

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 4:00pm
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay
Boardroom, Neligan House*

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

Opening

The meeting opened with prayer.

General Business

Minutes of 25th August 2022 were adopted as a true and correct record. The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Bishop's Matters

A verbal update of the Bishop's activities was presented.

Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports

The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received.

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Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council approved the Finance, Risk and Audit report for August 2022, an increase to the Operating Reserve Fund, and a strategy for investing surplus funds for the next 12 months.

Ministry Unit Matters

Parish of Flatbush – Delegated Authority

A request was received from the Parish of Flatbush to appoint Robin Thuemler (Harrison Grierson) to apply for building consent for the new church building project at St Paul's in the Park, Flat Bush. This request was supported and recommended to the General Trust Board.

Parish of Pakuranga, St Peter's – Easement

A request was received from the Parish of Pakuranga to agree in principle to the Parish entering an agreement with developers regarding access to a manhole/easement on the church grounds. This request was approved.

Cooperating Parish of Hauraki Plains – Access to Funds

The Cooperating Parish of Hauraki Plains requested to draw down funds from their investments for operational purposes. This request was approved.

Parish of Howick – Access to Funds

The Parish of Howick requested to draw down funds from their investments for operational purposes. This request was approved.

Mauku LSMU – Access to Funds

Mauku LSMU requested to draw down funds from their investments for building maintenance from the O'Hara Bequest. This request was approved.

Parish of Whangaparāoa – Request to transfer funds

The Parish of Whangaparāoa requested to draw down the small amount of residue funds from their investments for operational purposes and close the investment account. This request was approved.

Parish of St Paul's Symonds Street – Access to Funds and Funding Application

The Parish of St Paul's Symonds Street requested to draw down funds from their investments for operational purposes. This request was approved.

Parish of Panmure, St Matthias – Funding Applications

A request was received from the Parish of Panmure to apply for funding from Auckland Council's Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme, and Lotteries – Environment and Heritage Funding Programme to go towards the painting of the St Matthias heritage church building. This request was approved.

Parish of Hibiscus Coast – Funding Application

A request was received from the Parish of Hibiscus Coast to apply for funding from Foundation North to go towards the St Chad's Church Hall renovation project. This request was approved.

Parish of Warkworth – Funding Application

A request was received from the Parish of Warkworth to apply for funding from Auckland Council's Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme to go towards the repainting the exterior of St Leonard's church.

This request was approved.

Parish of Flat Bush – Tax Gift

Approval was given to the Diocesan Manager to sign an agreement with TaxGift on behalf of St Paul's Flat Bush.

North Hokianga Community Church – Deconsecration and Sale of St Mark's Anglican Church, Broadwood

A request was received from the Cooperating Parish of North Hokianga for Diocesan Council to assent to the closure, deconsecration, and sale of the North Hokianga Community Church – St Mark's.

This request was approved.

Parish of Epsom, St George's – Loan Underwriting

A request was received from the Parish of Epsom, St George's for Diocesan Council to underwrite a loan, towards structural repairs on the St George's church building roof.

This request was approved.

Other Business

Post Synod Actions 2022

Diocesan Council approved Synod Motion 8: Early School Leaving because of Family Poverty – acting as Synod out of session, and discussed actions required by motions passed at Synod 2022.

Anglican Trusts Board – Trustee Appointments

Mr Grant Graham, The Rev'd Vicki Sykes, Mr Geoffrey Laurence, and Mr David Belcher were re-appointed to the Anglican Trusts Board for another term.

Membership Appointments

Ms Angela Dalton and Mr Grant Hodgson were appointed as the Diocesan Council representatives to the Diocesan Development Fund Advisory Group.

Clergy Retirement and Remuneration Committee – Appointments

The Rev'd Tony Surman, Tina Chen, Angela Blundell, and Claire Belch were re-appointed to the Diocesan Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee for a further 3-year term.

Diocesan Committee for Overseas Missions - Appointments

The Rev'd Daniel Pillay, Mr David Neal, Mr Alfred Luther, and The Rev'd Jeff Odhiambo were appointed to the membership of the Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission for a further 3-year term and The Rev'd Daniel Pillay was appointed as the Convener.

Anglican Trust for Women and Children Board – Trustee Appointments

Ms Dianne Kenderdine, Ms Nichola Christie, Mr Evan Davies, Mr Norman Johnston, The Rev'd Sarah Moss, and Mr Kevin Brewer were re-appointed as trustees for a further term to the Board of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

Selwyn Foundation Board – Trustee Appointment

Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu was appointed as a trustee of the Selwyn Foundation Board in seat No. 2.

Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tamaki Makaurau Inc.

A request was received from Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga to make comment on their proposed draft rules for their proposed incorporated society – Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tamaki Makaurau Inc. – and to nominate a Diocesan Council representative to attend the founding meeting.

Mr Grant Hodgson was selected to representation at the meeting, and the draft rules were noted.

St John's College Trust Board – 2023 Funding Application

Diocesan Council approved the Diocesan Manager to apply to the St John's College Trust Board under a (Section 3) Grant Application for new and continuing funding for diocesan programmes for the 2023 year.

Licensed Ministry Policies

Diocesan Council approved the Licensed Ministry Policies for distribution and use throughout the Diocese.

Quota – 2023 Relief Applications

Quota relief applications were approved for 13 ministry units.

Clergy Widow – Licence to Occupy

A request was received from the Clergy Retirement and Remuneration Committee for Diocesan Council to consider purchasing a Licence to Occupy for a clergy widow.

This request was supported and recommended to the General Trust Board.

In Committee

Diocesan Council discussed one confidential item in committee.

Working Group Updates

Diocesan Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Report was received.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

Closing

The meeting closed at 6:45pm with prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd November 2022 commencing at 4pm.