

DEC meeting April 25, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Candace Mahaffey, Jamie McIlvenna, Willi Whiston

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:03 by Bishop David.

MOTION: Cheryl / Tammy: approve DEC minutes from March 22, 2024, as distributed.
Carried.

7:08: Committees broke into their respective break-out rooms.

7:50: Committee of the Whole

DECISIONS

Management Committee:

- Fort Vermilion Hot Water Heater
 - Cost of repairs and replacement being covered by in-parish donation. Thank you, God's servants in Fort Vermilion!

Property Committee:

- Crosses for Atikameg cemetery
 - MOTION: Brian / Rose: The Diocese provide up to \$2,000 for installation of crosses on unmarked graves in Atikameg, with Bishop David discussing with Pearl Auger of Atikameg as to the most helpful approach. Bishop to approach DEC if further is needed.
 - Carried (9 in favour, 1 abstained).
- Grande Prairie Boiler
 - MOTION: Brian / Stan: The Diocese support Christ Church Grande Prairie to apply to the Anglican Foundation as a category B grant.
 - Carried with two abstentions.
- St. John's Wabasca Rental Situation
 - MOTION: Don / Tammy: The Diocese provide up to \$1000 per month for utility payments at St. John's Wabasca, if necessary, to be reviewed in June.
 - Carried unanimously.

INTRODUCE TO DEC

Management Committee:

- Parish Financial Support donation process
 - Management Committee will work the process with the intent to present for DEC approval in an upcoming meeting. – meeting tomorrow
- National Grant (application in by June 30th) – *see CotN Grant Application Form 2025-2027 Three year Cycle and CotN 2023 Accountability Report Form to be used in 2024*

- Bishop will write up Accountability report and Application form and then finalize with Management Committee before sending into Council of the North (June deadline)
- Retired non-stipendiary clergy housing grant – *see CotN Retired Clergy Fund announcement*
 - Funding is available to assist retired non-stipendiary clergy with their housing needs

Ministry Committee:

- 150th Year Celebration Camp Aug 1- 4
 - Agenda has been “finalized”. Please pray for a leader for the Youth Track, and people with guitars and good singing voices for the evening Campfire and songs!
- Clergy Gathering
 - Application for funds to assist this sent into Council of the North

UPDATE DEC

Management Committee

- 2024 Insurance – accuracy of information
 - Management Committee hope to send the bishop the results of their investigation within the next two weeks for his review, after which it will be sent to Lloyd-Sadd for them to update Ecclesiastical Insurance regarding our building construction details and desired insurance level.

Property Committee:

- St. Thomas’ Fort McMurray rebuild
 - Final inspection done today – going very well
- St. Andrew’s Lac La Biche rebuild
 - Issues with Insurance company and Adjuster being worked
 - All work stopped until construction company gets paid
- Boyle Worship Centre
 - New Life Pentecostal has signed on to a month-to-month lease arrangement.
- Camera Policy
 - Chancellor reviewed and had no issues or comments
- Valleyview (Sturgeon Heights Cemetery)
 - Bishop sent letter to M.D. of Greenview contact giving agreement for them to take ownership of cemetery if they wish.
- Utilities / Solar Power Initiative
 - St. Andrew’s-Zion have put their request on hold until next year due to County of Athabasca funding.

Ministry Committee:

- Survey of Parishes as to needs and context
 - Have asked Regional Deans to discuss with the clergy at the upcoming Deanery Clericus, to facilitate understanding the needs seen at the parish level.
- Cemetery Question: request to bury non-Anglicans in a cemetery we own.
 - Bishop still to discuss with clergy after putting thoughts together.

8:52 pm Common DEC:

- Willi Whiston
 - Willi is on a 6-month sabbatical so will not be part of DEC meetings until October.
- Rectory Incomes Review (see agenda for overview)
 - The Management Committee will review the current situation with Rectory Rentals and prepare a summation and suggested guidance to DEC.

9:09 pm adjournment with prayer