

SUMMARY OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA HELD AT VILLA LOYOLA, SUDBURY, ON NOVEMBER 13-14, 2013

BISHOP'S UPDATE

The Bishop provided an update on his activities since the last meeting. Refer to the ["calendar"](#) on the Diocesan website.

NEW BUSINESS

Compensation - Benefits

- Jane Mesich outlined proposed changes to the General Synod Pension Plan and the Extended Health Care Plan
- Motion was passed that the Diocese of Algoma adopt the drug card plan with no deductible
- Drug cards will be distributed in late January 2014 with February 1 as the effective date of usage

Conflict of Interest

- A new form to declare a Conflict of Interest was distributed to Executive Committee members for signature to be retained in the Synod Office
- It was clarified that when a class benefits and not a specific individual it is permissible to vote on an item and not declare a conflict of interest

Unused Lands and Buildings Commission

- A motion was passed establishing an Unused Lands and Buildings Commission comprised of the Dean of Algoma, the Chancellor, and a Bishop's appointee
- The mandate of the Unused Lands and Buildings Commission is to:
 - a) Produce and maintain an inventory of property held by the Diocese that is not being used, and is most unlikely to ever be used, for Church purposes;
 - b) Recommend the disposition of property and buildings on this inventory and make the necessary arrangements for same following consultation with and approval from the Bishop and the Officers of The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Algoma
- The Commission is not being established to deal with property matters that are associated with active parish ministry

Diocesan Insurance Broker

- Jane Mesich advised of the change from AON to Marsh Canada Limited

Criminal Records Checks for Active Clergy

- A motion was passed to engage the services of *XpressChek* to provide Criminal Records Checks for active clergy for a trial period of three years; to be paid for by the Diocese and charged back to the appropriate parishes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Plan Implementation Team

- Craig Hurst provided an update. Their [November 2013 report](#) may be found on the Diocesan website

Youth

- Reports from Deanery Child and Youth Ministry Facilitators and Deanery Youth Coordinators are available from your respective representatives

Anglican Church Women

- Janet Pike, Diocesan ACW President, provided an update on the activities of the ACW

Anglican Council of Indigenous People

- Chris Harper, ACIP representative, provided an update

Rationalization Process Discussion

- Facilitated by Jay Koyle, Congregational Development Officer
- The Executive Committee felt the need to have a ready definition for 'rationalization', and, following discussion, agreed that
“Rationalization is the cultivation and direction of our resources and capacities to develop and sustain healthy parishes in Algoma. This work is carried out to fulfill the Mission, Vision and Values we share as a Diocese.”

FINANCIALS

- Jane Mesich reviewed the financial reports
- A motion was passed accepting the financial reports as of October 31, 2013
- A motion was passed approving the proposed budget for 2014

Mission and Ministry Fund

- A motion was passed establishing a Mission and Ministry Fund to consolidate those funds presently held separately for which there is no reason to continue to do so

PROPERTY

St. Mark's, Garson

- Anne Germond provided an update

Property Administrative Process

- Jane Mesich outlined the current process for property matters in the Diocese and identified some of the issues we have been experiencing administratively
- It was determined that better education around the current process would be helpful for parishes and Deanery Officials

Christ Church, Port Sydney

- Jim Schell provided an update

St. Peter's, Silverwater

- Anne Germond provided an update
- A motion was passed accepting the request of St. Peter's for closure and the sale of the property

St. Paul's, Haileybury

- Linda White provided a report on the insurance claim at St. Paul's following roof and interior damage

St. Mark's, Rosslyn

- A motion was passed approving their request to install a chair-lift pending approval of the government grant

Christ Church, Port Sydney

- Dawn Henderson outlined the parish request to access their rectory funds

- A motion was passed authorizing Muskoka Deanery Officials, in consultation with Diocesan Officials, to negotiate terms for bridge financing to enable the current incumbent to purchase a home in Port Sydney. Funds to come from the Christ Church, Port Sydney rectory fund.

PARISH REPORTS

St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie

- Peter Smyth reviewed the damage that has occurred to the rectory, hall, and church at St. John's as a result of massive flooding in September. Diocesan Officials are working with Marsh Canada, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and the engineering firm to resolve problems associated with the flooding.

St. John's, New Liskeard

- Linda White provided an update
- St. John's Church sold; congregation has amalgamated with St. Paul's, Haileybury
- New parish merger is called the Parish of St. Paul and St. John
- A motion was passed that the funds realized from the sale of St. John's together with their bequest from the Lillian Barrett estate, and the funds from the sale of the rectory be invested in the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund on behalf of the merged congregation of St. Paul and St. John. Interest from these funds will be used on a yearly basis to support the mission and ministry of the merged congregation.

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay

- Deborah Kraft outlined the request from St. Paul's to withdraw their rectory funds from the Consolidated Investment Funds held in the Diocese and include them in the St. Paul's Investment Fund held in the parish
- A motion was passed that the Executive Committee table the motion concerning St. Paul's request until guidance is received from the Executive Archdeacon and Chancellor and a policy change has been brought back to the Executive Committee in March 2014

Christ Church, North Bay

- Craig Hurst provided an update on the lot sale at Christ Church

St. Giles, Hawk Junction

- Peter Smyth provided an update on St. Giles. The church has been deconsecrated, items being dispersed, and a potential sale is in process.

Bliss Gillmor

- Linda White provided an update on Bliss Gillmor and St. John's, North Bay.

St. James, Lockerby

- Anne Germond provided an update
- The sale of St. James house fell through due to circumstances around the severance of the two properties
- Discussions are ongoing to determine a way forward

Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury

- Tim Perry provided an update on difficulties associated with the building maintenance project