

**Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**  
**Lay Readers Meeting.**

August 25<sup>th</sup>

2015

The Executive members of the N.S. & P.E.I. Lay Readers Association met at the Church of Saint Andrew in Cole Harbour on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**Present** : Rev. Tom Henderson, Chaplain & Chair, Shirley Williams, President, David Harrison, Vice President, Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer, Anne Sheck Secretary, Dennis Eisen, Vicki Hendrikson, Diakonia Editor, Billie Myers, Pauline Liengme and Judy Beaver, Regional Representatives.

Regrets : Bill Boutilier , Cape Breton  
Donald Himmelman , PEI

Tom opened with the Lay Readers prayer.

The minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as ammended. Pauline and Judy's regrets had been ommited.

**Old Business:**

The Annual meeting in Cape Breton was deemed successful The Hosts and accomodations for the billets were appreciated. The large number of Cape Breton Lay Readers present was good. Many of them were there at an Annual Meeting for the first time and enjoyed being there. Some will be in Antigonish fo th Fall Conference in September.

Synod – Some discussion about “robing” at the cathedral.- it wasn't a singificant event. Overall Synod was good., well done, and informative.

**Correspondence** : None

**Treasurers report:**

The report was circulated. No changes. Wayne moved the adoption, Pauline seconded it. Approved.

**Diakonia:**

Vicki reported that 279 copies were emailed and 168 copies were mailed by post .

The Diakonia is also available on the website.

Everyone agrees that the issue was well done. Pauline asked for email addresses for the Regional Representatives. Vicki stated that they had spent hours trying to update their records and would have the lists available soon.

Reports for the next issue are due March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

**New Business:**

The application forms for Lay Readers in Training and Licensing have been completed and sent to VSST Healthy Churches. for approval. Cynthia Pilichos is the chairperson.

Request for e-mail address information was added to the new forms. Everything should be ready for use this fall.

Victor Hendrikson will be asked to design a Certificate of Recognition for long service.

By Laws and the Constitution for the Lay Readers Association are continuing to be reviewed.

**Fall Conference:**

The conference will be at the Bethany Centre in Antigonish September 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

21 registrations received by Wayne so far.

Re. Nell Malton, from Digby/ Weymouth will be the guest speaker.

“Will you pray with me” - the role of Lay Readers in ministry will be her topic.

Anne will bring the wine and cheese for the Friday evening fellowship time.

Tom will provide an” Ice Breaker”

Dennis will bring his “tickle trunk “ for the Saturday evening skits.

All are encouraged to bring their musical instruments.

Readers will be needed for the services.

The cost for attending the conference without accomodations- 2 meals on

Saturday only, was discussed' Judy moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne that the cost be \$25. Approved

Pauline and David abstained..

Wayne will let Anne know who is registered if he cannot attend due to being called for pending open heart surgery.

Items needed for the weekend- Robes, Bible, BCP & BAS books, musical instruments, and skit material.

Group photo will be taken on Saturday, while everyone is present..

The Altar guild will prepare for Eucharist on Sunday morning in St. Paul's Church.

Next year 2016, the Fall Conference will be at the Belcourt Centre in Prince Edward Island.- 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September.

**Members Concerns:**

Pauline needs to know as Chair of the Appointments Committee names of people from our congregations who are willing to sit on the various VSST committees- e.g. Justice, Finance, PWRDF, Youth & Family Human Resources etc.

We also need to adapt to using technology within our church activities.

Next meeting November! 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm – Executive only.

Wayne moved the adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Sheck