

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held at 4pm on Thursday, 28 November 2019 at Neligan House, Parnell
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay*

The Diocesan Council Statute 2019 states that "... A summary of the business of each meeting of Diocesan Council shall be circulated to all members of Synod after each meeting."

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Secretary and Minute Secretary were also present. Members disclosed interests in relation to particular agenda items.

General Business

Minutes of 31 October 2019 were adopted as a true and correct record.
The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Bishop's Matters

The Right Rev'd Ross Bay provided an update of Bishop's activities.

Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports

The Diocesan Manager provided an update of Diocesan office activities.

Finance Report

Diocesan Council approved the October 2019 Finance Report, as well as a cash surplus transfer to the balanced fund. The draft budget was presented and reviewed.

Ministry Unit Matters

St Barnabas, Glenfield Mission District – Ministry Unit Closure

Diocesan Council confirmed the closure of St Barnabas with the last service to be held on Easter Day 2020, and work will continue to assist the worshipping community to develop a Mission Venture.

St Elizabeth's, Clendon – Update

As the Ministry Unit are operating without a vestry the Diocesan Council approved the appointment of a Treasurer and the delegated authorities were confirmed. There was an agreement to stipend funding, if required, to enable a full-time clergy appointment.

Northwest Anglican – Church Build Funding

Northwest Anglican have made great efforts over the last 12 years to raise funds for their building projects. They have also applied to Lotteries and Foundation North for funding grants and are awaiting decisions. Diocesan Council agreed to a project funding grant.

NURM – Request for Funding

The NURM Board sought ongoing funding for 2020. They noted that this grant not only provides support for their ongoing operating costs, but also acts as leverage when seeking other funding. Diocesan Council agreed to continue to include a grant in the 2020 budget.

St Paul’s, Flat Bush – Church Build Funding

St Paul’s are well into the preliminary stages of the project planning and this project will be extremely significant for the diocese and the wider community. Diocesan Council agreed to a further project funding grant.

Other Business

GALSS – Funding Request 2020

In response to the tremendous amount of interest in the ‘Seasons for Growth’ programme from across the Diocese and substantial increase in workload, Diocesan Council approved a request for funding to assist the local committee. This will be included in the budget for 2020.

King’s College – Land Sale

King’s College Board of Governors require to sell 3.0488 hectares of land situated at 30-46 Mangere Road, Otahuhu, Auckland. The purpose of the sale is to fund land already purchased by the College, which is located closer to the academic hub, as well as to fund the construction of new houses for staff living on site.

Diocesan Council authorised the Board of Governors to proceed with the sale. Bayleys Real Estate Limited have been appointed as managing agents.

Purewa Cemetery Trust Board – Trustee Appointments

The Trust Board has advised that Mr Ward is to retire from the Trust Board and requested the appointment of Mr Ed Hempseed to fill the vacancy and Mr John Tik to be reappointed. Diocesan Council approved both appointments for a three-year term.

Quota 2020 Relief Recommendations

There were two additional applications received. Diocesan Council approved the Quota Relief Advisory Group’s relief recommendations.

Royal Commission – Abuse in Care – Centralised approach

Wynn Williams have been engaged by the General Synod Standing Committee to act for the Anglican Church in relation to the Royal Commission Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions.

Diocesan Council accepted the invitation to be part of the coordinated approach for general representation. The coordination will avoid unnecessary and costly duplication as well as delivering a consistent approach.

Te Aute Trust Board – Auckland Investment Management Service (AIMS)

The Te Aute Trust Board requested support via the Anglican Diocese of Auckland AIMS scheme. Diocesan Council approved a rebate of the fees over the next three years. This will have minimal impact on the Diocesan distribution and it will directly benefit the school and students.

In Committee

Diocesan Council went In Committee to discuss a confidential clergy matter from 7pm to 7.02pm.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group

A report was received.

Information Papers and Correspondence

The following information papers and correspondence were recorded as received:

- Social Justice Committee Minutes – 24 September 2019
- Diocesan School for Girls – Anglican Schools Audit Report – September 2019
- St Matthew-in-the-City – Hobson Street Carpark Proposal – November 2019
- St Chad's, Huapai – Agreement to Dissolve a Cooperative Venture
- Diocesan Mission and Ministry Resource Team Report – November 2019
- Clergy, Retirement and Remuneration Committee Minutes – 5 November 2019
- Trust Management letter re: Distribution – 11 November 2019

Closing

The meeting closed at 7.03pm with Grace.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 30 January 2020 at Neligan House Boardroom, commencing at 4pm.