

**Parish of the Northern Lights
Parish Council Meeting
Monday September 19, 2016**

Minutes

1. **Teaching - Acts 18:1-11:** Chris Boyce opened the meeting with a brief study of Acts 18 at 7:10. Wendy Lawrence took over as chair for the business portion of the meeting.

In attendance were Henrik Asfeldt, Marion Baker, Chris Boyce, Judy Flax, Wendy Lawrence, Richard Loken, Pauline Morey, LeRoy Overacker, Joyce Pusiarski, William Pusiarski, Shirley Raaflaub.
2. **Agenda:** One item of new business was added to the agenda as item 11.d pertaining to Parish Socials. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Moved by LeRoy Overacker, Carried.
3. **Minutes of the Meetings of June 20 and August 22:** The two sets of minutes were adopted as distributed.

Moved by Richard Loken, Carried.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Gluten Free Wafers:** Chris Boyce reported that the remaining gluten free wafers are officially declared stale and that Cathie Creaser has agreed to make a small batch of gluten free wafers.
 - b. **Rectory:** LeRoy Overacker reported that Lesley has moved out and taken her furniture with her, except for some items which she donated to the parish. The rectory is therefore partially furnished but some furnishings will have to be found before David Greenwood moves in. Various parish members have volunteered to donate furniture and other items but there are still some needed items - especially a bed. Depending upon what is donated, some items may have to be purchased like dishes, cutlery, and kitchenware.
 - c. **Laptop and Other Items to be Returned:** Judy Flax reported that Lesley has returned all the expected items including keys, passwords, and the priest's laptop. There was an expression of dismay about the laptop being a MacBook rather than a Windows laptop.
 - d. **Terry Leer Workshop:** This is just a reminder item. Terry Leer will be holding a workshop Sunday September 25 at 7:00PM in Boyle. The purpose of the workshop is support and guide the parish members as they attempt to describe the four congregations in the parish, the future hopes for the parish, and the qualities expected of a new priest.

5. **Congregation Reports:**

- a. **Christ Church:** David Greenwood officiated at the September 18 Sunday service at Christ Church, Wandering River. The congregation seem to like him.
- b. **Saint Paul's;** Judy Flax reported that David Greenwood also visited St. Paul's on Sunday and was popular with the congregation.

In more secular news, the siding on the church has still not been fixed and the photocopier has become almost unusable.

Judy commented that an emergency led to her trying to phone the church in Colinton on a Sunday morning and not being able to find the church's telephone number in the phone book or anywhere else. There was some conversation about the strange way that the phone number is listed in the telephone book and what measures should be taken to make the number findable.

- c. **Saint Thomas:** St Thomas and St Andrew's/Zion are reported to be hosting their annual fall supper in Colinton on September 24.
- d. **Saint Andrew's/Zion:** Henrik Asfeldt complained that half the Colinton news was leaked by the Perryvale congregation but luckily he has additional items to report.

Tim and the Glory Boys (beards, banjos, and blessings) will be performing in the Nancy Appleby Theatre on October 5 at 7:00PM. The concert was organized by Joanna Muzyka but her husband's sudden and serious illness has left her unable to continue managing this event so Kathy and Henrik Asfeldt have taken over.

The last vestry/Council meeting had to be canceled because there was no quorum.

- 6. **Youth Group:** Judy Flax reported that Joanna's time is taken up with Orest's illness and that she was forced to cancel the first Youth Group meeting. Joanna is looking for people to take over the youth group since she is not likely to be available for a long time.
- 7. **Clergy Reports:** Chris Boyce reported that she has been doing services, visiting people, and generally working hard. Chris is looking forward to David Greenwood's arrival.
- 8. **Refugee Sponsorship Committee:** Henrik Asfeldt reported that all the paperwork has been completed and submitted to the government so all they can do now is wait. It is reported that they will be waiting any where from five months to a year for the refugee family to arrive and, when it happens, there will be very little advance notice. Meanwhile fundraising continues with an antiques road show being put on some time soon, these are reported to be extremely popular.
- 9. **Selection Committee:** It is reported David Greenwood preached in Boyle and Wandering River on Sunday September 18. David will be officially starting on September 24 and preaching on the following Sunday.

Terry Leer will be meeting with parish members in Boyle at 7:00PM on Sunday September 25 to prepare them for the process of recruiting a new priest.

10. **Treasurer's Report:** LeRoy Overacker reported that he is unable to produce a treasurer's report because his computer is inoperative due to a disastrous encounter with a computer repair shop. LeRoy took his computer in to be cleaned and was taken to the cleaners.

11. **New Business:**

a. **Parish Council Meeting Schedule:** LeRoy reported the the new priest would like to meet with the parish council but his work schedule will not make this possible so it was agreed that the parish council's October meeting will be held on Saturday October 15 at 7:00PM in Boyle. The secretary said he would be unable to attend so Judy Flax volunteered to take the minutes.

b. **Photocopier:** It is reported that the photocopier in Boyle is no longer usable and the one in Colinton is only marginally better. It is further reported that both photocopiers are owned by the parish and not by the congregation. After some discussion, it was decided to purchased a high speed double sided photocopier for Boyle if one could be had for under \$500.00.

Be it resolved that LeRoy Overacker purchase a photocopier capable of duplex printing for a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Moved by Pauline Morey, Seconded by LeRoy Overacker, Carried.

c. **External Hard Drive for Financial Records:** Nothing to report.

d. **Parish Socials:** There was some discussion about the scheduling of parish socials and there seemed to be a consensus that parish socials are scheduled around fifth Sunday services but that they are not held on the fifth Sunday. St Andrews/Zion is slated to hold the next parish social followed by St Thomas in early 2017.

12. **Next Regular Meeting:** Saturday, October 15, 2016, 7:00PM.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM with a closing prayer.