

# The Prayer Book Society of Canada

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Saturday, 15 May, 2021 (COVID - 19)

The Annual General Meeting of the Prayer Book Society of Canada convened virtually due to the on-going COVID -19 pandemic. The Meeting began at 2:05 p.m.

1. Fr Gordon Maitland, the National Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.
2. **Welcome and Remarks from the National Chairman** - Fr Maitland welcomed members and noted that attendees will be asked to vote on members for the National Council, and the proposed Budget for the coming year. Those present will hear of activities during the past year, and receive answers to questions posed.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** - After Fr Maitland asked for any additions, the proposed agenda for the meeting was approved without change.
4. **Reading and Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM of the PBSC held on Saturday, 20 June 2020** - Ronald Bentley, the National Recording Secretary read the Minutes. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM was then  
**Moved by:** Ronald Bentley  
**Seconded by:** Fr Matthew Perreault  
Fr Maitland asked for any errors or omissions. As none were noted, the Motion was  
**Carried.**
5. **Business arising from the Minutes** - In his comments, Fr Maitland commented that had we been able to have met in person, the AGM would have been held in Charlottetown.
6. **National Chairman's Report** - Fr Maitland read his Report aloud for any who had not read it as posted online. He extended thanks to Anne Chisholm, Ronald Bentley, Diana Verseghy, and Fr Andrew Nussey. He noted Archdeacon Spencer's work on the national mailing list and Fr Chris Dow's help in the use of Zoom for our meetings. Fr Maitland also noted the work done by the various sub-committees of the Society. He advised us that Bp Michael Hawkins had agreed to be our Episcopal Visitor. Fr then spoke of the launch of the *BCP* App on Advent Sunday 2020. The Report was  
**Moved by:** Diana Verseghy  
**Seconded by:** Benjamin von Bredow

Fr Maitland asked if there were any questions or comments. Bishop Hawkins provided a short report. Fr Chris Dow wondered about plans for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1962 *BCP*. Fr Maitland reminded all that prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, +Colin Toronto had

sent out a letter to all clergy reminding them of the anniversary, and suggesting what services might be considered appropriate in parishes. As no other discussion followed, the Motion was **Carried.**

7. **National Treasurer's Report**

- (i) **Presentation and Approval of the Reviewed Financial Statements for the year ending January 31, 2021 - A Motion** to accept the Reviewed Financial Statements as prepared by Brian Fogarty was

**Moved by:** Pat Bryan

**Seconded by:** Kieran Wilson

The Society's finances are Approved not Audited as per CRA requirements.

**Passed**

- (ii) **Adoption of the Budget for 2021-2022 - Fr Matthew Perreault Moved** adoption of the Budget for the year 2020-2021 as presented and was

**Seconded by:** Fr John Stennett

Fr Maitland asked if there were any questions. He noted the amount of \$3,320 as an honorarium for the Webmaster. For the early part of the year it had been a monthly amount of \$250. As discussed by National Council, this was amended to \$300 per month with a \$200 hosting fee the changeover of hosting site. The Total then changed to \$67,220 and the Total Programme Expenses to \$54,720. The Motion was

**Carried.**

8. **Appointment of an Auditor - Brian Munro Moved** the appointment of Brian Fogarty as Auditor for the Society. This was

**Seconded by:** Fr Chris Dow

**Carried.**

9. **Webmaster's Report - Fr Maitland** commented that there was more traffic on the web site. It appears that use of the App has prompted the increase. Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, Kerry Dickson will replace Fr Nussey and will be called the "Site Custodian".

10. **Announcement of the Society's Officers and Episcopal Visitor for 2021-2022 - Fr Maitland** announced the Society's Officers for the coming year, as approved earlier in the day by the National Council. The **Episcopal Visitor** is The Rt Rev. Michael Hawkins, Bishop of Saskatchewan. The **Officers** are:

Fr Gordon Maitland (National Chairman)

Fr David A. Harris (Past National Chairman)

Fr David Curry (National Vice-Chairman)

Michael Edward (National Vice-Chairman)

Anne Chisholm (National Treasurer)

Ronald Bentley (National Recording Secretary)

Archdeacon Richard Spencer (National Membership Secretary)

11. **Election of Councillors** - Fr Maitland then read the list of Members of the National Council.

Jesse Billett, Toronto, ON  
Pat Bryan, Port Hope, ON  
Fr Chris Dow, Caledon East, ON  
Fr Walter Hannam, Toronto, ON  
Louis Harris, Toronto, ON  
Heather Herbison, Parksville, BC  
Sid Holt, Calgary, AB  
Brian Munro, Brantford, ON  
Fr Colin Nicolle, Summerside, PEI  
Fr Andrew Nussey, Oshawa, ON  
Matthew Perreault, Calgary, AB  
Jo Ruelle, Calgary, AB  
Desmond Scotchmer, Toronto, ON  
Fr John Stennett, North Bay, ON  
Diana Verseghy, Maple, ON  
Benjamin von Bredow, Halifax, NS  
Wendy Warren, Ottawa, ON  
Kieran Wilson, Victoria, BC

Having asked three times for any additional nominations, and as there were none, Fr declared nominations closed. A **Motion** to accept the slate as presented was

**Moved by:** Archdeacon Richard Spencer

**Seconded by:** Diana Verseghy

**Carried.**

12. **Discussion Paper: “The Failure of Online Liturgy”** - Fr Maitland discussed his paper that had been presented to Huron Diocese’s ‘Doctrine and Worship Committee’. He gave us a critique of his paper as a conversation starter. Jesse Billett asked how it had been received in Huron, and agreed that on-line worship is a stop-gap means. A lengthy discussion about on-line worship followed.
13. **Questions and Inquiries** - There were no questions or inquiries.
14. **Other Business** - It was announced that due to the pandemic, The Atlantic Theological Conference (ATC) had been cancelled in 2020. It was decided that the 2021 conference would be held next month (June 23-25), partly in-person and over Zoom, at St George’s (Round) Church in Halifax. Fr Dow asked Fr Nicolle if information would be available on the website and if previous papers would be available.
15. **Adjournment** - Fr Maitland expressed thanks to all concerned for this year’s AGM. Jesse Billett moved adjournment of the meeting. Fr Maitland closed the AGM with prayer. The AGM ended at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald W. Bentley  
National Recording Secretary