

## **The Prayer Book Society of Canada**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, May 27, 2023**

- 1) Members of the National Council met via Zoom. The Revd. Canon Dr. Gordon Maitland, the National Chairman, opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2) Fr. Maitland welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, he asked Diana Versegby to take the minutes. In attendance were: Dr. Jesse Billett, Pat Bryan, Fr. Chris Dow, Siobhan Laskey, Fr. Gordon Maitland, Brian Munro, Fr. Matthew Perreault, Fr. Christopher Samsom, Fr. Richard Spencer, Fr. John Stennett, Diana Versegby.
- 3) The agenda was accepted as presented.
- 4) The minutes of the previous AGM were unavailable owing to the illness of the Recording Secretary.
- 5) There was no business arising from the minutes.
- 6) National Chairman's report. The Chairman began by thanking various members of Council for their labours on behalf of the Society over the past year. He highlighted the continuing work on the Common Prayer Canada app, and the development of a set of Old Testament lections to complement the Epistles and Gospels in the Prayer Book eucharistic lectionary, as well as the ongoing outreach work through our website and Facebook presence. He expressed disappointment that the PBSC would not be able to have a display booth at the upcoming General Synod owing to space restrictions. Moved by Fr. Matthew Perrault, seconded by Fr. John Stennett, that the Chairman's report be accepted. Carried.
- 7) National Treasurer's report. The Treasurer presented the reviewed financial statements for the year ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Moved by Diana Versegby, seconded by Brian Munro, that the statements be accepted. Carried. The Treasurer then presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Moved by Pat Bryan, seconded by Fr. Matthew Perreault, that the budget be accepted. Carried.
- 8) Appointment of an auditor. Moved by Fr. Matthew Perreault, seconded by Fr. Richard Spencer, that Brian Fogarty continue to be so appointed. Carried.
- 9) Website custodian's report and Common Prayer Canada app report. Diana Versegby spoke to the report submitted by Kerry Dickson, reviewing the latter's work on the website and the Society's Facebook page. Slow but steady growth was noted in both areas, partially making up for the gradual decline in the number of members still receiving paper mailings of the Society's newsletters. Fr. Chris Dow spoke to the CPC app report, highlighting the current development of the French version, and plans for eventual inclusion of a Cree version. He noted that the latter would pose more of a challenge, as there are many dialects of Cree, and native speakers would also be needed to proofread the texts. Moved by Fr. Matthew Perrault, seconded by Fr. Richard Spencer, that both reports be received. Carried.
- 10) PBSC National Officers. The list of PBSC officers that had been elected at the meeting of the National Council held earlier in the day was read out by the National Chairman.
- 11) PBSC National Councillors. The slate which had been recently posted on the PBSC website was reviewed. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Fr. Chris Dow, seconded by Fr. Christopher Samsom, that the slate be accepted. Carried.

- 12) Questions and inquiries. Some of those present asked if worship and/or a time of fellowship could be incorporated into the next AGM; many missed these aspects of previous, in-person meetings. Ways and means will be considered. Fr. Christopher Samsom asked, in view of the impending resignation of Bishop Michael Hawkins, how the Society's Episcopal Visitor was chosen. Fr. Maitland replied that generally the Society had approached a sympathetic bishop, preferably an active member of the House of Bishops. Efforts would be made to identify such a person in the coming year.
- 13) There was no other business.
- 14) Adjournment was moved by Pat Bryan. The National Chairman closed the meeting with prayer.