

**Parish of the Northern Lights
Parish Council Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016**

Teaching

Lesley Wheeler-Dame opened the meeting at 7:05PM with a reading and discussion of Matthew 11:1-6. In attendance were: Kathy Hogarth, Wendy Lawrence, Richard Loken, Hazel Lund, Vernie Mosich, LeRoy Overacker, Jodi Pisarewski, Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Joyce Wilson.

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

Information

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of April 18, 2016:** The minutes were adopted as distributed.
Moved by Richard Loken, Carried.
2. **Business Arising From the Minutes:** The people making the graduation quilts (discussion item 4 in the minutes) have not completed as much as they had hoped but they are confident that they can get it done on time.
3. **Summer Student:** It was reported that the parish has received permission from the government to hire a summer student for 288 hours but the information in the email from the government is very confusing and a request for clarification has been made.

Discussion

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

Clergy: Lesley Wheeler-Dame reported that she has been working very hard with the evacuees from Fort McMurray and she said that she is moved by the way people and communities work together in a time of crisis like this.

Lesley will be starting her vacation on August 8 and the time will be spent moving Lydia to Newfoundland where she will be attending university.

Lesley reported that she will be officiating at a funeral this week.

Youth Group: There is no youth group report.

Christ Church, Wandering River: Kathy Hogarth reported that they have been very busy with the evacuees from Fort McMurray. She said that the fire hall has been used to distribute relief supplies to the evacuees and it has been manned 24 hours a day during the crisis.

Saint Paul's, Boyle: Hazel Lund reported that the town is full of evacuees from Fort McMurray and some of them have been coming to church.

Saint Thomas, Perryvale: Joyce Wilson reported that the mothers day tea has successfully come and gone. The leftovers from the mothers day tea were donated to evacuee relief.

The upcoming fifth Sunday service and potluck will be held at the Perryvale Community Centre.

Saint Andrew's/Zion, Colinton: Wendy Lawrence reported that everybody has been busy potting plants for the upcoming plant sale and, yes, a picture of the congregation has been taken as requested.

2. **Refugee Sponsorship:** LeRoy Overacker reported that the refugee sponsorship committee has been selling gift cards for the Athabasca and Boyle grocery stores as part of their fund raising efforts. So far the refugee sponsorship committee has collected about \$22,000.00 in cold hard cash plus another \$35,000.00 in pledges.

It is now certain that the expected family of eleven people will be coming to the Athabasca area but nobody has any idea when they will arrive.

Decision

1. **Treasurer's Report:** LeRoy Overacker reported that the parish has about \$20,000.00 in the bank and that both income and expenses are within budget.

The financial report was adopted as distributed.

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

2. **Next Meeting:** Monday June 20, 2016