

**Parish of the Northern Lights  
Parish Council Meeting  
Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Teaching**

The meeting opened at 7:05PM with a discussion of John 21:15-22 within the context of gospel based discipleship.

In attendance were: Chris Boyce, Kathy Hogarth, Richard Loken, Hazel Lund, Vernie Mosich, LeRoy Overacker, Jodi Pisarewski, Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Joyce Wilson.

**Information**

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of December 14, 2015:** In The clergy report (Discussion section, item 1), the phrase “Terry Lear will be here for the fifth Sunday” should read “Terry Leer will be in Boyle for the fifth Sunday”.

The minutes were adopted as corrected.

Moved by Richard Loken, Carried.

2. **General Synod 2016 Conversation:** This will be held at All Saints Anglican Church in Athabasca on Wednesday February 3 from 7:00PM to 9:30PM.
3. **Discipleship Training with Terry Leer:** This will be held at St Paul’s Anglican Church in Boyle on Friday January 29 from 7:30PM to 9:00PM and on Saturday January 30 From 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Terry will also be preaching at the parish Sunday Service which will be held at Saint Paul’s in Boyle at 11:00AM with a potluck to follow.
4. **Parish AGM:** The parish AGM will be held at Saint Paul’s in Boyle on February 14. A potluck will follow the 11:00AM service and the AGM will follow the potluck.
5. **Lesley’s Winter Break:** Circumstances have prevented Lesley taking her winter break at the planned time so she is thinking of adding it to her summer vacation.

**Discussion**

1. **Congregational, Youth, and Clergy Reports:**

**Saint Andrew’s/Zion, Colinton:** Jodi Pisarewski, reported that Saint Andrew’s/Zion held their AGM on January 10 at which Wendy Lawrence was elected People Churchwarden, Joanna Muzyka as the Anglican vestry member-at-large, and Margaret Newton as the Lutheran council member-at-large. Two people have recently started attending Saint Andrew’s/Zion who both said that they got the church information off the web.

**Saint Thomas, Perryvale:** Joyce Wilson reported that the recent parish social event was a success and well attended. She also reported that the Saint Thomas AGM will be held at her house on February 7, 2016.

**Saint Paul’s, Boyle:** It was reported that Saint Paul’s held their AGM on January 17; Hazel Lund was named Rector’s Churchwarden and Vernie Mosich was elected People’s Churchwarden. There have also been a couple new church attendees on recent Sundays.

**Christ Church, Wandering River:** Kathy Hogarth reported that Christ Church will be holding their AGM on February 7. The recent “Messy Monday” was extra messy with four attendees but no Lesley. Lesley had intended to attend but she did not notice the time and was still at home when she should have been arriving in Wandering River.

**Youth Group Report:** A printed copy of the youth group report was distributed at the meeting. The council members were reminded that the youth will be holding a chili supper in Colinton on Saturday February 20, this event is a fund raiser for local youth group participation in the YC Alberta youth conference to be held in Edmonton in May.

**Clergy Report;** Chris Boyce reported that her work at Saint Mark’s, High Prairie and at Saint Paul’s, Faust will soon be at an end because their newly called minister will be taking over. Chris will still be going to Saint Peter’s, Slave Lake on every third Sunday of the month. Chris is on vacation from March 1 to 15.

Lesley had no report because she lost her sister at the end of the year and life is now something of a muddle. Lesley says that she will slow down for a while.

2. **Budget:** LeRoy Overacker distributed his second draft of the proposed 2016 budget. This version has some minor changes in the expenses column compared to the December draft. Some additional corrections to the expense line items were made during the meeting and this changed the total expenses from \$39,208.00 to \$43,324.00. This revised budget will be brought to the parish AGM.
3. **Refugee Sponsorship:** LeRoy Overacker reported that the refugee sponsorship committee needs a minimum of \$35,000.00 to properly support a refugee family for one year, they have already received \$11,000.00 of which \$7,500.00 is cash and the rest is pledges. The sponsorship will go through Canadian Lutheran World Relief.  
LeRoy emphasized that he wants all money earmarked for the refugee sponsorship fund to be on separate cheques to minimize the accounting problems.
4. **Summer Student:** Jodi Pisarewski suggested that the parish hire a student to work in the parish office during the summer. The parish council is in favour of hiring a summer student so Jodi will call the Diocese of Athabasca office and ask for their approval. Jodi has the Canada Summer Jobs initiative application forms which she will fill out and submit upon receipt of approval from the diocese.

### Decision

1. **Treasurer’s Report** LeRoy distributed the treasurer’s report for 2015. The most significant discrepancy between the budgeted and actual expenses in 2015 is the utility line item which is under budget by \$1,335.44 because utility prices did not rise as expected.

LeRoy has to remove the rectory from the parish financial records because the land and the building are not owned by the parish even though the parish pays the mortgage.

The treasurer’s report was adopted as distributed.

Moved by LeRoy Overacker, Seconded by Vernie Mosich, Carried.

2. **Next Meeting:**  
February 15, 2016