

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2017**

PRESENT: The Rev. Dale Yardy Carla Jones Sybil Collett
 Birgit Petersen Mikhael Magaril Susan Stensgaard
 Betty Macdonald Joyce Harwood Lawrence Eta
 Greg Kennelly Starr Allaby Morgan Montgomery
 Don Neilson Kate Abel The Rev. Carole Neilson

GUESTS: Don Paul – Diocesan Legal Assessor,
 Lucas Berube – Development Manager – Conwest,
 Ben Taddei – Chief Operating Officer – Conwest

CALL TO ORDER: Dale called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

OPENING PRAYER: Dale said a prayer to open the meeting.

REGRETS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A notification about hearing tests was received from NexGen Hearing offering free tests to the congregation. It was decided to thank NexGen Hearing and say we were not prepared to invite them for a session at this time. Council Secretary, Carole Neilson, will write the letter.

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA It was moved by Carla and seconded by Greg that the Agenda be approved. as amended. Carried	
2.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING It was moved by Don and seconded by Morgan that the Minutes of the meeting in February be approved. Carried	
3.	BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE – CONWEST Lucas Berube and Ben Taddei gave a detailed presentation including a printed outline and scale drawings of the proposed upgrading of the cathedral and the construction of a residential tower which will include space for Holy Trinity Cathedral – offices, hall, kitchen, parking, and other space.	

	REPORTS	
a.	<p>MAINTENANCE REPORT</p> <p>Morgan reported on the wall in the chapel. Because of the proposed upgrades, Morgan has offered to repair and paint it. The women’s washroom is almost finished.</p> <p>The floor in the lower hall will be striped and polished this week.</p> <p>The lower doorway light needs the upper fixture replaced. The florescent tube in the lower hall requires an electrician. The sign by the cathedral door has not been repainted – need to add “Deacon -The Reverend Carole Neilson”.</p> <p>The leaves and yard work around the cathedral will be done as soon as the weather improves. A work party would be helpful. The storage room by the men’s washroom has been tidied up.</p>	Morgan
b.	<p>TREASURER’S (FINANCIAL) REPORT</p> <p>Betty Macdonald reported that our finances are the same as this time in 2016. We continue to have a deficit which means we are drawing on reserve funds.</p> <p>The Breakfast Club has nearly used the funds received from Bosa Developments three years ago. Fund raising must begin. It was moved by Betty and seconded by Birgit that the financial statements be accepted. Carried</p>	
c.	<p>WARDENS’ REPORT</p> <p>Birgit reported that there is a “Second Time Around Sale” scheduled for April 22, 2017 from 9:30 am – 1:30pm. There is a notice in the bulletin asking for donations.</p> <p>May 12 – 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm --- A parish Pot-Luck Dinner with Music, Silent Auction, &50-50 Draw. More information will be available when a small committee (Birgit, Sybil and Carole) meets.</p> <p>Carla reported that the Facebook Page “HTC Parish Group” is growing.</p>	
d.	<p>DEACON’S REPORT</p> <p>Carole reported on a very busy month with hospital visits, Wed. Eucharist & Coffee Time, the Lenten Book Study, The Breakfast Club, and the Home Study Group.</p> <p>She and Don organized the Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday in Lent. The snowy weather kept many folks at home. She participated in The Coldest night of the Year raising funds for seniors.</p> <p>HTC is a member of the New Westminster Homelessness</p>	

	<p>Coalition Society which held a Connect Day – service providers and agencies gather to offer assistance to the homeless and at-risk persons. In connection with this, Carole and Nadine Wilks-Smith attended a seminar at Douglas College dealing with housing in new Westminster.</p> <p>Carole and Dale attended the Induction of the new rector of St. Mary’s Sapperton.</p> <p>Carole attended the meeting the Building Committee had with the mayor, council members and planning dept.</p> <p>Carole was the preacher at the 8:00 am & 10:00 am Services March 12, 2017.</p> <p>Morning Prayer at Thornbridge continues to be a happy occasion for both the residents attending and the volunteers from HTC who lead the music.</p>	
<p>e.</p>	<p>RECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Dale reported that the Wed. Eucharist and Healing Service has good attendance. Coffee & Tea Time. Is held after the Service. The morning is completed with The Lenten Book Study held at 11:00am.</p> <p>There will be a “Visioning Weekend” held June 2-4, 2017. It will begin Fri. evening with Wine & Cheese and a Reflection”. On Sat. from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm The Ven. Barbara Clay will lead us in “Visioning’. We will bring our own lunch. On Sunday, we will celebrate “Pentecost & Baptism”, bringing the weekend activities full-circle in celebrating our parish life together.</p> <p>The Young Adults and Young Families Groups are meeting regularly.</p> <p>The Home Groups are doing well. Creating a sense of belonging and having a group which meets regularly is vital to our parish community, especially with a major construction project being planned.</p> <p>Holy Week& Easter Liturgies - Tues. April 11 – Chrism Mass And The Rev. Ed Bacon from All Saints Pasadena, California. Parishes are to register together, so please contact Fr. Dale.</p> <p>Dale attended the New Westminster Regiment Dinner where he talked with several community leaders who are enthused about the building project.</p> <p>Dale attended the Induction of Fr. Arvin at St. Mary’s Sapperton. The Services held Ash Wednesday morning and evening were modestly attended.</p> <p>Dale reported the Building Committee members were met with enthusiasm by the mayor, council members and planners at city hall.</p>	

	<p>Holy Eucharist Services at Thornbridge are going well. The webinars for Readers and Intercessors are not available yet. Dale's Easter Letter will be ready before Holy Week... There will be the Stations of the Cross walk on Good Friday.</p>	
	OLD BUSINESS	
a.	<p>QUEEN'S PARK CARE CENTRE SERVICES Once a month Greg Kennelly, Kate Abel, & Anne Haywood lead an Evensong Service. There was a concern about being asked to assist residents in getting to the Service. It was moved by Greg and seconded by Sybil that no parish members, clergy or lay, are to move residents who wish to attend the services. Attendance has grown every month.</p>	
	NEW BUSINESS	
a.	<p>NEW WESTMINSTER HOMELESSNESS COALITION SOCIETY Carole reported that she is recruiting volunteers to participate in this organization. We had four volunteers assist in the last Connect Day held at the Seniors' Residence on Carnarvon Street. We will help during Action Week in Oct. which includes hosting a Connect Day and helping with the Fund Raising Dinner.</p>	
b.	<p>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING There was a discussion about the relationship between Church Council and Conwest. It was decided to have a meeting with Don Paul, Ben Taddei, and Lucas Berube so that all members of Church Council have a better understanding of the project and the developing company, Conwest.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.</p>	
	<p>ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Sybil that the meeting be adjourned.</p>	
	<p>THE NIGHT PRAYER Dale read the Night Prayer to close the meeting at 9:14 pm.</p>	