

## DIOCESAN LAY READERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING – April 3, 2014

The Diocesan Lay Readers' Association Executive meeting was held in Church of Saint Andrew, Cole Harbour on April 3, 2014 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, Vickie Henrikson, Anne Sheck, and Marie George, Secretary

REGRETS David Henderson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Marie George moved the minutes of the January 16 meeting be accepted as circulated. Dennis Eisan seconded. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE none

### BUSINESS ARISING

Lay Readers Course This is still a work in progress. Tom, Shirley and David will meet with Julie Guy. "Inpoint Media" to discuss the rest of the course.

Vacant spaces for Area Reps We have had no responses. Tom will check with the Reverend Trevor Lightfoot to see who might be available in Fort Sackville.

Flag Stand Our flag stand has been returned.

Annual Meeting will be held at St. Peter's Birch Cove on June 7. The registration fee is \$15. Shirley will get in touch with someone about the meal. There will be no presenter. We will be going over the syllabus of the Lay Readers Course. Full details will be in the spring Diakonia.

### REPORTS

Diakonia The spring issue of the Diakonia is ready to be mailed and sent out by Email. Not all area Reps sent in a report. Because of the mailing costs Vicki said they are trying to get as many Email addresses as possible. They are now looking at the fall issue. Tom will make a few contacts. The fall issue should be out by mid-July.

Board of Standards dealt with the lay readers' course. It is a work in progress. They discussed a brochure "Do You Want to be a Lay Reader?—an Intro Syllabus for Lay Readers."

Treasurer's Report Wayne gave a verbal report. We have approximately \$9.000 in the bank less the cost of the cheques Wayne received from the bank. He said there may be on-going costs to update the Lay Readers syllabus in the future. Wayne Hamlin moved the acceptance of his verbal report. Vicki Henrikson seconded. Carried. The books will be going to the auditor very shortly.

## NEW BUSINESS

Email addresses – We have been approached to use our Email data base. Unless directed by the Bishop or the Association our Email data base is restricted. We declined their request. There was some concern about privacy issues. If we allowed groups to use our Email data base would we be opening the “flood gates?” The area reps should have names, telephone numbers and email addresses for the Lay Readers they have in their area, but this would still be “in house.”

Lay Readers Program - It would be a great help if the students at A.S.T. could be informed about the Lay Readers program. How do we get the information to priests? Perhaps a presentation at a clergy retreat. Dennis offered to help Tom. With the amalgamation of parishes there may be increased work for the Lay Readers.

Fall Conference – Tom is trying to contact Andrew Mortimer in P.E.I. or Paul Jennings for the Fall Conference. The theme is left to the presenter. Wayne Hamlin moved that the registration fee for the Fall Conference be \$50 and the association will pay the balance of the cost. Dennis Eisan seconded. Carried.

ANNUAL MEETING will be held on June 7 at St. Peter's, Birch Cove, Halifax.

## MEMBERS' CONCERNS

NEXT MEETING May 15 at 1 p.m. at Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive in Dartmouth. This will be an full committee meeting.

Wayne Hamlin moved we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted

Marie George , Secretary