

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

Teaching

Lesley Wheeler-Dame opened the meeting with a reading and discussion of Matthew 5:1-10.

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

The business portion of the meeting started at 7:20PM.

Information

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of March 21, 2016:** The first paragraph of the clergy report reported that Lesley attended a meeting about the upcoming General Synod, this is incorrect, the meeting was about a proposed union of Christ the King Lutheran Church and Saint Thomas Anglican Church. Anybody could make a mistake like that! Right?

The third paragraph implied that Bill Creaser would be asked to be the sole leader of the proposed Saint Andrews/Zion Thursday night services. This is incorrect, Bill is only expected to share in the leadership duties.

The minutes were adopted as amended.

Moved by Richard Loken, Carried.

2. **Business Arising From the Minutes:** There was no business arising from the minutes that was not covered under another agenda item.
3. **Summer Student:** All appropriate forms have submitted to the appropriate government agency but nothing has been heard back from them.

Discussion

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

Saint Paul's, Boyle: Vernie Mosich and Hazel Lund reported that the church now has two small bible study groups. Lesley mentioned that March 2016 marked the 100th anniversary of the first Anglican service in Boyle.

Saint Andrew's/Zion, Colinton: Wendy Lawrence reported that life has been quiet in Colinton over that past month. Saint Andrews/Zion has purchased a copy of "Easy Worship" and they hope to be using the computer and projectors in the worship services within a week or two.

The annual mother's day tea will be held on Saturday May 7 between 1:00PM and 3:00PM.

Saint Thomas, Perryvale: Joyce Wilson reported that the annual garden sale, which is a co-operative effort between St Thomas and St Andrew's/Zion, will be held at the church in Colinton on June 4. A Father's Day supper will be held on Saturday June 18 at the Perryvale Community Hall.

Christ Church, Wandering River: Kathy Hogarth reported that there has been a small increase in attendance at the services. Kathy also reported that their latest service was the

first one in 2016 for which they did not have to build a fire.

Youth Group: Joanna was away and there was no youth group report.

Clergy: Chris Boyce reported that she did her first baptism in Slave Lake on Easter Sunday and she loved it.

Lesley Wheeler-Dame reported that there have been six deaths in the parish over the past few weeks.

On a more positive note, Lesley reported that the annual confirmation service will probably be held in the fall this year and there will be some older confirmands and possibly a baptism or two.

Lesley has decided that on one Sunday each month an opportunity will be made available for congregation members to give a testimony. One other Sunday each month shall be marked as a thanksgiving Sunday and and congregation members will have an opportunity to give a testimony about something for which they are thankful. It was reported that some congregation members have expressed concern about these testimonies and Lesley emphasized that congregation members have an opportunity and not an obligation to give a testimony.

Lesley asked for prayer for Bill Creaser who will be writing an exam which Lesley will invigilate.

2. **Refugee Sponsorship:** The refugee sponsorship committee has had a couple fund raising events of late including the sale of Buy-Low Bucks. Meanwhile the committee has been pledged \$23,000.00 and received \$17,000.00 while the Lions Club has given them \$5,000.00

The refugee sponsorship committee feels they will need \$70,000.00 to support the proposed family rather than the original estimate of \$30,000.00. This is because the expected family size of eleven is much larger than the average family size.

3. **Vestry/Council Workshop and ADTS Module:** The vestry/council workshop will be delayed due to scheduling conflicts on the proposed dates of April 30 and May 7. After some discussion, the May 28 weekend was proposed and accepted even though some vestry/council members will be unavailable that weekend. Terry Leer will also present a stewardship module that weekend.
4. **Grad Quilt:** It has been decided to print photographs of the grads, their families, and the church congregations on to the grad quilts which are being made for Nate and Lydia. The congregation pictures will have to be taken in the next couple weeks.

Decision

1. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was adopted as distributed.
Moved by LeRoy Overacker, Seconded by Hazel Lund, Carried.
2. **Next Meeting:**
May 16, 2016