

Executive and Area Representatives Meeting
Lay Readers' Association of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
Church of Saint Andrew, Cole Harbour, NS

Minutes of the October 8, 2016 Meeting

1. Call to Order:

The Full Executive (Executive and Area Representatives) - Meeting was called to order at 1 pm by David Harrison, President.

The following members were in attendance: The Rev'd Tom Henderson, Warden; David Harrison, President; Marilyn Massie-Clarke, Vice President; Shirley Williams, Immediate Past President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; Victoria Henrikson, Secretary/Diakonia Editor; Dennis Eisan; Judy Beaver, Area Representative Eastern Shore; Billie Myers, Area Representative Dartmouth.

Guest -

2. Lay Readers' Association Prayer:

The Lay Readers' Prayer, led by David, was said in unison.

3. Regrets:

Georgie Granchelli, Area Representative - Cape Breton.

4. Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Executive Meeting:

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis that the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Executive Meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) **Fall Conference 2016** – South Rustico, Prince Edward Island, September 16-18 – There were only 15 in attendance including the speaker. The presentation by the speaker, Allie Colp was well received. The low attendance was attributed to the change in dates caused by the Belcourt Centre double booking for the earlier date which had been arranged.
- b) **Fall Conference 2017** – The Belcourt Centre is again booked for September 15-17.
- c) **Area Representative for Northumbria, Valley and Chebucto** – Dave indicated he may have an Area Representative for Northumbria. He encouraged the Executive to see if they can find someone to fill the Valley and Chebucto vacancies.
- d) **AGM 2017, Christ Church, Dartmouth** – Marilyn was asked to provide maps of areas where people can park for the AGM. She said she would look into the possibility of billeting for those who wish to come from further away.
- e) **Signing Authority** – Victoria said she had not prepared a letter for Wayne to take to the bank but would do so following this meeting. Once Wayne receives it he will take it to the bank to have the signatures changed.
- f) **Fall Diakonia** – Victoria reported that 292 copies of the Diakonia were sent by e-mail and 158 by Canada Post, for a total of 450. She said that of this number, 41 were Lay Readers-in-Training. The issue contained some historical information from Dr. Warren Ervine, Lay Reader in Bedford, about the Association and the Diakonia. There will be more of this in future issues.

6. New Business:

- a) E-mail from Anne Williams regarding ACW Board and Lay Readers working on a Program together** - Anne explained that the ACW Board would like to work with the Association to hold a workshop. The theme for the program being suggested by the ACW Board is “Love and Peace and Justice may give God’s kingdom Birth”. The date is April 29, 2017. It was agreed that the Warden and the President will do something at the workshop.
- b) Spring 2017 Diakonia** – Victoria said the deadline for the Spring 2017 issue will be March 1st. It will as usual contain reports from all the Area Representatives, the Warden and President.
- c) Lay Readers – Diocesan Membership Records** – Dave reported that he had received an e-mail from Jan Connors at the Diocesan Office concerning the number of Lay Readers in the Diocese which she reported as 213 and our Diakonia database contains 450 names. Obviously there is an issue with the numbers. The Rev’d Tom will discuss with the Bishop some possible areas of concern – i.e. people being called Lay Reader when they may not actually be doing the ministry of a Lay Reader; perhaps people have not been licensed and therefore the Diocesan records are not the same as the Diakonia database. Dave will contact the Diocesan Office to have their listing sent to Victoria who will compare it with the database for the Diakonia. She will provide the Warden and President with her findings.
- d) Mission of the Church** – The Rev’d Tom reported that through the Healthy Parishes VSST, the Board of Standards was asked to look at the direction the church is going in, where 20% of the Parishes have 80% of the resources. The Board has been asked to explore the question of using Lay Readers in other Parishes and to look at the possibility of an expanded role for some Lay Readers. Bishop Ron would need to license this in whatever shape it would take – i.e. Diocesan and Parochial which was done in the past.

7. Financial Report:

Wayne presented a Financial Report for the period April 1 to September 30, 2016 which showed a Balance Forward of \$7,603.16.

It was moved by Wayne and seconded by Anne that the Financial Report as presented be accepted.

Motion Carried.

8. Next Meeting:

Executive - Saturday, January 14, 2017, 1 pm, Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour. A storm date of January 21, 2017, same time, was also set.

9. Adjournment:

Moved by Wayne to adjourn at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Henrikson
Secretary/Diakonia Editor