

Council of the Deanery of Muskoka

Tuesday, June 1st, 7pm via zoom

- Opening Reflection
- Review & adoption of March 5th Minutes
- Business Arising from the Minutes
- Presentation & adoption of financial report
- Presentation & adoption of ministry reports: Archdeacon, Deanery Officials, ACW
- Election of Youth Delegates to Synod
- AODA Review
- Community Care presentation
- Additional Business
- Adjournment



DEANERY OF MUSKOKA Draft Minutes WORLD DAY OF PRAYER DEANERY MEETING Friday, March 5th, 2021, 6pm via Zoom

Meeting convened at 6pm with the World Day of Prayer Service prepared by the host country Vanuatu. Rev. Heather Manuel hosted & recorded the minutes. Diocesan Lay Reader Nancy Houghton served as Verger. Deanery Warden of Lay Readers Janet Borneman coordinated the Lay Readers to officiate the service.

Meeting Convened with 33 screens/ 39 individuals. Review of the Minutes of February 22, 2020. Moved by Susan Pincoe, seconded by Gunars Balodis that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

No business arising.

Review of the Deanery Financial Statements, including the Deanery General Fund, Deanery Funds Designated for Developmental Services, and Muskoka Ministry Endowment Fund. -noted we did not collect parish 'dues' in 2020 due to the pandemic and would discuss dues and funding usage at the next meeting.

Moved by David Hardie, seconded by Robert Clubbe that the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

Draft Minutes continued...

Review of Archdeacon's Report, with addition that the Diocese is planning 3 Screening In Faith webinars with dates TBA, and that Rev. Robert Clubbe has been honoured by the City of Toronto through his former parish St. Simon's in the naming of a 36-bed men's shelter 'The Clubbe House'.

Review of Deanery Officials Report with invitation to follow-up discussion on several items on mission objectives, property, insurance, finances, community partnerships for building use that have arisen from their virtual visits with parishes. Noted: the completion of the transfer of the cemetery at Grassmere.

ACW Report was given verbally by the ACW President and ACW Diocesan Treasurer. Could parishes please submit the names of members deceased in 2019 or 2020 for recognition on the Honour Roll at the Annual Meeting in May. Invitation for Annual Meeting will be circulated soon. Deanery will circulate this via email and website. Moved by Nora Goltz, seconded by David Hardie, that the Archdeacon, Deanery Officials and ACW reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

Other business: Carol Hardie nominated Margaret Kamerman for election as a Deanery Youth Delegate to Diocesan Synod. Seconded by David Hardie. Carried.

Deanery will elect two remaining delegates at its spring meeting.

Meeting adjourned with members sharing the greeting of St. Paul.

Financial update...

2020 Balance in bank January 1, 2021: \$848.82

Income to Date: Bank Interest \$0.21

Balance at June 1, 2021: \$849.03

For Consideration: Shall we collect 'Deanery Dues' for 2021 (\$30)

MMEF: Muskoka Ministry Endowment Fund

A fund of the Diocese of Algoma from which parishes can apply for a ministry grant from the interest accrued. Fund applications for 2021 closed on May 31st.

Application form and parameters are available at www.muskokachurches.com. The MMEF currently consists of half of the proceeds from the sale of the church properties at Mactier & Falkenburg. Your local sub-committee members are Canon Betty Whetham (Chair), Rev. Lynda Mee, Susan Pincoe & Brad Burgess. Capital approx. \$90,000.00 Interest available for grants is approx. \$5,500.00

Archdeacon's Report to Deanery Council

May 25th, 2021

Dear Deanery Council Members in Muskoka,

It will be a joy to see one another's faces when we gather June 1st via Zoom.

I know the Archbishop would want me to assure the Deanery of her on-going prayers for our ministries and life together, and to these I add my prayers too. I have been praying not only that we would "get through" this pandemic and how it has impacted the church, but also that we would take this opportunity to open our minds and hearts anew to God's leading. The season of Pentecost is stronger than the season of COVID, so let us all allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in our next steps in our parishes and in our individual lives of discipleship.

Since our brief meeting in March, many in our Deanery participated in the Diocesan Screening in Faith workshops. Please do not allow this to drop off the radar. Incumbents are responsible to ensure it happens but it can be a big job so, if and when they reach out for help, let's all do what we can to move the process along. If you have questions or need assistance with the program, please ask me. If I don't know the answer I will do my best to find it out.

Archdeacon's Report cont'd...

As I write, the ACW Annual is about to take place. We give thanks for all the women in Muskoka Deanery who have done and continue to do so much in the cause of God's mission. I pray that our time together this week at the on-line Annual will bear much fruit to the glory of God.

Our Deanery Officials have been working diligently, meeting with parish groups, communicating regularly with those on the Deanery e-mail list, and working on several property matters with myself and with the Diocesan property teams. Please keep Rev. Heather, Susan, and Lynne in your prayers as they undertake so much responsibility in an ever-changing church.

Trinity Parry Sound now has a position posting on the Anglican Church of Canada website, and we pray with them as they discern next steps and await developments.

St. Thomas' & Lake of Bays is taking a fresh look at their search for a new Incumbent and will be pro-actively thinking through their mission and ministry this summer. Rev. Judie Cooper continues at St. Thomas', and, in my role as Archdeacon, I am temporarily assuming Incumbency for Lake of Bays, working alongside The Rev. Margaret Morrison. Please pray for St. Thomas' & Lake of Bays as they faithfully continue to seek God's leading for their future ministries.

Licenses for 2021 for Diocesan Layreaders Nancy Houghton and Derek Shakespeare have been given and we rejoice with them as they continue in their various tasks and share their many gifts.

Archdeacon's Report cont'd....

As we all look to Diocesan Synod in September, we hope a pre-Synod social gathering for Muskoka Deanery delegates will be possible, depending on both the status of Ontario's phased re-opening plan and the Diocesan protocols in place. Archbishop Anne really hopes that delegates in every deanery will be able to gather (likely outside) in late summer or very early fall so that we can have some measure of in-person fellowship despite the Synod itself remaining online. Stay tuned, and if you have ideas, please get in touch with myself or with one of the Deanery Officials.

Finally, I want to commend to you the "Say Yes to Kids" fundraiser organized by the Anglican Foundation of Canada. This nationwide campaign aims to raise \$100,000 to support post-pandemic programs for children, youth, and young adults in Canada. Our Diocese has a team and our goal is to raise \$5,000. This pandemic has been hard on everyone, and certainly very difficult for young people. We are more than halfway to our fundraising goal! Please visit anglicanfoundation.org/kids and then find Algoma's team (you can donate through Algoma's or any other team).

May God bless each of you as the promise of a better summer draws closer. May we find times of rest, together with opportunities for joyful expressions of outreach and the sharing of Good News with a world so badly in need of it.

In Christ's Ministry we Share,

The Ven. Kelly Baetz, Archdeacon kellinac@yahoo.ca 705-645-0788

Deanery Officials Report

- Assist parishes with finance, property and mission
- Assist Diocesan property committee with sale and transfer of closed churches and unused property.
- Summer priorities are re-opening and Synod Prep
- Hoping a round of on-site visits will be possible before winter
- Capital Project Application Forms on www.muskokachurches.com: 'Long' and 'Short'. If your project is greater than \$40,000, requires loan/grant funding, or changes the character of the worship space, we must bring it to the Executive Committee for approval. This will require your parish to use the 'long' application form. Otherwise, the 'short' form will suffice, and your Deanery Officials can approve your application locally.

Phase-In of In-person worship and programs

Provincial Government Timeline

June 14th Step 1 potential for up to 10 persons outdoors

July 5th Step 2 potential for 15% capacity indoors

July 26th Step 3 potential for increased capacity

Diocesan amended protocols available by June 4th.

Will be available on www.muskokachurches.com

What about the online ministries we developed?



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Exploring additional uses of church buildings and property is an exercise in prudent stewardship. Many churches can find new resources to support their mission by taking stock of physical assets and thinking creatively about their use.



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- community connection –
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Preparing for Diocesan Synod

- LATE JUNE: Diocese will host zoom sessions for Delegates to introduce Synod content & structure
- LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER: In-person gathering for Muskoka's Delegates to Synod
- TUESDAY SEPT 7th @7:Pre-Synod Deanery Council
- Synod Guest Speaker sessions with Susan Beaumont, author of "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You are Going."
THURS SEPT 9th: afternoon & evening via zoom,
FRI SEPT 10th : morning & afternoon via zoom
- DIOCESAN SYNOD: Friday Sept 17th morning & afternoon; Sept 18th morning via Zoom.

Anglican Church Women (ACW)

Annual meeting was May 26th via zoom!

www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

2020-2021 focus mission



Anglican Foundation Giving with Grace; suicide prevention ministry

2021-2022 focus mission

