

**MINUTES OF GEOSTRAT MEETING #4**  
**MARCH 15, 2006**  
**7:00 pm**

Meeting opened in prayer.

- 1. Minutes:** Gerry reflected on the role of minutes in general and indicated that they are meant to serve as an accurate reflection of what has transpired in a meeting, but need not be overly specific. Group suggested that all action items should appear at the end. A modification of the minutes of last meeting was requested, that the term “yellow pamphlet” be changed to “Geostrat document of Nov. 2005.” Gerry then reviewed the minutes item by item and they were adopted by Shân, seconded by Richard
- 2. Mandates:** The 5 individual Mandates were read and discussed. It was decided that:

  - a) Once all of the objectives were established, they must be made very clear to parishioners.
  - b) Research for all 5 should begin at the same time. There was some discussion as to whether the mandates should be researched simultaneously or whether they should be dealt with in sequence, meaning that if one failed to produce adequate results, then we move on to the next. Some felt that doing them all at once might be acting too quickly and may be perceived as desperate. Others felt that presentation was key, that if we stress that the mandates are for research purposes only, then they should be well received.
  - c) At a dedicated service on **April 2**, Geostrat will present the mandates and ask congregation to stay after the service to ask questions and, hopefully, to join one of the teams. Coffee will be served upstairs. Suggestion that, during this service, congregation be asked to look around and assess numbers, ages, differences from attendance about 5 years ago, and to be asked if indeed they see a change. This might enable them to see that something must be done to help our changing situation.
  - d) **Mandate 1** (Membership Generation): adopted as is (**Shân & Liz to facilitate**)  
**Mandate 2** (Cost Reduction/Income Generation): adopted as is (**Ann to facilitate**)  
**Mandate 3** (Sale of Rectories): Some concern that Diocese might not distribute proceeds as we would like, but if we have a business plan, a clear idea of what we have in mind, they might be more receptive. This mandate adopted, but first paragraph will add the word “investigate.” (**Ann to facilitate**).

**Mandate 4** (Development): adopted, but with a minor change that will place penultimate paragraph at the beginning (**Gerry & Richard to facilitate**)

**Mandate 5** (Amalgamation): adopted, but with same change as Mandate 4 in that reference to research will appear in first paragraph (**Cedric to facilitate, but it was agreed that he would gather information over Spring and Summer and present after that. We will wait to pursue this mandate more fully**).

**Mandate 6** added (Liaison with Diocese): Cedric will call and request a meeting with Bishop's office. John offered to draft a series of questions which we would pose. Ann, Cedric, John and Liz will form the liaison team to meet and ask the questions.

Everyone thanked Ann for her effort in adapting everyone's submissions into a viable document. Ann agreed to incorporate the changes and send them to the team.

**3. Next Steps:**

- **Presentation** to congregation on April 2 at 10:00 AM service. Each Geostrat member working on a mandate will briefly describe each one and ask for help.
- **Gerry** will ask Karin to mass email, informing parishioners that this will take place.
- **Cedric** will request a meeting with the Bishop's office.
- **John** will draft a list of possible questions to ask at this meeting.

Meeting closed in prayer, adjourned 9:30. **Next meeting to take place April 5, 7:00 PM in Chapel.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Glasgow