

DEC meeting of June 27, 2024.

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

Regrets from Tammy McKeachnie

Away on Sabbatical: Willi Whiston

Absent: Jamie McIlvenna

Meeting opened with prayer at 7 pm by Bishop David

Motion: Brian / Gail: approve DEC minutes from May 21 2024 as distributed
Carried

Due to the overtly financial focus of this meeting, it was decided not to break into sub-committee but have the entire meeting as a Committee of the Whole. Next meeting the plan is to return to the sub-committee's meeting first.

The "June 24 DEC Overview Report" was used to guide the conversation, please refer to for background information (or to the many reports, as necessary).

DECISIONS:

1. Council of the North Covenantal Agreement
Motion: Don / Stan, That DEC confirm the Council of the North Covenant Agreement as distributed. –carried unanimously.
2. Council of the North 2023 accountability report
Motion: Stan / Don, that DEC approve the 2023 Accountability Report, corrected to show the proper value of \$75,000. --- Carried unanimously
3. Council of the North Grant Application (2025-2027 inclusive)
Motion: Gail / Rose, that DEC submit the CotN Grant Application Form as distributed. Unallocated funds will be returned at year end. – Carried unanimously
4. Parish Financial Assistance Fund
Motion: Stan / Gail , that DEC approve Regulation 18, "Parish Financial Assistance Fund", as distributed. 9 in favour, 1 abstention; carried.
 - a.) Diocese to communicate new regulation to parishes
 - b.) Diocese to work with parishes if they find monthly reporting onerous, recognizing that a simple consistent format is needed
5. Provide liability coverage for renters through IRC

Motion: Gail / Don: The Diocese offer IRC liability insurance option for parish renters as applicable; carried unanimously.

Diocese commit to investigate diocesan-wide liability coverage with IRC. What would IRC charge for the diocese to have liability coverage for a year for “typical” rental use (for all renters)?

Motion: Don / Maryann: That the Diocese requires renters of parish facilities (for non-parish events) to show proof of liability coverage 8 in favour, 2 opposed, carried.

Related questions: How to communicate effectively with the parishes? How to relate to our discipleship and evangelism? How to assist our parishes in deciding what requires liability insurance and what doesn't?

6. \$1500 from dioceses participating in the Wecan initiative
Motion: Peter / Cheryl: DEC approve the donation of \$1500 from the Theological Education Fund for the WECAN project in support of the great work that Emmanuel & St. Chad does; carried unanimously
7. Boyle Worship Centre
General Consensus: don't sell for less than \$75,000 and if it doesn't sell, bring in a realtor.

UPDATES:

8. Financial Status as of May 31st, 2024 – reviewed.
9. Annual Diocesan Statistics for the national office – shall be sent in.
10. Updated insurance schedule – waiting to hear back from Lloyd-Sadd on updated (calculated) premium allocations and decision of what parishes to visit by Ecclesiastical.
11. Parish Financial Administration – for decision at next meeting
12. Wabasca Utility Bills reviewed.
13. St. Thomas' Fort McMurray reviewed.
14. St. Andrew's Lac La Biche reviewed.

INTRODUCED:

15. St. Paul's, Fort Chipewyan, bank accounts have been closed and the money transferred to the diocesan accounts for administration of bills related to St. Paul's.
16. Provincial Synod Debrief shared.
17. APR Summary shared.

Feedback: found overview report helpful, suggest continuing that process.

Next meeting: September 26 on Zoom; Current sub-committee membership shall continue until the In-person Meeting in November (TBA)

9:08 pm – Meeting closed with prayer