



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

Minutes of the January 19, 2018 Meeting

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Association Prayer:

The Lay Readers' Executive Meeting was called to order at 1 pm with David Harrison, President in the Chair. He welcomed all to the meeting and then the Lay Readers' Prayer was said in unison.

2. Attendance:

The Rev'd Tom Henderson, Warden; The Rev. Darlene Jewers, Member of the Board of Standards; David Harrison, Association President; Shirley Williams, Immediate Past President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; Victoria Henrikson, Secretary and Diakonia Editor; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; Anne Williams, Area Representative - Chignecto; Ted MacDonald, Area Representative - Valley and Judy Beaver, Area Representative - Eastern Shore.

Regrets: Marilyn Massie-Clarke, Vice President; Georgie Granchelli, Area Representative - Cape Breton; Deborah Beck, Area Representative – Northumbria.

3. Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Executive Meeting:

It was moved by Judy Beaver and seconded by Anne Williams that the Minutes of the September 6 2017, Executive meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) **Fall Conference September 15-17, 2017:** From all comments it appears that everyone enjoyed the new Hope Retreat Centre in PEI. The speaker, The Reverend Ed Trevors was a very informative speaker.
- b) **Lay Reader title – Any Update?** The attendees at the Spring AGM voted on the following motion in regard to a possible name change: “It was moved by Alphonse Lafrense and seconded by Joan Halsey that permission be given to the Board of Standards to pursue a name change from Lay Reader to Licensed Lay Minister within the Diocese”. Motion Carried. The Rev. Tom indicated that nothing further, other than the discussion at the Board of Standards meeting has taken place to date.
- c) **Speaker for a two-day workshop – any ideas?** The Reverend Tom suggested that further discussion on this topic be postponed for now. It was also the consensus that there were too many other sessions taking place throughout the Diocese currently and that it would possibly be more useful to hold a workshop should a name change occur for Lay Readers.
- d) **2018 Annual General Meeting** –Wayne confirmed June 2nd at St. James in Kentville for the AGM.
- e) **Training Video on Pastoral Care – Do we proceed or not?** The Rev. Tom suggested that the item be removed from the agenda to be visited again in the future.
- f) **Spring 2018 Diakonia deadline** –The deadline for the Spring 2018 issue of the Diakonia was set for **March 1st**. This issue, as usual, will contain reports from the President, the Warden, the Diakonia Editor and the Area Representatives. Victoria asked the Executive to think of a **theme for the Fall 2018** issue so that research can begin early.

5. New Business:

- a) **Board of Standards Report** – The Warden, The Rev. Tom reported from the Board of Standards meeting held in the morning that there was some opposition to changing the name of Lay Readers. He discussed the rationale for the suggestion of a name change from Lay Reader to Licensed Lay Minister. He said that the upcoming AGM will vote on whether or not to change the name.

It was pointed out that there needs to be a Notice of Motion given 45 Days before the AGM to change the name. It was moved by Ted MacDonald and seconded by Anne Williams that a Notice of Motion be provided to all Lay Readers before the AGM to change the name of Lay Reader to Licensed Lay Minister. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

This notice will contain the Lay Readers' Association crest and will also be posted in the Anglican Net News nearer the date.

It was moved by Ann Williams and seconded by Shirley Williams to place an advertisement in the Diocesan Times containing information about the name change. The advertisement is to have a blue border and include the crest. **Motion Carried.**

- b) **Fall Conference 2018** – Dates are booked – September 14-16 PEI and the facility is also booked for 2019. The Rev. Tom is giving consideration to a speaker for the Conference. A number of names were suggested as possible speakers.
- c) **Duties and Responsibilities of Area Representatives** – It was pointed out that the duties of the Area Representatives are outlined on Page 6 of the Association By-Laws and Constitution. Victoria was asked to provide all Area Representatives with an updated list of Lay Readers for their area.
- d) **By-Laws and Constitution review** – This is a Board of Standards responsibility and was removed from the agenda for the Executive meeting.
- e) **Proposal for the AGM Afternoon session** – The President, David, spoke about the idea of doing a session in afternoon of the AGM on how to do Morning Prayer. He said they found out in ACPC that there were a number of anomalies in the way Morning Prayer is being lead so he felt that it would be helpful to have a training session for all Lay Readers in the Diocese. He suggested this be an interactive session and that it be videoed to be used in future Lay Reader training sessions.
- As no speaker had been engaged for the afternoon session, the Executive liked the idea and agreed that the Morning Prayer training session should take place.

6. Financial Report:

Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer, presented a financial Statement for the period April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The Opening Balance was \$10,425.13, plus Income of \$4,193.25 for a total income of \$14,618.38; Expenditures totaled \$6,025.63, with a Closing Balance of \$8,592.75. It was moved by Wayne Hamlin, seconded by Anne Williams that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

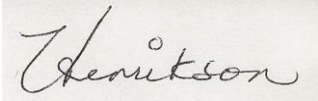
Wayne indicated that a Budget for the 2018-19 year will be prepared for the next meeting of the Association. He also reminded those at the table that the Association's year ends on March 31, 2018.

7. Next Meeting:

Full Executive Meeting, April 13, 2018 (Friday)
Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour

8. Adjournment: Moved by Anne to adjourn at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Henrikson".

Victoria Henrikson
Secretary/Diakonia Editor