

DEC meeting of May 27, 2025.

Members: the Rev. Canon Deacon Peter Clarke, Gail Shewchuk, Stan Berry, the Rev. Don Thompson, the Rev. Rose Howell, Brian Vance, Cheryl Anderson, Bishop David Greenwood, Tammy McKeachnie, the Rev. Fr. Leon Cadsap, Jamie McIlvenna, Candace Mahaffey, Pam Berry, the Hon. Judge Bill Paul (Chancellor)

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

Regrets: the Rev. Deacon Canon Peter Clarke; Jamie McIlvenna

Absent: None

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:02 pm by Bishop David

Bishop David introduced Mrs. Pam Berry as the new Diocesan ACW Co-ordinator, and Mrs. Candace Mahaffey as a Bishop's Appointee to DEC. Both were warmly welcomed.

Minutes from previous meeting

MOTION: Cheryl / Gail: approve DEC minutes from April 2-26, 2025, as distributed with note that next DEC meeting should have stated May 29, 2025, not June 19, 2025.
Carried unanimously.

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

1. Legacy Giving Brochure. MOTION: Distribute Legacy Giving Brochure to the parishes along with communication campaign.
Tammy / Candace
■ Carried unanimously

Possibilities: electronically and mailing out high-quality colour brochures (from a professional printing company) to the parishes.

Bishop could bring / speak to as he walks around the diocese; clergy or DEC members could – need someone in the parish to speak to this, not just hand out. Could have a video in our weekly diocesan email to introduce? What if people outside the church want to contribute? Funeral Homes / Anglican Messenger / Parishes / ?? DEC members don't want to limit contributors based on membership in our diocese, but suggested focus on diocesan members to start with.

2. Diocesan Catechism. Discussion. Want catechist studies for youth and younger children as well as adults. A way for us to understand "why we do what we do." Ministry Committee will discuss further and come back to DEC with a proposal.

- Requested committee look at BCP Catechism
- 39 articles
- Rose suggested “Fundamentals of the Faith” by John MacArthur as well (\$12.99 US)
- What about videos or more “modern” formats (as opposed to books) for younger people?

From Tammy doing a poll at the ACW Conference:

3. Music Ministry and Copyright Licensing
 - Tammy pursuing CCLI streaming license for diocese
 - ACTION: Bishop to get average attendance from APR for Northern Lights and pass onto Tammy
4. Sunday School / All-age-group education
 - Would like Bishop to check with Diocesan Education Officer as to what she is developing / working on in this regard
 - “Book Benita found at Lambeth?”
5. Sermon Supply.
 - Could Lay Readers have a workshop on sermons?
 - People looking for prepared sermons as they feel they don’t have time to create sermon from scratch.
6. Holy Communion – Public Distribution of Reserved Sacrament
 - People feeling they don’t get Eucharist as often as they like.
 - Requested that Tammy share with the appropriate Regional Dean for coverage purposes.
7. Spiritual Gifts Workshop
 - Suggested not pursue further

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

8. Fort Chipewyan Rectory
 - Want to demolish. Received a quote just under \$22,000 to do so. Stan will talk with the Fort Chip fire department about using it as a training facility to do a practice burn (“fire behaviour study”). Ground remediation would then need to be pursued. Stan verified it was legal in Fort Chip for fire department to do and they would assume liability. Need to get members in Fort Chip to approve first.
 - o To be brought back to next meeting
9. Bishop’s Lodge Cemetery
 - \$14 per sign on each cross; overall total including wood and paint could be up to \$2,000.
 - MOTION: Rose / Gail that the Diocese allocate up to \$2000 to fix the Peace River cemetery following vandalism, from the Property Replacement Fund.
 - o carried

10. Lac La Biche Rebuild Final Payment

- still being negotiated. Thanks given to Brian for his stewardship of this scope and cost.

(Tammy left meeting)

11. Lac La Biche Basement Leak

- Sewer tank in basement is leaking. Have quote of \$6500 plus GST. Money could come from contents insurance following its finalization.

MOTION: Brian / Stan proceed with plumbing repairs for cost of \$7500, with funding to be taken from the Lac La Biche insurance money

- carried

12. Wabasca Roofing. Have two quotes (asphalt shingles of \$28,296 (local to Wabasca) for house and church and metal of \$41,868 (local to Kinuso)), for church, rectory, sheds, and garage (6600 sq ft). Metal will last 50+ years, shingles maybe 20. With metal, probably less repair to existing roof decking as well.

MOTION Gail / Cheryl That replacement roof for Wabasca be pursued with the Property Replacement Fund using metal roofing as per the quote.

7 in favour. 1 opposed 1 abstention.

- Brian will get rolling; Bishop to let Richard know.
- Bishop to discuss timing with Scott Brubacher

(Rose left meeting; Tammy returned to meeting)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13. Gift motion from the Parish Financial Assistance Fund. Management Committee decided no parish qualified at this time.

14. Insurance. Premiums have now been sent to the parishes.

15. Diocese of New Westminster

A donation of \$9000 was received from the Diocese of New Westminster. Funds to be deposited into Operations Account. Gail will write thank you on behalf of the Diocesan Executive Council (Thank you Gail!)

16. Diocesan Investment Policy – Cash Management being split out – Management Committee will have a special meeting to discuss. Request Bishop that matured GIC funds which have been put into the Bishop's Discretionary Fund be transferred to the Operations Account at CIBC.

17. Proposed Changes to Regulation # 5.

Motion: Gail / Cheryl: DEC approve regulation 5 changes as presented in package. –
Carried unanimously.

Next meeting: June 19 at 7 pm, via zoom.

9:26 pm – Closed with prayer