Parishes in concert with the Parish Relations Committee
- 50 Young Leaders Project being sponsored by PWRDF in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Addressed a message from the House of Bishops

**Bishop Ron Cutler** circulated his report and the following were noted highlights:

- Has been in the Fort Sackville Region
- Spent Holy Week at the Cathedral
- Position for Youth Ministry Coordinator advertised

**Diocesan Executive Director G. Redden** circulated his report and reported on the following:

- Indicated that there have been several requests and meetings with parishes to clarify Canons and guidelines
- Updated the Council on the Data Base Project

Allan Turner reported for **A&F** and he noted:

- That the Budget Subcommittee is continuing to work on the 2010 budget
- The Council heard a motion from the A. Turner “**that Diocesan Council accepts a ¼% reduction in the Allotment Rate as a target for the 2010 budget process**”. After a lengthily discussion it was **defeated**.
- Human Resources has reviewed and posted the Youth Ministry Coordinator position
- Parish Relations subcommittee continues to work on allotment exemption guidelines

Our evening concluded with a **presentation from K. Wagner** .His presentation was in the format of a video which he developed since returning home from South Africa from his overseas internship.

Meeting adjourned@9:30pm

### **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

The meeting began with worship led by J. Carpenter.

Bishop Sue spoke briefly about **stewardship** and its’ underlying premise of changing and viewing creation from the lens of “**Scarcity to Abundance**”. She invited J. Hatt to share the Lenten project “From Scarcity to Abundance” that was carried out at St. Mark’s to encourage a change in their world view of Stewardship. A leaflet was distributed with the results of their project.

The Diocesan Council approved an application to **the Anglican Foundation** from the Parish of Hackett’s Cove.

Bishop Sue reported on the plan for **Property Redevelopment** and that presently the committee and developer are in the process of seeking the appropriate approval from HRM. It also appears that the Diocese will not be moving out of the present structure until after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

A document was received and reviewed pertaining to **Organizational Effectiveness**. It was noted that the transition team is now functioning and that suggested changes will be presented at Synod, namely the composition of Diocesan Council.

Various members of the Council reported on **2010 celebrations** in their regions.

It was reported that the **Sustainability of Synod Task Force** has completed its work and that there will be resolutions before Synod addressing the issues examined.

Bishop Sue addressed the upcoming “**Annual Appeal**” and indicated that there will be more information presented at Synod and at the June meeting. It is hoped that \$300,000 will be raised from this campaign.

Much discussion was held on the topic of **“the meeting time designated for Diocesan Council.”** A long list of pros and cons surfaced and numerous suggestions were made. It was decided that “the Friday and Saturday meeting time” was still the best option at this time.

E. Bereford proposed that we have a discussion on **Emergency Preparedness** in light of the concerns of a possible “pandemic”. As a result of our discussion the following motion was **carried “That this Council authorize the bishop to immediately establish a Task Group to look at emergency preparedness and to make recommended policy and practice procedures, particularly at this time, with reference to pandemic threat.”**

Following lunch, a report was heard from **C. Fraser, Chair of Ministry Committee** and **C. Chenhall**, who made a presentation regarding Campus Ministry. She reported on the history of the ministry and the various activities it is presently involved in. In her presentation it was noted that there is a need to expand into other educational facilities such as community colleges and other universities. We were also reminded that we be mindful to keep them informed of the ongoing budget discussions.

**The Archives Committee** had circulated a plan for the moving of the contents of the archives in preparation for the impending Diocesan move. The Diocesan Council agreed with their recommendation plan.

Meeting adjourned @1:30pm

**Next meeting dates: June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**