



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

Minutes of the November 6, 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. David welcomed everyone and then the Lay Readers' Prayer was said.

2. Attendance:

The Rev'd Tom Henderson, Warden; The Rev. Darlene Jewers, Member of the Board of Standards; David Harrison, Association President; Marilyn Massie-Clarke, Vice President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; Victoria Henrikson, Secretary and Diakonia Editor; Ted MacDonald, Area Representative – Valley, Billie Myers, Area Representative – Dartmouth; Matthew Miller, Area Representative – Chebucto; Judy Beaver, Area Representative - Eastern Shore; Georgie Granchelli, Area Representative - Cape Breton; and Jerry Cavanaugh, Area Representative – Fort Sackville.

Regrets: Shirley Williams, Immediate Past President; Anne Williams, Area Representative - Chignecto; Deborah Beck, Area Representative – Northumbria; Don Himelman, Area Representative – Prince Edward Island.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda - Under Agenda # 7 - New Business, the following items were added:

- d) Our Lady of Hope Walking Trail – The Rev. Tom Henderson to speak to this item
- e) Licensed Lay Minister – The Rev. Darlene Jewers to speak to this item

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Wayne Hamlin and seconded by Ted MacDonald that the Agenda for November 6, 2018 be adopted as amended. **Motion Carried.**

5. Minutes of the August 28, 2018 Executive Meeting:

It was moved by Judy Beaver and seconded by Billie Myers that the Minutes of the August 28, 2018 Executive meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Fall Conference September 14-16, 2018 review:

- i. The members indicated that the speaker was very good and interesting;
- ii. that there was a sense of “belonging” during the Conference;
- iii. consideration needs to be given to the format of Sunday as there was a fair bit of time as the speaker did not do a session in the morning and because there was no travel to a local church, everyone just stood around waiting for lunch after the Morning Worship;
- iv. Allergies/food sensitivities need to be included on the registration form and then provided to the staff at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre prior to the weekend.
- v. A list of what to bring to the Conference needs to be included with the Conference Registration form in the Diakonia prior to the Conference.

b) Fall Conference 2019 -Update re Speaker and Date

The date – September 13-15, 2019 have been booked at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. No speaker has been confirmed as of this date.

c) Fall Conference 2020 – The date of October 9-11, 2020 has been booked and The Rev. Tom has been in discussion with Jonathan Pageau from the USA about being the speaker. Mr. Pageau is an icon carver as well as doing speaking engagements.

7. New Business

a) Board of Standards Report – The Rev. Tom indicated that the Board of Standards has been working on the name change item, along with reviewing and making changes to the By-Laws and Constitution.

b) Diakonia Report –

Spring 2019 Diakonia deadline – The **deadline for the Spring 2019** issue of the Diakonia was set for **March 1st**. This is the issue in which the Archdeaconry Representatives provide updates on what is taking place in their Region.

Discussion took place about content for the Fall 2019 issue and the following was suggested:

Identity of Licensed Lay Minister:

“What’s in a Name? (Re name change)

“Past/Present/Future – Who do you say I am?”

c) Annual Meeting 2019 – May 31-June 1

Confirmed Date: May 31-June 1

Location: Camp Bretondean, Hillside Road, Mira, Cape Breton

Afternoon Session: Morning Prayer using the Book of Alternative Services (BAS)

Georgie Granchelli provided the following information about Camp Bretondean –

3 Cabins with bunkbeds, bathrooms, heated (likely for Speaker/Warden)

There are 10 cabins with bunkbeds

Showers and Bathrooms are provided in each Cabin

There is a Cabin with a Meeting Room and another with a Kitchen

There are ramps to the Cabins, Chapel, Kitchen and Conference space

Check-in will be a 7 pm on Friday, May 31 with a light lunch and entertainment provided. Breakfast provided will be continental style.

Lay Readers will need to bring Sleeping Bags/pillow/toiletries or Blankets, etc.

There is no WiFi – Georgie will check on Cell phone towers.

A Planning meeting will take place with Lay Readers in Cape Breton to distribute the workload for this gathering.

d) Synod: May 23-25, 2019

Motion re name change for Lay Readers has to be in the hands of the Canons and Constitution Committee by February 22, 2019.

The Rev. Tom Henderson, Warden, will prepare a preamble/rationale to be sent along with the Motion.

Chair David indicated he plans to have a Display Table at Synod for both Lay Readers and EFM. Vicki offered to volunteer sometime at the table if needed.

e) Our Lady of Hope Walking Trail

The Rev. Tom presented a request from Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre staff asking if our Association was interested in participating in the creation of a resting place and alcove at the Retreat Centre Walking Trail. There would be a bench with the Association’s name on it in the

alcove. Are we interested and do we want to do it? Those gathered felt it was a good idea since we have been using this Center for some time now for our Conferences.

It was moved by Victoria Henrikson, seconded by Georgie Granchelli that we develop a resting station at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre Walking Trail in PEI. **Motion Carried.**

- f) **Licensed Lay Readers** – The Rev. Darlene Jewers said that in a discussion with Bishop Ron Cutler, he indicated there is a need to identify the ministries that Lay Readers are doing. The last vocations weekend included Lay People and most Lay Readers did not know about it. It was suggested that after the By-Laws and Constitution are reviewed and finalized that a description for a Licensed Lay Minister position should be created.

8. Financial Report:

Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer, circulated a copy of the Financial Statement from April 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 which indicated a Book and Bank Balance of \$7,479.17.

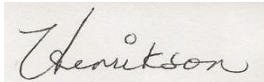
There was discussion about the membership donations and how many Lay Readers that represents having paid the \$15 donation. The recorded Membership donation of \$1770 represents 118 paid Lay Readers. Wayne explained that some monies also come during January-March for this fiscal period. He also pointed out that this is a “donation” and we have no authority to demand payment. It was moved by Wayne Hamlin, seconded by Ted MacDonald that the Financial Statement April 1 - September 30, 2018 be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

9. Next Meeting:

Full Executive Meeting, January 15, 2019 – 1 pm
Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour

- 10. Adjournment:** Moved by Wayne to adjourn at 2:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Henrikson
Secretary/Diakonia Editor