

Northumberland Regional Council
Minutes of the Annual meeting held February 23, 2013 at The People's Place Library
Antigonish

Present: Rev'd Peter Armstrong, Florence Baker, Elaine Bushell, Rev'd Darroch Fagan, Judy Hartling, Margaret Herdman, Keith Horton, Rev 'd Aiden Kingsbury, Ruth Kingsbury, Rev'd Evelyn Knorr, Pauline Liengme, Bernard Liengme, Raymond Rudolph, and Rev'd Rebecca Sample.

Regrets: Betty Grover, David Harrison, Vickie Keith, and Julie Wynands.

Darroch+ opened the meeting with prayer.

Reid Moore, chair of MOST(Mission, Outreach and Social Justice), gave a wonderful presentation on the work of this VSST, which has replaced the standing committee. He spoke of the need to extend this work throughout the regions and, in particular, to reach out to rural areas. Membership of this committee is no longer by appointment in the first instance, but rather encouraging people who are interested in the work to volunteer. Rev'd Rebecca is on the committee and he would like another representative from our region to volunteer. The focus is to improve the awareness of the Church amongst the population. Representatives would be able to attend workshops and then report back. As he said, "if your church was to disappear, would anyone notice?"

He was warmly thanked for his presentation.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved (Aidan+/Evelyn+).

Reports:

- a) Regional Dean: Darroch spoke of the past year in which we had a presentation from Aaron Thorpe on making string communities and from Jarvis de Conde on insurance matters. He had attended meetings where discussions had been held on bullying in parishes, leadership styles and roles, and administration, particularly in relation to property sales and guidelines. There had been a successful trip to Puerto Rico, organized, and supported, by the Region. The participants had learnt a great deal from being exposed to situations totally unfamiliar to them, leading to individual and group growth. He was pleased that it had been supported by the Parishes as well as individuals.
- b) Lay Chair: Judy said she had enjoyed her first year and hoped to continue.
- c) Treasurer: The report is attached. Bernard said we were in a healthy position, although he still had dues outstanding!

Election of new Executive:

- a) Regional Chair: There was only one nomination, Darroch Fagan+. He was acclaimed.
- b) Lay Chair: There was only one nomination, Judy Hartling. She was acclaimed.
- c) Treasurer: There was only one nomination, Bernard Liengme. He was acclaimed.
- d) Secretary: There was only one nomination, Pauline Liengme. She was acclaimed.
- e) Diocesan Council Clerical Rep: There was only one nomination, Rev'd Rebecca Sample. She was acclaimed.
- f) Diocesan Council Lay Rep: There was only one nomination, Pauline Liengme. She was

acclaimed.

New Business:

- a) Ruth reported on the work of the PWRDF. Her report is attached.
- b) Diocesan Council: The DVD of Bishop Ron's report on the DC held in January was played. Pauline then gave a verbal report (attached). One of the features was the Successes & Challenges report done by the Cape Breton Region, which had enabled the region to see where its priorities should be. She suggested that it would be a good exercise for each of our Parishes to do this. To that end, a copy of the Cape Breton report is attached as a guide.
- c) Aiden+ spoke about the construction of a provincial correction centre in the Pictou area, due to open in Fall 2014. There is a Committee which liaises with the Department of Justice, on which he serves. When completed it will house 100 people and will include a full time ecumenical chaplain. Plus the opportunity for worship groups to do development and services, under the auspices of the Council of Churches, on which he sits. He asked if anyone would be willing to be part of the team that will go into the Correction Centre. This would be a fine opportunity to find out what such ministry is about. Rev John Tonks (retired UC Minister) who has experience at Springhill Correction Centre, would play a major role in this. This was a general invitation for anyone. The idea is to form a nucleus of people who wish to become involved and have the intensive training needed. Rectors were asked to inform their congregations. The course is expected to start late April.
- d) Darroch+ told the meeting that Bishop Ron would be visiting the region April 2 - 4. There was discussion on what we might like him to do while he was here. Quite time, a regional retreat from 10 - 4 on day 1, chance to talk about rural churches problems, were suggested. It was agreed that we should focus on the positive aspects of rural ministry, not just the problems. Maybe one person from each congregation to give an overview of the Parish?
- e) Internal safety matters. We were asked whose responsibility is it?
- f) Representatives were reminded that they should ask all Synod reps to attend our May 11 meeting, where resolutions will be discussed.
- g) Pauline was reminded to obtain information on other Diocesan Committees so we could have a presentation at our September meeting. We should also consider a storm strategy for this meeting.

Date of next meeting:

This will be on May 11, 2013, when the topic will be Synod resolutions. It will be at St Paul's and will be at 10.00 am.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned (Bernard) and the Grace was said.

Report from Diocesan Council

Members of the Diocesan Council were specifically asked to take the following items back to their next Regional Council meeting.

1. We are looking into the feasibility of launching a major fund raising campaign. Initially a figure to be raised of \$10M was suggested, but the feasibility study, conducted by Ministry and Money International (M₂) has suggested a more realistic figure of \$6M - \$8M. The money would be raised to fund
 - a) parish mission and ministry needs
 - b) the educational and training needs of laity and clergy of the Diocese
 - c) stewardship as a spiritual discipline for congregational development
 - d) the youth and family ministry co-ordinator
 - e) hospital chaplaincies
 - f) outreach ministry support and
 - g) national church programs – armed forces, leadership for new forms of ministry and resources for vibrant worship.As each Parish “signs on” to this campaign, they will be guaranteed that 60% of what they raise will be returned to them to further the aims of the campaign. The results of the survey conducted by M₂ suggest that most of the people surveyed are supportive of this initiative, with Parishes seeing training for leadership and outreach being important. However, there has also been feelings that, if the Parish is raising money, why can't they keep the 100%?
2. Regional survey: Cape Breton region has completed a survey of their region, compiled by the Regional Dean and a member of the Regional Council. In it they looked at what the region was doing and accomplishing and what they need to do. This would be a good exercise for Northumbria. I have a copy of the Cape Breton report which we could use as a template for ourselves.
3. We must ensure that all our Parishes have copies of the deeds to the Church and properties safely stored in a fireproof place. When a church in the Diocese came to be sold, their deeds could not be found and it has caused a great deal of angst!
4. Diocesan organizational structure was discussed. (copies available). We are asked to comment.
5. Membership in the Anglican Foundation. We were asked to use the Regional Council to request that all Parishes take out membership in the Anglican Foundation.
6. Sexual misconduct policy: The DC feels that this document needs to be simplified and has asked that Regional Councils consider funding a person to do this, or find an experienced and knowledgeable volunteer.

7. The hospital chaplain wanted Regional Councils to ensure that their parishes knew how to contact her if someone from their Parish was hospitalized. The numbers are: 473-2220, paging # 2911 or 473-4055.
8. We were reminded that applications for the Growth for Ministry fund should be in as soon as possible.

This report does not supersede the Bishop's report, which is on disc for viewing, but highlights the items the parts of the meeting which we were asked to refer to our Regional Council.

Pauline Liengme

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community, where the people could have water available to them near the homes.

[page 2] --- Primates Fund --- REPORT

It was truly amazing to hear, some of the things the people were able to tell the Bishop ~~ that they were able to do when they had there own water, ~~~ things that we simply take so much for granted, and things that are so much a part of our everyday lives.

Bishop Sue also spoke on the activities of the World Food Grain Bank, and Kairos.

We finished the day with a round table sharing of the different methods ~~~ that Churches ~~ Parishes ~~ and Regions used to raise funds for the Primates Fund.

I want to finish by saying THANK- YOU ~~ to our congregations who have been so generous in their support for the Primates Fund during the last several years.

Respectfully submitted

*Ruth Kingsbury,
Christ Church, Stellarton, and
The Anglican Churches of Pictou County*

Northumbria Regional Council 2013

Date	Detail	Transaction	Balance	Bank stat
01-01-2013	Opening balance	1,091.79	1,091.79	x
31-01-2013	Equity share	-5.00	1,086.79	Jan
15-02-2013	Three harbours fee	25.00	1,111.79	
20-02-2013	All Saints by Sea fee	25.00	1,136.79	

Equity	
2012	5.00
2013	5.00
Total	10.00

Bank	1,136.79
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Petty Cash	21.81
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Net assets	1,168.6
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Reconciliation	
Balance	1,136.79
Outstanding deposits	50.00
Outstanding debits	0.00
Bank statement	1,186.79

Fees received	
Three Harbours	25
APC	
All Saints	25
Liscomp/Port Bickerton	
Strait-Chedabucto	
St George's	
Total	50

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Northumbria Regional Council 2012

Date	Detail	Transaction	Balance	Bank stat
16-12-2011	Cash deposit	15.00	15.00	dec
20-12-2011	Three Harbours (fee)	25.00	40.00	dec
28-12-2011	David Harrison (website)	-28.74	11.26	dec
28-12-2011	BMO transfer	2,148.27	2,159.53	dec
30-12-2011	Bank charge	-0.80	2,158.73	dec
18-12-2011	ACPC (fee)	25.00	2,183.73	jan
18-12-2011	All Saints - Canso (fee)	25.00	2,208.73	jan
03-01-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	2,203.73	jan
20-01-2012	Anglican Foundation (t'bears)	-40.00	2,163.73	jan
31-01-2012	Bank Charges	-0.80	2,162.93	jan
01-02-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,092.93	feb
10-03-2012	Liscomp/Port Bickerton (fee)	25.00	2,182.93	mar
10-03-2012	ACPC (PR trip)	-1,000.00	1,182.93	mar
10-03-2012	Aaron Thrope (lecture)	-90.00	1,092.93	mar
31-03-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,087.93	mar
31-03-2012	Bank charge	-1.60	1,086.33	mar
30-04-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,081.33	apr
30-04-2012	Bank charge	0.00	1,081.33	apr
31-05-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,076.33	may
31-05-2012	Bank charge	0.00	1,076.33	may
15-06-2012	Strait Chedabutoc (fee)	20.00	1,096.33	jun
30-06-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,091.33	jun
03-07-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,086.33	jul
07-08-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,081.33	aug
04-09-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,076.33	sep
04-10-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,071.33	oct
17-11-2012	David Harrison (website)	-28.74	1,042.59	dec
01-11-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,037.59	nov
03-12-2012	Equity Transfer	-5.00	1,032.59	dec
07-12-2012	Equity Transfer	60.00	1,092.59	dec
31-12-2012	Bank charge	-0.80	1,091.79	dec

Equity	
Start	5.00
Jan	5.00
Feb	5.00
Mar	5.00
Apr	5.00
May	5.00
Jun	5.00
Jul	5.00
Aug	5.00
Sep	5.00
Oct	5.00
Nov	5.00
Dec	5.00
Dec	-60.00
Total	5.00

Balance	1,091.79
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