

## **NS & PEI Diocesan Lay Readers Committee Meeting**

The NS & PEI Diocesan Lay Readers Committee met on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Church of St. Andrew in Cole Harbour at 1pm .

Present : Rev. Tom Henderson, Warden; Shirley Williams, President; David Harrison, Vice President; Dennis Eisan, Vicki Henrikson, Diakonia Editor, Rev. Darlene Jewers, guest, Anne Williams, Secretary.

Regrets : Wayne Hamlin, Pauline Liengme

Rev. Tom opened with the Lay Readers said in unison.

Old Business:

Minutes from the Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting, approved as corrected on a motion moved by Anne seconded by David.

\*The Certificate of Recognition was approved as presented.

Long service for the certificate was deemed 20 years. Or more. The Parish should identify those worthy of recognition. It will be presented in the Parish. The parish will know how long someone has served, there are no records kept by the Lay Readers Association.

The Area Representatives could contact the Parishes concerning this. There should be a citation with the certificate.

Bill Pidgeon has over 50 years of service.

Gerry Nelson and Maria Cameron from Stewiacke both have been Lay Readers for a long time. Flo Hare in Cape Breton also has long service.

\*Annual meeting to be held in Chester on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

Fall Conference to be held in PEI on September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marion Lucas Jeffries has moved to New Brunswick and the missing paperwork for Barb Millers licence has not been resolved. She is a Lay Reader in the Parish of Blandford.

New Business:

Board of Standards; Wayne is unable to attend the VSST meetings. Cynthia Pilichos to be notified.

\* Diakonia – Vicki stressed that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the reports to be in for the Spring issue of the Diakonia. These reports will suffice for the AGM.

\* A question was asked by a Lay reader as to whether the Serve rcan rest the Cross on the floor during the Gospel reading

Also, are the new belts acceptable instead of the cincture.

Finance :

A financial statement was made available by Wayne. There are travel and certificate expenses to be deducted for a correct bank balance.

Moved by Dennis, seconded by Vicki that the treasurers report be accepted as circulated.

There is enough money available to be able to subsidize the travel costs for the Conference in PEI in September.

If the two Lay Readers, Brenda Norwich and Sheila Robinson will do their presentation "Nuts and Bolts of Anglicanism" at the Conference their expenses will also be paid.

\*Shirley presented a copy of a book "Sermons from the Heart" by Craig Condon. He is a Lay Reader from S. Queens, S Shore. Rev. Walter Beazley will be asked to do a book review of the book for the Diakonia.

\*The brochure prepared by Dennis has a photograph on the cover of 2 people, one is Wade Seymour, the other is a Lay Reader from Cape Breton. Permission is need from both of them to use them

\*Anne suggested that a schedule for the years meeting be established at the AGM so that everyone knows in advance about the dates of the meetings.

The next Full Board meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Church of St. Andrew in Cole Harbour at 1pm.

Meeting closed with The Grace