

Diocesan Council Report

December 4

1. Electronic funds transfer- stuck at 80%. We are to try to encourage more to take part.
2. Financial statement and budget will be on the Diocesan website.
3. Insurance bill comes in April/May.
4. NSOM billing 70% paid. Bill for next year will come in January
5. Diocese lost \$4,000-\$5,000 last year. Collection of allotment is causing grief.
6. **Reflection** : Article from Alban Institute.

The Leadership Retreat-Prayer Practicalities or Both. (From Fall 2009)

Discussion of Annual Covenant Review- how many Parishes actually do it?

Board should decide the mission and the context of the mission.

Board should develop resources for ministry.

Council is responsible for visioning the future.

Combination of being “intentional” and good planning is essential.

What is the purpose of the Church?

7. - Rev Tori Byrne
 - Meet –evenings, not interested in Saturday meetings
 - Regional Presentation- Chignecto Confusion as to what a Region is supposed to be.
 - Communication issues between council mtgs
 - Going to have a car rally in May.

Saturday:

1. Property Development- last mtg we were told to go ahead, we received permit, then on appeal date deadline, the city appealed. Everything is again on hold. Court of Appeal meets in April (April 6)
Pray for our lawyer- Rob Grant.
Project group needs to meet to do the next piece of work:
Bishop Sue reviewed what has been done to date.
2. 2010 checkins.
Reviewed events in each of the regions.
3. Bishops Action Appeal:

Bishop's Men, now called Friends of the Bishop: will contribute \$25,000 to the appeal. Money contributed can be designated to specific projects by donee.

4. Grants Policy: policy still being developed.
5. Anglican Foundation – one request- re steeple restoration. \$60,000.00 caution re cost overruns due to weather. Have they estimated high enough for contingencies? Church in Liverpool. (Parish of South Queens) Moved to pass on to Anglican Foundation
6. Executive Director's Report
Concurrence to realign parish boundaries:
 1. Approval of the proposed parish boundary changes
Within our Region:
 - (a) Parish of Trenton combined with the Parish of St George
 - (b) Take territory from the Parish of St George, New Glasgow and adding it to the Parish of Christ Church, in connection with joining St Alban's Church, Thorburn, to the Parish of Christ Church, Stellarton.
 - (c) St Alban's Territory
That portion of the territory of the Parish of St George lying south of Nova Scotia Provincial Highway 104, including without limitation the lands comprising the Church, Rectory and any cemetery or other real property of St Alban's Church, Thorburn
7. Bishop Sue's Report
Images of the Diocese:
 - Top Down
 - Confused
 - Poor communication
 - Large
 - Disorganized
 - Blocks or Walls

The above was the reason for reorganization of the Regions and reorganization of Diocesan Council

Redrawal of the Organizational Chart with Christ in the Center. The point of the Synod Office & Diocese is to support the Parishes and Regions.

Discussion regarding decentralization. Discussion of different sort of organizational chart.

Strength of the Diocese rests in the parishes.
8. A & F Report: Letter from Audit committee- some confusion about information. A clarification is being asked
9. One church in the Diocese deliberately does not pay allotment. Some discussion about penalties.
10. Last meeting with Jim Slack (Lutheran appointment)
11. COGS Report (Council of General Synod) November 2009- Peter Townsend presented a written report.

12. Chancellor: Freedom of Information Act implications to the Diocese. Parish Lists to Anglican Journal : this is fine as we are not a commercial activity. If the Anglican Journal shared the list, it would be their issue under the Federal Privacy legislation should the info be shared with a commercial business.
13. KAIROS: motion sent to gov't a motion objecting to the cut in funding and ask them to reverse the decision and reinstate the funding. When individuals receive a copy, send to local MP
14. Ministry Report: no written report, all items in last written report are still ongoing.
15. National and World Mission: Continue to support concept 50 refugee families across Canada and PWRDF networking.
16. No report from Archives: tracking down Parish sponsorships of students at Residential Schools this is to help verify that people actually attended.
17. Bishop Ron: list of places he has visited.
18. Youth: Feb 6- gathering of youth, youth workers, those interested in youth ministry. Let people know who might be interested.
19. Budget Survey needs to be turned in.
20. Government House: Lt Governor invited Bishop Sue to bless Government House