

THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston &
Anglican Diocese of Ontario
January 30, 2019 - 1pm – Chancery Office, Room B

MINUTES

Attendance: Blaine Barclay, Mary-Jo Mackinnon-Simms, Valerie Kelly, Nadia Gundert, Leigh Smith

Guest: Alice Gazeley

Regrets: Sharon Dunlop, Nick Woolley, Broniek Korczynski,

Prayer: Valerie

Approval of Agenda: moved by Blaine, seconded by Mary-Jo; Carried

Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2018: moved by Mary-Jo, seconded by Nadia;

The Minutes were moved with two corrections: 1. there are no animals yet at the Prison Farm. Infrastructure has to be set up. 2. There has been no site-based chaplaincy at Collins Bay Minimum since 2015. All other institutions have site-based chaplains.

Carried

Agenda Items:

➤ Affordable Housing

- Social Planning Council of Kingston & District

Alice Gazeley

- * Profile and Vision shared with group
- * Council has been in existence since 1930
- * Citizen-centred council: using assets of citizens, bringing forward new reflections on issues
- * Empower others to take action
- * Would like a citizen-based symposium
- * Purpose: Aspirational purpose
 - To ensure every citizen in Kingston has affordable housing
 - To seek solutions to the affordable housing crisis by inviting experts (those who need affordable housing), the housing providers (front-line) and builders to come together to share perspectives on affordability
- * Exploring more about compact model of housing – basics, smaller space, 350 square feet
- * Let's get the rest of the community knowing who "needs" homes. Network, bond for action
- * Submit recommendation to City Council
- * Symposium wants to focus on the positives (vs. breaking down barriers)

Symposium Details:

- * Wed, May 15, 2019 – housing providers – part of their work day so they'll come.
- * Regi could work (late afternoon)
- * Need a cost-efficient location
- * Daytime
- * Looking at possible catering
- * Aiming for approximately 50-70 people to attend
- * Suggested to look into St. Mary's Parish Centre to rent space
- * Registration process
- * Certain people would be invited directly
- * Marketing
- * Sponsors
- * Partners
- * Speakers

Idea for the day:

- Similar idea to Poverty Challenge by inviting a personal witness to share personal experience with group
- Housing providers can share why is it that we don't have enough affordable housing
- Housing builders can share their take on affordable housing
- Next Social Planning Council meeting is Feb 13. If we could have a written statement about what we are willing to do if we would like to partner by that date.
- We could have a member that is a temporary associate on the board if we wish.

MOTION: moved by Leigh Smith seconded by Mary-Jo that the Justice and Peace Commission partner with the Social Planning Council by approving a \$500 donation to support this symposium. It was also agreed to offer to a) book a venue for the symposium b) arrange for catering c) assist with the technical portion of the registration.

Carried

Valerie will notify Alice Gazeley of the Commission's decision and request \$500 from the Anglican Diocese of Ontario for supporting the Symposium.

➤ Welcome letter to City of Kingston Council Members

Valerie

Valerie noted that the letters to the Mayor and City Council were delivered.

➤ Publicizing Justice & Peace on the Anglican Diocese's website

Valerie/All

Valerie discussed with members the Anglican Diocese's desire to include the Commission in its newly revised website noting it was remiss in having a section. Valerie will send the draft information to the Communications Officer (Mark Hauser) at the Diocese. It was agreed to include the Mission Statement, brief history of the Commission, the different groups comprising the Commission and, if possible, who

provides reports/up-dates, to have Minutes uploaded and to link with the Archdiocese of Kingston's website.

Member announcements & brief updates:

PWRDF

Valerie

Bishop Oulton has appointed The Rev. Barbara Stewart, a retired Anglican priest in the Diocese of Ontario. Once she learns more about what parishes are doing in the Diocese, she anticipates attending the Justice & Peace meetings.

Kingston Faith and Justice Coalition

Leigh

The Coalition invited Ian Arthur to their December meeting, up-dating him on the housing issue; ombudsman; climate change; affordable not-for-profit child care; lack of EA in schools

D&P – no report

Youth Ministry – no report

Nadia

Religious Education

Mary-Jo

Mary-Jo has been invited to attend a National Conference on Evangelization & Catechesis on Thursday, April 4th in Ottawa, titled "He Thirsts for You." Mary-Jo will be offering a workshop on Prison Ministry, particularly addressing restorative justice principles.

Prison Ministry

Sharon

Sharon sent her report stating that the Chaplains contract is up for review in April.

Green Group

Leigh

The Green Group is working on: How do individual parishes contribute to lessening CO₂?

PeaceQuest – no report

Bronek

Human Trafficking

John vanStone

Valerie noted that Ontario's second annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day is February 22nd. Information is available on-line.

DOORS – the Commission understands the recent terrorist event in Kingston, involving one of the Syrian refugee families, is being dealt with.

Discussion items for next meeting:

- * Valerie noted the Ecumenical (Roman Catholic & Anglican) Resource – Churches in Dialogue – that has been posted on the Commission's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/justiceandpeacecommission/>

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 1pm, Chancery Office