

DEC meeting May 21, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Present: Tammy McKeachnie, Brian Vance, Don Thompson, Leon Cadsap, Cheryl Anderson, Bishop David Greenwood, Gail Shewchuk, Stan Berry, Candace Mahaffey,

Regrets: Peter Clarke, Maryann Amor, Rose Howell, Jamie McIlvenna

On leave: Willi Whiston

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:08 by Bishop David.

MOTION: Stan / Tammy: approve DEC minutes from April 25, 2024, as distributed.  
Carried.

7:15: Committees broke into their respective break-out rooms.

7:55: Committee of the Whole

#### DECISIONS

- None this meeting.

Management Committee:

Property Committee:

Ministry Committee:

#### INTRODUCE TO DEC

Bishop:

- Parish Financial Administration: centralized financial administration for those parishes who desire it, as per Diocese of Arctic Model.
  - Bishop to create straw-dog and send to Cheryl for Management Committee
  - Should also consider CRA submissions
  - Could have some parishes “become lazy”
  - Could have some parishes “resent losing control”
  - Getting proper financial reporting is a struggle in volunteer organizations
- Wabasca Cemetery:
  - Bishop sent letter to Wabasca saying “let’s mark the graves rather than continue other methods of searching.”
- Propane Tanks and Fort Chip:
  - Bishop to write a letter for the Fort Chip congregation
    - We are NOT trying to exclude them, but have them as integral drivers in decisions

Management Committee:

Property Committee:

Ministry Committee:

#### UPDATE DEC

## Management Committee

- 2024 Insurance – accuracy of information
  - \*\* Bishop to look at email from Cheryl with her updates.
  - New info from Leon
  - Have Don's
  - Need to follow up with Rose.
  - Changing “Replacement Cost” to “Efficiency / Utility Cost” as default
- Parish Financial Assistance Fund Process
  - Add the word “OR” in Section B.E. (... through Regional Dean OR Diocesan Dean and the Bishop)
  - Add title: “Parish Financial Assistance Fund.”
  - Under title: Terms of Reference
  - Under that, date motion made to approve it.
  - *Add as a Regulation.*
- Rectory Rentals Summation and recommendations for further stewardship
  - Desire to review Regulation and see if changes need to be made to it
  - Once know regulation, can look at parishes case-by-case

## Property Committee:

- St. Thomas' Fort McMurray rebuild
  - Diocese to write cheque for GST
- St. Andrew's Lac La Biche rebuild
  - Have new Insurance Adjuster now, & engaged Lloyd-Sadd troubleshooter
    - “Found” extra 10% on our insurance coverage (cost is no longer over our insured amount!)
  - Brian was able to have in-person meeting with contractor, broker, and adjuster
  - Have engaged company to value damaged contents
    - Brian will investigate if St. Thomas' Fort McMurray can benefit
  - Finalizing scope, determined not to increase cost
- Boyle Worship Centre
  - 7<sup>th</sup>-Day Adventists have expressed interest in buying, are asking for information
- Christ Church Grande Prairie boiler
  - Brian was able to advise that problems were with how the system was working, not the boiler itself.
    - Boiler should last another 20-30 years (expected lifespan)
    - Brian getting information on changing its setup to a closed-loop

## Ministry Committee:

### Bishop:

- Crosses on unmarked graves (Atikameg):
  - Bishop in conversation with Pearl Auger of Atikameg, waiting for her response
- St. John's Wabasca utility costs:
  - The Rev'd Richard Waye will submit receipts to be reimbursed for utility bills paid
- National Grant Application and Accountability Report:
  - Bishop to complete for next meeting
- GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Camp:

- Children track well in hand; Archbishop Chris Harper leading Adult track; Bishop and Benita have had conversations with Sheilagh McGlynn (National Animator for Youth Ministry) who has provided resources for the Youth track.
- Clergy Gathering (application for funding towards)
  - The Council of the North has approved a grant of \$12,000 for a diocesan clergy gathering.
- Cemetery Question: request to bury non-Anglicans in a cemetery we own.
  - Clergy and bishop are in agreement this is permissible, bishop will write a letter to that effect.
- Retired non-stipendiary clergy housing assistance
  - Not aware of any within our diocese who are eligible for this assistance

(To be looked at: new rental agreement for Malvern House (\$ raised from \$500 to \$600))

8:45 pm Common DEC:

- Bishop's Reflection on weekend service
- Ministry Committee Presentation (feedback from Deanery Clericus')

9:13 pm adjournment with prayer