

## THUNDER BAY NORTH SHORE ANGLICANS

February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Deanery Council Meeting at St. Michael and All Angels,  
beginning with devotions at 9:05 a.m. by Diocesan Lay Reader Irene Wyrozub

### **THOSE PRESENT:**

**Deanery Chair** - Margaret Boone (Gathering Table)  
**Archdeacon** - the Venerable Deborah Kraft (St. Paul's)  
**Regional Dean** - the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard (St. Thomas)  
**Lay Stewards** - Dale Sparkes (Gathering Table);  
Kathleen Aitken (St. Mary's)  
**Treasurer** - Janet Pike (St. Stephen's)  
**Secretary** - Patricia Mark (St. Michael's)  
**A.C.W. Deanery President** - Regrets: Ruth Merkley (St. George's)  
**PWRDF Coordinator** - Carol Knox (St. Paul's)  
**Deanery Youth Coordinator** - Jen Snowden (St. Paul's)  
**Deanery Finance Chair** - Canon Ed Swayze (St. Stephen's)  
**Communications Committee Chair** - Bonnie Shipston (St. Thomas)  
**Warden of Lay Readers** - Regrets: Deb Everest (St. George's)  
**St. George's** - Regrets: Deb Everest, Lay Pastor, JoAnn Meakin;  
Janet Creighton; Regrets: Ingrid Koropeski  
**Gathering Table** - the Rev. George Porter; Sharon Corston;  
Marjorie Tutkaluk; Jim Sutton  
**St. Mary's (Nipigon)** - the Rev. Patti Brace; Shirlene Mowat;  
**St. Michael's** - Irene Wyrozub; Katherine Stewart; Janis Beebe;  
Barb Fontaine; Jan Robertson; Regrets: the Rev. Nancy Ringham  
**St. Paul's** - Laurie Sandham; Candance LaFrance; Regrets: Deb Victor;  
Regrets: Solade Nichol; Daniel Klein  
**St. Stephen's** - Diane Swayze; Regrets: Barb Williams  
**St. Thomas'** - Janis Barker; Deanna Blanchard; Regrets: Garry Barker  
**Parish of West Thunder Bay** - the Rev. Gordon Holroyd  
- **St. Mark's** - Regrets: Karl Ratz Art Stephenson; Jerry DeVries  
- **St James** - Pat Hari; Regrets: Carl Syrja; Bonnie Perrier  
**St. John the Evangelist (Schreiber)** - incumbent vacancy  
**Trinity (Marathon)** - Jan Latham, Diocesan Lay Reader  
**Youth Delegates to Synod** - Alicia Sandham (St. Paul's);  
Abigail Woods (St. Michael's); Regrets: Jordan Saxberg (St. Thomas)  
**Mission to Seafarers** - Canon Ed Swayze  
**Camp Gitchigomee** - Jim Sutton (Gathering Table)  
**Guest** - Harry Huskins, Executive Archdeacon, Diocese of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie  
**TOTAL ATTENDANCE:** 35

(9:05) - **Welcome** - round table introductions; Attendance and Regrets Sign In Sheets circulated; special guest Executive Archdeacon Harry Huskins from Synod Office, introduced; **Opening Worship** officiated by Irene W., lighting of the Christ Candle; **Thank you** to St. Michael's for hosting; reminder to submit Agenda items or Reports to Chair 2 weeks prior to meeting

(9:20) - Introduction of Jan Latham of Trinity, Marathon & presentation of Diocesan Lay Readers' Licence by Archdeacon Deborah on behalf of Archbishop Anne; two other Diocesan Lay Readers, Irene Wyrozub and Carol Knox

Time taken for various announcements re Deanery events

(9:30)

**MOTION: that the Agenda be amended to include discussing the pastoral implications of Covid 19 for parishes, in New Business**

the Rev. George (M) Sharon Corston (S) **CARRIED**

**Minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting** presented with time for review

**MOTION: that the Minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be accepted**

Alicia Sandham (M) Janet Pike (S) **CARRIED**

**Unfinished business from Minutes:** none

**Various Reports have been circulated & received via email (bundled):**

- reminder to submit Reports to the Chair 2 weeks prior to meeting
- Reports will be circulated to the Council 1 week prior to meeting
- thank you to Canon Ed for distributing the Reports as well as keeping the Deanery Directory current
- Carol distributed questionnaire on behalf of the ad hoc Mutual Ministry Committee requesting guidance to assist in planning workshops, etc.
- Deb Everest & Laurie Sandham have stepped down from the Communications Committee (Bonnie)

**MOTION: to appoint Emily Laurin of St. George's as a member of the Communications Committee**

Bonnie S. (M) the Rev. Patti (S) **CARRIED**

- CLAY fundraising events chart addressed; cost of \$1600 per delegate
- Deanery Events Calendar presented (Bonnie)
- PWRDF Executive Director Will Postma, in Thunder Bay weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (Carol)
- Associate for Congregational Health no longer a position; thank you Bonnie for her past excellent dedication (Archdeacon)

- Deanery Calendar (Canon Ed) - keeping Deanery informed on events; succinct formatting; significant updates on a 'as need to basis' (approx. every 2 mos.)
- ACW Annual (Janet Pike) - May 26<sup>th</sup> - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 weekend; plans underway; contact Joyce Fossum re registration; excellent room rate @ Prince Arthur; thank you to Deanery Council for support

### **(9:50) - STRETCH BREAK**

### **(10:15) - NEW BUSINESS:**

-(Archdeacon Deborah) - open discussion concerning a joint policy for all parishes re pastoral implications of Covid 19; need to be 'pro active'; eg. issue of sharing the peace other than handshaking; former Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers Dr. David Gould's article on guidelines in flu season (Diocese of Algoma website)

-members of the ad hoc Committee to investigate & develop directions to be implemented throughout the Deanery:

Archdeacon Deborah, the Rev. Patti, Irene, Abigail, Alicia

### **(10:30) Presentation to Executive Archdeacon Harry Huskins (Archdeacon Deborah):**

-Executive Archdeacon Harry presented with a gift on behalf of the Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery on the occasion of his retirement from the Diocese; as well as the gift, Archdeacon Deborah also read a letter from Archbishop Anne outlining and thanking him for his many years of past service to the Diocese; additional donations will be made to the Episcopal Endowment Fund

### **(10:45) Missional Objectives Discussion (Archdeacon Deborah)**

-Joint Ascension Day Service @ St. Thomas 7 p.m. Thurs. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

-4 initiatives: Discipleship; Stewardship; Reconciliation & Community Building

-what can we do as a Deanery that focuses on being good stewards of the environment  
Small group discussions developed the following chart with the aim to implement ONE suggestion in all parishes:

- 1) Disposing of styrofoam cups etc.
- 2) Info Bytes in keeping congregation informed
- 3) Making use of composting
- 4) Dispose of single use items eg. plastic cutlery, bulletins,
- 5) Use of Deanery webpage providing 'workable' solutions
- 6) Energy audit - conserving utilities
- 7) Planting of gardens attracting bees & butterflies
- 8) Advocating as a Deanery to government - re policy
- 9) Educating what can/cannot be recycled; invite EcoSuperior
- 10) Focus on our mission as good stewards
- 11) Plant trees/recycle/repurpose

- 12) Use of environmentally friendly products & safe storage of such
- 13) Use of solar panels - moratorium currently on new projects
- 14) Donate popcans/clothing to Mission to Seafarers

Sub Committee: Jonathan, Bonnie and Abigail

- to encourage parishes re implementing suggestions
- suggestion: Deanery Officials will follow up during parish visits

**Next Meeting - May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 @ St. Mark's**

11:40 a.m. - Adjournment - Patricia

Meeting ended with the Prayer, 'the Grace' & extinguishing the Christ Candle