

Northumbria Regional Council
March 7, 2015
St Paul's, Antigonish

Present: Loretta Armsworthy, Florence Baker, Rev Sue Channen, Jennifer Chapman, Dave Harrison, Judy Hartling, Rev Lid Haugen-Strand, Marg Herdman, Keith Horton, Rev Aidan Kingsbury, Ruth Kingsbury, Rev Evelyn Knorr, Bernard Liengme, Pauline Liengme, Marie Nickerson

11:25 am Jennifer Chapman called the meeting to order.

01-03-15 Rev Aidan Kingsbury moved the approval of the amended agenda (see attached). Pauline Liengme seconded the motion. MC

02-03-15 Marg Herdman moved the adoption of the minutes of November 15. Marie Nickerson seconded the motion. MC

Report of the Regional Dean:

See attached.

Bishop Ron is very concerned about the ministry in the region and holds us in his prayers. Archdeacon Brenda Drake is acting Archdeacon for the region.

Diocesan Council Report:

The main part of the meeting was business related. This was followed by a wonderful presentation from the King's and Dal Chaplaincy. About 15 or 16 young people were involved. Of those in attendance, 5 are now in discernment for the priesthood. Some of the young people began coming because of the music as presented, and then stayed for other reasons too. ("Let's get together for a coffee and a bun"). Some believed that the purpose of the presentation was to save the Chaplaincy, but it did more than that. We were inspired!

Treasurer's Report:

This was presented by Bernard Liengme, with adjustments. (see attached).

03-03-15 Marie Nickerson moved the adoption of the above reports. Dave Harrison seconded. MC

Parish Reports:

All Saints: Continuing to hold services on Sundays with lay readers. Waiting on developments concerning a priest.

Liscomb-Port Bickerton: No one is in charge. Regular services are being held (with the omission of the 3 pm service) by Florence and Vickie. A pancake supper was held for fund-raising. A joint meeting was held with Ecum Secum, Port Dufferin, Liscomb-Port Bickerton and the Bishop. The Bishop thinks that we might all be interested in joining together. At the present time this will not work, but we continue to explore possibilities.

St George's: See attached report.

Strait Chedabucto: See attached report. The parish has been wonderful during the challenges of Basil's illness.

Three Harbours: See attached report.

ACPC: See attached report.

04-03-15 Keith Horton motioned adoption of all Parish Reports. Judy Hartling seconded. MC

05-03-15 Pauline Liengme motioned that the following motion be submitted to the Canons and Constitution Committee. Rev Evelyn Knorr seconded the motion. MC

It is resolved that, before the appointment of a Priest-in-Charge or a Regional Dean is officially announced, the parish of the rector concerned be informed of the pending appointment

and the Parish Covenant be reviewed with the Archdeacon or designate, the rector and the Parish Council.

Discussion re Resolution 3:

Bernard reported the following from a Finance Committee meeting: Parish Council is responsible for setting the budget. An annual meeting can voice displeasure, but it simply receives the budget. The budget can not be changed at the annual meeting.

Bernard also indicated that PAR costs the Diocese over \$20,000 per year (bank charges and the cost of an employee to run the program). Finance and Development is to investigate other variations of this method and then report back to Diocesan Council.

New Business:

Discussion:

- interest in becoming informed about social realities in the region
- executive would determine whether or not may would be filled with Synod or other (check website for major theme after April 15 / 20. Resolutions will be available after that.
- Convening Circular could be discussed at parish level.
- Possibly (many) changes at Synod with new bishop.
- How the theme and pertinent resolutions affect the region / parish
- want to direct at least one meeting with issues that affect our region. Executive will decide when that will happen.

06-03-15 Bernard Liengme motioned that the Bergengren Credit Union be informed that the following changes are to be made to the signing officers of Northumbria Region. Jennifer Chapman and Rev Lid Haugen-Strand, as co-chairs, and Bernard Liengme, as treasurer, will be the signing officers, with any two to sign. Rev Aidan Kingsbury seconded the motion. MC

Next meeting: May 23, 2015

07-03-15 Pauline Liengme motioned adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Herdman