

**Parish of the Northern Lights  
Parish Council Meeting  
Monday, June 20, 2016**

**Teaching**

Lesley Wheeler-Dame opened the meeting at 7:00PM with a short bible study. In attendance were: Bill Creaser, Wendy Lawrence, Richard Loken, Pauline Morey, Vernie Musich, LeRoy Overacker, Joyce Pusiarski, Shirley Raaflaub, Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Joyce Wilson.

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

**Information**

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2016:** The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Moved by Richard Loken, Carried.

2. **Business Arising From the Minutes:** With regard to hiring a summer student (Information item 3). There have been no suitable applicants for the position and there will be nobody available to provide supervision after August 1 so it was decided not to hire a summer student.

With regard to the graduation quilts mentioned in Information item 2, the quilts are not yet complete but they are progressing on schedule.

**Discussion**

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

**Youth Group:** Joanna Muzyka submitted a written report.

Joanna reported that 11 youth and three adults attended the YC Alberta Youth Conference in Edmonton. She thanked Mark Creaser and Cathie Creaser for assisting with the driving and chaperoning chores.

The youth group will hold their end of the year celebration at Joanna's home on Monday June 27.

**Saint Thomas, Perryvale:** Perryvale had a nice fifth Sunday service on May 29 but attendance at regular Sunday services has been down in recent weeks. The turnout for the father's day supper was disappointing but there was a good turnout for the annual plant and garden sale.

**Saint Andrew's/Zion, Colinton:** Wendy Lawrence agreed that the annual plant and garden sale was well attended but said life at the church was otherwise pretty quiet. Now, however, the congregation is wondering what is going to happen after Lesley is gone.

**Saint Paul's, Boyle:** The only news out of Boyle is that there will be a parish social at St Paul's on June 24 at 5:30PM.

**Christ Church, Wandering River:** Leslie performed a lovely funeral service for Gerda during the previous week. In her younger days, Gerda was a lay minister and a charter member of the Wandering River branch of the Women's Institute.

**Clergy:** Bill Creaser reported that he has passed the exams for his most recent course. Bill has performed a couple funerals in recent weeks along with his other, more routine, duties.

Lesley Wheeler-Dame reported that June has been a busy month. The Lutheran Synod Convention was held in June, the Lutherans have a little bit more license to modify their worship service and that can be quite joyful as it was at the synod convention.

Lesley has appointed Henrik Asfeldt to be the rector's warden in Colinton and Judy Flax in Boyle.

Last but not least. The fifth Sunday service on July 31 will be held at Christ Church Wandering River at 11:00AM and Lesley's last services in the parish will be held on August 7 at Boyle and Wandering River.

2. **Refugee Sponsorship:** The expected family of 11 has been sent elsewhere and another family, this one with four members, is being proposed for the Athabasca area. The committee has about \$25,000.00 in real money and a bit of potential income from the sale of grocery store gift cards. The Athabasca gift cards are selling well but the Boyle gift cards are not.
3. **Summer Service Coverage:** Chris Boyce will be reducing her assistance with the service coverage because of a family emergency which has called her away to Minnesota.
4. **Selection Committee:** Lesley and Bishop Fraser have been discussing the rector recruitment process and out of this comes the plan to have Terry Leer assist the parish congregations in the consideration process that is needed before recruitment can begin.

The make up of the selection committee was discussed. Bill Creaser and Chris Boyce are required to be ex-officio members of the committee and LeRoy Overacker must be a member because he is the parish treasurer. Of course all congregations must have representation on the committee and these names are suggested as members: Henrik Asfeldt from Colinton, Kathy Hogarth from Wandering River, Judy Flax from Boyle, and Joyce Wilson from Perryvale.

The committee's first task will be to write a profile which will describe the parish as it is now and how it should look in the future. Bishop Fraser would like to see the process move quickly.

### **Decision**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** LeRoy Overacker submitted his treasurer's report which contains no surprises or concerns. The treasurer's report was adopted as distributed.  
Moved by LeRoy Overacker, Seconded by Vernie Musich, Carried.
2. **Next Meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with no date set for the next meeting.