

DEC meeting of September 26, 2024.

Present: Peter Clarke, Gail Shewchuk, Maryann Amor, Stan Berry, , Don Thompson, Rose Howell, Brian Vance, Cheryl Anderson, Bishop David Greenwood, Tammy McKeachnie, Leon Cadsap

Regrets from Jamie McIlvenna, Candace Mahaffey

Away on Sabbatical: Willi Whiston

Absent:

Meeting opened with prayer at 7 pm by Bishop David

Motion: Cheryl / Gail: approve DEC minutes from June 27 2024 as distributed
Carried unanimously

The “September 26 DEC Overview Report” was used to guide the conversation, please refer to for background information (or to the reports, as necessary).

DECISIONS:

1. Financial Donations to Specific Parishes

Motion: Cheryl / Don, that the Diocese of Athabasca donate \$2000 to the Parish of Berwyn-Grimshaw from the Parish Financial Assistance Fund – carried unanimously.

Motion: Rose / Leon, that the Diocese of Athabasca donate \$1000 to the Parish of St. Thomas’ Fort McMurray from the Parish Financial Assistance Fund – carried unanimously.

2. Capping the Parish Financial Assistance Fund

Motion: Cheryl / Don, the Parish Financial Assistance Fund be capped at a maximum amount of \$100,000 – 8 in favour, 2 opposed, carried.

3. Re-shingling the roof of St. Anne’s Valleyview

Motion: Cheryl / Rose, that The Diocese of Athabasca Executive Council grant permission for the Parish of St. Anne’s Valleyview to use their Rectory Maintenance Fund for repairs / replacement of the shingles on their Worship Centre – carried unanimously.

- DEC recommends the parish use shingles with an expected lifespan of greater than 25 years, or metal sheeting, else repairs will happen sooner than they need to.

4. Christ Church Grande Prairie application for a building grant from the Anglican Foundation

Motion: Cheryl / Rose, that The Diocese of Athabasca Executive Council approves submitting of the grant application from the Parish of Christ Church Grande Prairie – 8 in favour, two abstentions, carried.

5. Engaging Royal LePage County Realty for sale of St. Paul's Boyle Worship Centre
Motion: Cheryl / Brian, that The Diocese of Athabasca Executive Council approves engaging Royal LePage County Realty for 12 months, at the preferred sale price of \$120,000 – carried unanimously.

UPDATES:

6. Instant Risk Coverage Insurance. Production website is now up and running. Information will be shared with the parishes in an upcoming Diocesan Email.
7. Updated Insurance Schedule with Lloyd Sadd. Waiting to hear from Lloyd-Sadd, anticipating using calculated building values for 2025.
8. St. Andrew's, Lac La Biche. Drywalling is now occurring on the rebuild. Currently looking at saving around \$34,000 due to removing Wainscotting.
9. St. Thomas', Fort McMurray. Still need backflow-non-return valve (backflow preventer) installed. Being pursued locally.

INTRODUCED:

10. Centralized Parish Finances. Motivation: assist parishes in focusing on ministry, not administrivia. If parishes are capable and able, they should be encouraged to be self-sufficient and not offload to the diocese. Concerns: sustainability if the diocese takes on a lot of parishes. Can we get parish treasurers' input? Needs to be flexible, where parishes can choose level of involvement. Need to make sure the parish is owning and aware of their finances (not "only the diocese knows"). Decision making is to remain at the parish level at all times. Can we simplify the flowcharts? They're a bit daunting. Bishop to update flow and re-discuss this at next meeting.
11. Advertising Campaign. Can we take it to the next level? Can there be statistics of engagement? Splitting into pieces may be better. Brevity is better. How to reflect the unique nature of each parish? How to target different audiences?
12. Will Power tabled to next meeting.
13. Clergy Conference reviewed. Members please send the bishop feedback. Should we invite Lay readers or Wardens? Have a separate weekend aimed for them? Should we invite other dioceses? We are quite a unique diocese compared to others. Joining together in person would be important.
14. Instructional Materials tabled to next meeting.

15. Camp Artaban Thank You. Letter has been sent to the Anglican Foundation. Bishop to send Anglican Foundation a copy of the latest Messenger.

Feedback:

Next meeting: In-person Meeting in November 1st and 2nd (Friday evening and then Saturday).
Location TBA.

9:28 pm – Meeting closed with prayer