

anglican Diocese of Waiapu

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE held at the Waiapu Administration Centre,
2 Bower Street, Napier on Thursday, 9 June 2016 at 10.00am

Membership: Bishop Andrew Hedge
Mr. Brian Watkins
Mr. John Binns
Rev'd Arthur Bruce
Rev'd Alex Czerwonka
Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim
Rev'd Jo Crosse (General Synod SC)
Mrs. Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)

Miss Alison Thomson
Rev'd Paul Williamson
Dr Peter Minchin
Ms. Colleen Kaye (Registrar)
Mrs. Frances White

Apologies: Rev'd Ron Elder, Rev'd Jo Crosse for lateness.

Opening Prayer: Bishop Andrew.

SC 16.6.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th April 2016

Amendment under Chaplain Stipends – page 7

Change: “The Reverend Alex Czerwonka Chairman of the Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy...”

Amend to: “The Reverend Alex Czerwonka *former* Chairman of the Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy...”

Resolved:

“These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Matters Arising:

St Mary's Church, Waipukurau - update

Members of St Mary's have spoken with the engineers regarding the type of report required and the cost to carry out a detailed Seismic Assessment report on the church.

The Diocesan Registrar has spoken with Noel Evans of Opus Engineers, who has visited the site and spoken with the sub-committee members. She awaits the proposals from the sub-committee to submit to the Waiapu Board for approval. Following that the parish will seek approval to proceed with raising funds to pay for the report.

Colleen will update the committee as more details come to hand.

SC 16.6.2 Strategic and Policy Reports

The Finance Manager, Tracey O'Shaughnessy was welcomed to the meeting.

Finance

Tracey presented the Financial Accounts for the Diocese to 31st May 2016. Compared to past meetings, a more summarized version of these statements was presented.

With only four months of the financial year past there are a few variances anticipated. It is predicted there will be a net deficit of \$29K at year end after adding back funds from Reserves, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$24K.

\$15,000 allocated to this year's youth internship may need to be returned to St John's Trust Training Fund due to no youth internship programme this year.

Parish Health Sheet

The revamped parish health sheet was presented, helping to highlight parish financial trends and areas of concern.

A discussion followed...

- At a diocesan level when do we target a struggling parish? What highlights action?
- Discussion is needed around two key areas – a) benchmarking, how we look at other benchmarks as a focus; b) key indicators, at what level do we become concerned about a parish?
- It would be helpful if regular and casual parish givers could be monitored more closely to give us a greater understanding of revenue received.
- The greater the church's revenue, the greater the viability to increase the size of the church personnel.
- Our focus should be on parishes that sit midway financially, ensuring they decline no further.
- It is important to have successful, strong church centres in the diocese to enable the smaller churches to draw strength from them.
- Indicators of a resilient parish are they are not entirely dependent on a giving income. They have created other forms of income.

Resolved:

'The Financial Report for the period ended 31 May 2016 was received without amendment.'

The Finance Manager was thanked and left the meeting.

Faculties

Currently per Canon 19 of Faculties, each region has a faculties committee consisting of the Regional Dean and two others, with the exception of Eastland. Eastland has only the Regional Dean and one other member.

The Diocesan Registrar has been presented with a faculty request for the Parish of Waikohu, to subdivide and sell off the former vicarage and the land it occupies.

A request has come from the Regional Dean for Eastland, Rev'd Stephen Donald, that Standing Committee consider this faculty request as his heavy involvement with the background work makes it inappropriate for him to sign the faculty off in his role on the Faculties Committee. This would leave the decision to one person and that too is not appropriate.

The Canon does make provision in Clause 13 in the case of a Diocesan building, whereby the Standing Committee of the Diocese is required to approve any work or sale and to ask the Bishop to approve the faculty. Could a provision like this be applied to faculties that are requested in extraordinary situations such as this?

Resolved:

'That Bishop Andrew and the Diocesan Registrar visit the Waikohu site with Stephen Donald, Ian Rush and members of the parish and following that meeting a decision will be made as to whether to grant the Faculty or not.'

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Diocesan Committees

- **Diocesan Ministry Committee – Members:**
 - Has not met yet.
- **Diocesan Canon Review Committee**
 - Yet to be formed

- **Diocesan Property Committee**
- Yet to be formed
- **Diocesan Communications Committee**
- Yet to be formed.
- **Finance Advisory Sub Committee**
- Role and membership to be reviewed

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Other Reports

- Bishop's Report

Diocesan Discernment Process

Bishop reported on his recent involvement with the Diocese of Auckland/Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki Discernment Process weekend, together with the Ministry Educator.

SC 16.5.5

General Business

General Synod - Report back

Bishop Andrew, Jo Crosse, Deborah Broome and Colleen Kaye summarized the week at General Synod.

Colleen reported she has received positive feedback in regards to Waiapu hosting the event. The opening Cathedral Eucharist was excellent with great involvement from our diocesan schools.

Jo Crosse felt progress beyond expectation had been made in regards to relationships between Tikanga.

A Way Forward

A significant portion of General Synod involved discussions around 'A Way Forward', clearly identifying where each Tikanga stood on the matter. The following motion was passed.

MOTION 29

Mover: Bishop Andrew Hedge

Seconder: Rev Dr Andrew Burgess

1. That this GSTHW receives with thanksgiving the report of the "A Way Forward – He Anga Whakamua – Ni Sala Ki Liu" Working Group.
2. Resolves that the report and its recommendations do lie on the table until GSTHW, with a firm expectation that a decision to move forward will be made.
3. Establishes and commits to pray for a working group to be appointed by the Primates to consider possible structural arrangements within our Three-Tikanga Church to safeguard both theological convictions concerning the blessing of same gender relationships.
4. That this working group report by 1 July 2017.

A letter from the Archbishops will be sent to bishops, clergy and lay outlining the process to take place to assist with getting discussions underway.

Standing Committee members agreed a strategy to encourage people within our diocese to engage in the process is important. We have two years to devise a structure that will work for all Tikanga.

General Conference – Report Back

Bishop Andrew and Rev'd Jo Crosse reported on the events of this meeting

Growing through Grief – Restructure Process

By way of summary - in September 2015, Catholic Care Melbourne informed Anglican Care Waiapu that as a result of discussions a decision had been made for “Catholic Care Melbourne” and “Good Grief” to enter into a strategic partnership to deliver an integrated ministry, supporting individuals and families.

This partnership was designed to cover content, marketing, promotion and business development for a newly written and developed unified ***Seasons*** and ***Seasons for Growth*** programs.

As a result of these changes, and in order for ACW to continue offering the Growing through Grief brand of the Seasons programs, ACW has entered into an Agency Agreement with the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington to offer the newly developed programs.

As a result of this, each of the services have been asked whether they would like to either move from the current shared management model they operate under to either a direct ACW control model or to a Parish Control Model. We have yet to have confirmation of all of the services decisions and hope to be able to report that at the meeting.

The Registrar and Regional Dean for Bay of Plenty have had a conversation with the CEO for Anglican Care to discuss some of the practicalities of the proposed changes, and will continue those conversations and feedback the information to Parishes who will have Growing through Grief services working directly in them.

Some discussion followed, all agreeing the information presented lacked detail. Further information should therefore be obtained from Anglican care.

As information comes to hand, the parishes will be informed.

Next meeting: Face to face at the Diocesan office on 11th August 2016.

Meeting concluded at 12.40pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair

Date: _____