

NS & PEI Lay Readers Association Committee Meeting

The full committee of The Diocese of NS & PEI Lay Readers Committee meeting was held at the Church of Saint Andrew on Tuesday April 26th 2016 at 1pm.

:Present :

Rev. Tom Henderson, warden; Shirley Williams, Chair; David Harrison, Vice President, Rev . Darlene Jewers, Dennis Eisan, Wayne Hamlin,; treasurer, Vicki Henrikson, Diakonia Editor, Judy Beaver Anne Williams, secretary.

Regrets: Wade Seymour, Pauline Liengme

Rev. Tom opened with the Lay Readers prayer said in unison.
Anne moved the motion to accept the minutes of the January 19th 2016 meeting be accepted as circulated.
Seconded by Judy. -passed

Old Business:

* The Certificate of Recognition was modified, to be printed on parchment paper.
A discussion as to how the information was to be added to the certificate for presentation ensued. Vicki will send them pdf. to Rev. Tom for printing and preparation. The recommendation will come from the parish for who will receive them. No permission is needed from the Diocese to give out the certificates. The information about the certificates will be available on the web page, Net News, Diakonia, and at the Annual meeting and by the area representatives.
Several names were mentioned –Wayne Hamlin 1964
Gerry Nelson ?1964
David Harrison 1974
Bill Pidgeon 1965
Marie Cameron ?1964

The Diocese has no records of the formation of the Association.

* Wayne has attended all the VSST meetings as our representative. VSST does not have a budget for travel expenses. The Diocese is responsible for it.

*The brochure that Dennis and Vicki produced is very professional looking. Both of the people in the cover photo have given their permission to reproduce it.

• Dennis made the motion to accept the brochure for production, with a couple of minor alterations. Vicki seconded it. All in favour, passed.

- David made a motion for Vicki to get quotations for the printing of 500 and 1000 brochures, Seconded by Judy. All in favour, passed.
- The brochures will be distributed at AST, Synod and Regional meetings.
- * The AGM in Chester will be at St. Stephens on June 11th They will need to know the numbers for lunch prior to the weekend. Wayne will notify them.
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- * Fall Conference is booked for the Belcourt Centre in PEI for **September 16th-18th PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** The presenter will be Ally Colp, the Youth and Family Coordinator The cost per person will be \$50, The board will subsidize the rest of the costs as it will cost 2 X \$4;00 for the Cobequid highway toll and \$49:50 for the bridge toll or \$71:00 for the ferry ticket to the Island, plus gas costs for travel.
- The 2017 fall Conference will probably be at the Debert Centre as Bethany House in Antigonish is closing. The Sunday church service would be held in Truro.
- The presenter for 2017 will be Ed Travers

* Anne will print the Annual report, with only the Treasurers report and budget to be included. All the others will be in the Diakonia.

- Motion for this, by Wayne, seconded by David. All in favour passed

Treasurers Report:

Wayne circulated the current year end report and the proposed budget for the next year -2016-17. Acceptance proposed by Wayne, 2nd by Dennis, all in favour, passed.

The budget items were adjusted after discussion, so that "excess income" = \$3721.45. The budget will be adjusted for the Annual Meeting, proposed by David, 2nd by Wayne, all in favour, passed.

Diakonia

Vicki reported that the next issue will focus on teaching items. One topic for Education will be -"How do we view life from a commodity to a creation of God"

"What it means to be a human being"

This ties in with the end of life issues in the general forum. Family dynamics are involved, dignity of life, mercy and compassion. Praying for others, poverty and child abuse are also part of this.

The deadline to send items to Vicki for the Diakonia is July 1st 2016.

* David asked to be able to put a link from the Lay readers web site to his EFM page. Approval given. There will be Online classes available on the EFM web site

on Sundays 3:-5;30pm

* Rev. Tom thanked Shirley for her leadership as President of the association for the passed 3 years.

* Nominations are required for the Vice President position, as David will become the new President at the AGM. Also for Secretary and some area representatives.

Next meeting will be 1pm June 21st at the Church of St. Andrew, Cole Harbour.

Respectfully submitted
Anne Williams

Please note -that the Fall Conference dates are not confirmed.