

DIOCESAN LAY READERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING – November 14, 2013

The Diocesan Lay Readers' Association Executive meeting was held in Church of Saint Andrew, Cole Harbour on November 14, 2013 with Shirley Williams, President, in the chair.

We opened the meeting with The Lay Readers' prayer.

Shirley Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT The Reverend Tom Henderson, Warden; Shirley Williams, President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer, Dennis Eisan, Victoria Henrikson, Diakonia Editor, Anne Sheck, and Marie George, Secretary

REGRETS David Harrison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Under the heading Diakonia on page 2 the discussion around plaques had nothing to do with the Diakonia and should have been a separate item. Shirley Williams declared the minutes approved as circulated with that one change.

CORRESPONDENCE none

It was noted that we have received dues from only 183 lay readers. The dues cover such things as the Annual Meeting and the Fall Conference. We discussed ways of getting this message out to all lay readers.

BUSINESS ARISING

Lay Readers Course We have four more segments completed. Several others are being worked on. There is a total of 12 segments. The technical work is being done by Julie Guy, Inpoint Media.

Fall Conference update Many felt it was very good and relaxing. The talks were well presented and there was time to meditate on what was said. There was a chance to mingle and discuss. There were 4 or 5 new lay readers. The music was also good. Next year we will cut down on the amount of wine and cheese for the Friday reception.

History of Lay Readers The history of our Lay Readers Association should be recorded. Who were the executive? When was it begun? Area Reps, ask your contacts if they have a story to tell about the history of the association.

Signing Authority David Harrison seems to have had a problem as well as Marie George in making changes to the signing authority. (Marie was in the Kentville TD following this meeting and the staff didn't seem to know how to make the surname change for Marie. She however signed a document to be put on the file of the Diocesan Lay Readers account.)

Name Tags and Plaque It was decided that the cost was too high.

Web Site Tom Henderson was in touch with Don Eldershaw briefly. He will be talking with him again. Don will continue to maintain what we have. If we wish something different he suggested we look at someone else. Perhaps we should look at other alternatives. Victor Henrikson will do some research for us. Wayne Hamlin will check with his son who is knowledgeable about computers.

Vacant spaces for Area Reps Vicki has checked with several churches in search of area representatives. Wayne will check in his area and Tom will bring it up at the next clericus. Jo-Anne Macdonald is on a leave of absence.

REPORTS

Diakonia Vicki asked what might we have in the upcoming issues. The spring issue will be the executive reports. Perhaps the role of "Art/Dance" in churches. The deadline for the spring issue is Ash Wednesday, March 5.

Board of Standards dealt with the lay readers' course. It is a work in progress.

Treasurer's Report Wayne passed out his report. Wayne Hamlin moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report as circulated. Dennis Eisan seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Flag stand Denis Eisan moved that we purchase another flag stand. Vicki Henrikson seconded. Carried.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS Marie George said she will be resigning the secretarial position at the Annual Meeting in the spring.

NEXT MEETING January 16, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive in Dartmouth. This will be a full committee meeting,

Ann Sheck moved we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted

Marie George , Secretary