

**Parish of the Northern Lights  
Parish Council Meeting  
Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**Minutes**

1. **Teaching - Acts 18:1-11** The Reverend David Greenwood opened the meeting with prayer and introductions all around at 7:01PM. This was followed by a presentation and discussion on the 12 things that make for a healthy church. The business meeting started at 8:00PM.

In attendance were Henrik Asfeldt, Chris Boyce, Bill Creaser, Judy Flax, David Greenwood, Wendy Lawrence, Richard Loken, LeRoy Overacker, Joyce Wilson.

2. **Agenda:** There was no formal agenda and David set an end time of 8:30PM for the business meeting. Since there was no agenda, there are no changes or additions to it and the following minutes are made formal where no formality existed.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2016:** The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Moved by Richard Loken, Carried.

4. **Old Business:** There was no old business.

5. **Congregation Reports:**

- a. **Christ Church:** There was no formal report.
- b. **Saint Andrew's/Zion:** There was no formal report.
- c. **Saint Paul's;** There was no formal report.
- d. **Saint Thomas:** There was no formal report.

6. **Youth Group:** There was no formal report.

7. **Clergy Reports:** There was no formal report.

8. **Refugee Sponsorship Committee:** There was no formal report.

9. **Selection Committee:** There was no formal report.

10. **Treasurer's Report:** LeRoy Overacker distributed the treasurer's report for January 1 through September 30. The report was adopted as distributed.

Moved by LeRoy Overacker, Carried.

11. **New Business:**

- a. **Discipleship Seminars:** David Greenwood reported that Terry Leer would like to continue doing discipleship seminars with the parish. Most of the seminars have been presented to the Parish of Northern Lights but Terry is willing to do them again. There was some discussion on this matter.

b. **Parish Phone List:** Judy Flax reported that the phone list appears to be out of date with the names of people who are gone or no longer attend and she would like to see the list brought up to date. There was some discussion on this matter and it was agreed that the names of people that are dead or no longer in the community should be removed but some committee members argued that the names of people who are no longer attending should remain on the list.

c. **Renumeration of Deacons and Honourary Assistants:** Chris Boyce and Bill Creaser left the meeting because the subject directly affected them.

David Greenwood spoke to the matter of paying mileage and an honourarium to the deacons, honourary assistants, and lay readers who lead services. LeRoy reported that people who lead services anywhere outside their home church are paid an honourarium of \$100.00 for the first service and \$50.00 for each service held the same day, mileage is paid at the rate of \$.40/km as recommended by the diocese.

David would like an honourarium to be paid even if they are lead a service in their home church. The members decided that this should be tabled until the next meeting so that it could be given prayerful consideration.

d. **Refugee Sponsorship Committee:** Henrik Asfeldt reported that the refugee committee will be holding an Antiques Road Show on Saturday October 22 at the Athabasca Seniors Centre. This is a fund raiser for the refugee committee and it is hoped that members of parish will donate baked goods and items for the planned silent auction.

12. **Next Regular Meeting:** Saturday, November 26, 2016, 2:00PM

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM with a closing prayer.