

THUNDER BAY NORTH SHORE ANGLICANS

Oct. 24th, 2015 Meeting Minutes held at St. James (Parish of West Thunder Bay)

beginning with Morning Worship held at 9:15 a.m. by the Rev. Charlene Scriver

Deanery Chair - the Rev. Doug McClure (St. Thomas)

THOSE PRESENT:

Archdeacon - the Venerable Deborah Kraft (St. Paul's)
Regional Dean - Regrets the Rev. Diane Hilpert-McIlroy (St. Mary's)
Lay Stewards - Dale Sparkes (St. John's T.Bay); Kathleen Aitken (St. Mary's)
Treasurer - Regrets Adrien Marceau (St. Mary's)
Secretary - Patricia Mark (St. Luke's)
A.C.W. Deanery President -
Deanery Youth Coordinator - Jennifer Snowden
Deanery Child & Youth Ministry Facilitator - Jayne Coy (St. Paul's)
Deanery Finance - Barry McBain (St. Luke's)
Communications Committee - Bonnie Shipston (St. Thomas)
Deanery Programme Associate - Levina Collins (St. Mary's)
Warden of Lay Readers - Regrets Deb Everest (St. George's)
St. George's - Regrets the Rev. Gordon Holroyd; Ingrid Koropeski; JoAnn Meakin
St. John's (T. Bay) - Pastor David Knudson (ELCIC) interim; Margaret Boone;
Jim Green; David Reid
St. Luke's - Canon George Porter;
St. Mary's - Larry Woods; Shirlene Mowat;
St. Michael's - Regrets the Rev. Chris Harper; Irene Wyrozub; Angela Woods;
Stacey Livitski; Barbara Fontaine; Scott Martin
St. Paul's - Marion Walsh; Ann Camber; Alison Arthur; Amy Bottos
St. Stephen's - Regrets Janet Pike; Glennis Forsberg
St. Thomas - Garry Barker; Janis Barker
Parish of West Thunder Bay - the Rev. Charlene Scriver
- **St. Mark's** - Brent Sand; Sherry Felbel; Art Stephenson
- **St. James** - Bonnie Perrier
North Shore Parishes - currently incumbent vacancy
- **St. John the Evangelist** (Schreiber) - Regrets Jamie Robinson
Mission to Seafarers - Canon Ed Swayze;
Youth Delegates to Synod - Emma Hart; (St. Mary's)
Camp Gitchigomee - Jim Sutton (St. Luke's)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE - 39

Meeting convened with opening worship at 9:15 with a brief service (Lift Up Your Hearts) led by the Rev. Charlene Scriver; Lighting of the the Christ Candle; and 'A Prayer of Christian Life' pg. 682 B.A.S. (Pastor Doug)

- welcome; regrets received; introductions; attendance sign in; announcements
- THANK YOU** to St. James for hosting today's meeting and lunch

The Agenda was presented with amendments particularly with rescheduling the order of 'Committee Reports'

MOTION: that the amended Agenda be accepted.

Jen S. (M); Larry W.. (S) **CARRIED**

Minutes of April 18th, 2015 meeting presented with time for reading

MOTION: that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Garry B. (M); Jim S. (S) **CARRIED**

Business Arising from April 18th, 2015 meeting - N/A

'Lift Up Your Hearts' - Jayne (9:30)

- power point presentation reviewing 6 wk. complete resources originating from Bishop's Charge for all parishes

Child and Youth Ministry Facilitator – Jayne

- written report presented of activities – highlights include: Appreciation Night for Sunday School teachers; Encounter 2015 (Nipigon) very successful; Messy Church workshop; Anglican/Lutheran Youth Drop-in; plans underway for first Deanery Sunday School Pageant on Dec. 5th, 2015; please pray for outreach plans in 2016 for Deanery youth to serve University students; any suggestions?

Proposed new Diocesan Lay Readers - Pastor Doug

- appointed by Bishop Andrews; serve outside own parish at parishes throughout Deanery; brief introductions of Irene Wyrozub (St. Michael and All Angels); and Ann Camber (St. Paul's)

MOTION: that Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery Council recommends, to Bishop Andrews, that Irene Wyrozub of St. Michael and All Angels be considered as a Diocesan Lay Reader

Barbara Fontaine (M); Larry Woods (S) **CARRIED**

MOTION: that Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery Council recommends, to Bishop Andrews, that Ann Camber of St. Paul's be considered as a Diocesan Lay Reader

Amy Bottos (M); Jayne Coy (S) **CARRIED**

Archdeacon's Report – Deborah (9:45)

- written report presented – highlights include: review of Canon G-1 (5.) responsibility of Deanery Councils; 7 Deanery Core Values; upholding Bishop's Motto for 2015 – Psalm 36:9; Bishop's Council and Executive Committee meet in Sudbury (Nov. 2-5, 2015) – contact Deborah re any (parish/deanery committee) questions/concerns/projects etc. for discussion at this meeting; review of God's work in deanery, climate of support shown in events Marriage Prep, Lenten Retreat, BBQ @ Shelter House; future challenges with both fewer resources and less money – lay committee 'Together in Hope' formed to discuss options; Dec. 5th, 2015 weekend, annual 'Jamboree'; decision re having Christmas Dinner (Sat. Dec. 5th, 2015) with Bishop Stephen (arrangements-Deborah &

Levina-contact); presentation of (handout) Diocesan Budget for 2016 (on behalf of Diocesan Treasurer, Jane Mesich); of note – declining apportionment

New Business (10:10)

Finance and Budget for 2016 – Barry

-proposed budget distributed and discussed; no refund for 2015 as all monies spent;

MOTION: **to accept the 2016 Budget as presented**

Barry (M); Garry (S)

STRETCH BREAK – Synod delegates gather to identify highlights of Synod 2015

Synod Highlights (10:30) briefly presented

'Together in Hope' Committee (10:35) – Scott (Chair)

-verbal report (followed by open discussion) re formation history of Committee (July 2015) and deliberations to date, with reps from St. George's, St. Luke's, St. Michael's, St. John's and West Thunder Bay (St. Stephen's expressed an interest to participate); established to "pray, reflect and, consider the opportunities and possibilities for ministry in Thunder Bay"; parishes working together to share resources; status quo not an option; decisions rest with Vestry of each parish, however, ultimately decision rests with Diocesan Executive Committee; declining church attendance not unique to Anglicans; cultural change is integral to assessment of the situation in our parishes and determination of solutions; despite the importance given to youth ministry, a parish has an obligation to minister to its senior parishioners; in assessing long-term solutions, consideration should be given to engagement with other denominations; recognize the societal importance to youth of secular activities that compete with their participation in worship and other church functions; community-building 'Together in Hope' worship Service for all Anglicans, Sun. Nov. 22nd, 2015 7 p.m. @ St. Michael & All Angels led by the Rev. Gordon Holroyd, the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, Congregational Development Officer to preach

Mission to Seafarers – Canon Ed

-verbal report; suggestions for 'how we can help' (check website);

Deanery Youth Committee – Jen

-brief verbal report – highlights: combined Anglican/Lutheran Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario/Thunder Bay North Shore Youth Retreat Feb. 13-15, 2016 @ Hildale; volunteers needed to assist with meals; posters in November; sessions include worship/music (Prairie Fire)/community building; local planning team: the Rev. Nancy Ringham, the Rev. Matthew Diegel, Saara Vucrela, Jayne Coy, Jen Snowden

Camp Gitchigomee (11:15) – Jim S.

-written report distributed and reviewed; upcoming events – Jan. 16th, 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner; Mar. 22nd, 2016 Annual General Meeting St. Luke's; Febm 25th, 2016 Two bit Auction Elks Hall; Leader's Retreat June 17/18, 2016 @ camp; check out website & Facebook; Thank You to all who contribute in any way

Communications Committee – Bonnie Shipston

-verbal report reviewing completed projects; discussion re 'Spiritual Gatherings' tabloid published Christmas and Easter with outcome not to continue (cost an issue) but rather to explore other methods of communicating the Anglican presence and the message of the Gospel in the community; suggestions – newsletters (on line); seasonal bulletins throughout area; social media; cell phone accessible; 'media' volunteer for the Deanery to publicize 'happenings' in & around parishes; keeping the website current (Deanery Webmaster Jim Green, St. John's) by individuals sending notices to news@thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com ; thank you to Debbie deBakker for maintaining Deanery Net Word; recruit/reach out to youth; Committee's goal to purchase projector which can be used @ Deanery events; request for any parish event pictures to be forwarded anytime to Bonnie (keeping current with newer pictures) – used successfully @ Synod 2015

Deanery Shelter House BBQ – Irene

-brief verbal report – highlights: Sat. June 25th, 2016; fairness in distributing expenses amongst parishes; request for each parish to contribute \$100 - \$150 to help offset expense of meat, in addition to providing smaller items; Thank You for supporting this outreach event

Programme Associate – Levina

-Marriage Prep May 7th, 2016 @ St. Mark's; Lenten Retreat @ St. John's
Feb. 26/27, 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS: St. Luke's Feb. 20th, 2016
St. Michael's April 30th, 2016

*Closing Prayer (Canon Ed), Grace (Rev. Charlene) and
extinguishing the Christ Candle*

Adjournment – 11:55 (Patricia)

-Lunch – **THANK YOU** to St. James for hosting