

NS Lay Readers Executive Board Meeting

The NS.& PEI Diocesan Executive of the NS Lay Readers Board met on Nov. 17th at St Andrews Church, Circassian Way Cole Harbour, at 1pm.

Present :- Rev. Tom Henderson, Warden; Shirley Williams, President, David Harrison, Vice President; Dennis Eisan, Rev Darlene Jewers, Vicki Henrikson, Diakonia Editor; Anne Williams, Secretary.
Wayne Hamlin absent still awaiting surgery.

The meeting opened with the Lay Readers prayer said in unison.
Rev. Jewers was welcomed by Shirley.
Minutes for Aug, 26th meeting have been emailed.
Corrections noted.

Old Business

Application forms for new Lay Readers licencing still awaiting approval from VSST board. Wayne is on the VSST board as our representative and will bring the results of their decisions back to us.

New Business

Diakonia. - Vicki noted that March 1st 2016 is the deadline for the reports from area representatives to be submitted.
There will be a “Did you know” article concerning information that Lay Readers should know concerning rules and regulations about various things eg. Dress code

Blue preaching scarves are no longer part of the regulation dress code.
Lay Readers are not supposed to read the Gospel, as they are not licensed to do so.

The Lay Readers handbook is available on the web site.

Debra Burleson agrees that the AST postulants need to be informed about the uses and duties of Lay Readers.

The NS. ACW Board asked if the Lay Readers were interested in having a joint Conference. It was decided that it would be feasible in 2017 as our Spring Annual Meeting is set for Chester already.

Rev. Tom is going to meet with Rev. Lisa Vaughan- the Diocesan Vitality Coordinator for that meeting.

Treasurers Report.- not available

Victor Henrikson is working on the Certificate of Recognition

A discussion about “What constitutes Long Service ?” ensued.

Certificates could be awarded at Synod.

Board of Standards report :- clarification of the 3 Lay Readers licences – Lay Readers, Eucharistic ministry, and Visitors Ministry. And the meaning of those terms.

Tom has given one licence for Lay reader in Training to Marion Lucas Jefferies, via Jan Connors. Seems to have gone missing. Tom will contact Marion Jefferies

The correct process is for the application to come from the Rector to Tom or Shirley who will then deal with it.

All new Lay Readers should get a copy of the handbook.

The Lay Readers Certificate is given at the conclusion of their training period.

Every Clergy has a different protocol for Lay Readers, as there is no set requirement.

Marie George has a supply of medallions and ribbons.

Pauline Liengme has had surgery for cancer, and Wayne Hamlin is awaiting open heart surgery. Anne will send get well cards to both of them from the Board.

Next meeting Tuesday January 19th 2016 at The Church of St. Andrew Cole Harbour

at 1 pm.

Meeting closed with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Williams