

## Victoria Haliburton Deanery Council Minutes October 9, 2008

At Christ Church, Bobcaygeon.

Present: Joe Rivard, Andrew Bremner, Mary Geaves, Earl Cooper, Rev. Jeanette Lewis, Joyce Hills, Bishop Linda Nicholls, Jo Aldrich, Rev. Sharon Towne, Betty Hooper, Rev. Ted McCollum, Hilda Clark and Kay Millard.

Regrets Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Rev. Warren Leibovitch, June Downe.

Earl opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed all. Earl thanked Bishop Linda Nicholls for her morning talk about her trip to Canterbury Cathedral and the Lambeth Conference this year. Those present signed the attendance while enjoying coffee and refreshments.

A motion was made by Joe Rivard to accept the corrected minutes of June 12, 2008 to include Hilda Clark as *present* as well as renovations at Synod *office*, seconded by Rev. Ted McCollum. All in favour. Carried.

**Treasurer's written report** included in the Deanery Council minutes was read. By Kay and she made a motion to accept the report as read seconded by Joe Rivard, all in favour. Carried. A request was received from Kay to issue a cheque to pay the expenses of the gift given to Rev. W. Leibovitch for \$75.00. Rev. Ted Mc Collum made the motion to pay the expense of the gift, seconded by Joyce Hill, all in favour Carried.

### **Report from Regional Dean Rev. J.Lewis.**

Rev. Jeanette - emphasized the need for the building inspections to be completed.

- We all appreciated the Choral Evensong and Earl Cooper's co-ordination for this at St. George's Church Haliburton. A letter of thanks was given to Ava Petch at St. George's.
- Next year Christ Church Bobcaygeon has offered to do this in September.

### **Report from Area Council by Joe Rivard as the alternate for Don Brohm.**

- The importance of the growth of congregations is one of the main topics. Examples of ways to do this include: friendly meetings, invitations, welcome to new neighbors.
- The importance of a booklet to let parishioners and newcomers "who is who" and who belongs to different committees.
- Joe was [leased to give this report and attend the meetings for Area Council.

## **Business Arising**

- Rev. Ted McCollum thanked the Deanery for the increased funding he requested for the youth group in Beaverton. He put forth feasible questions for all parishes to have a goal of a youth worker going from church to church. He also supports the idea of a community being able to recognize the members of church, by attending local events i.e. Fairs. Unique ideas could be brought from all members for next meeting.

Earl Cooper was pleased with the positive feedback from the youth group, new support ministry including, the Parish Nurse, and new development in school children's programmers.

- Rev. Sharon Towne asked if we could ask members at all churches if they are interested in a Deanery Dinner again. Would this bring the Deanery together? A spring date may be better than a fall one.

- The Choral Evensong was very enjoyable. The date of Sept. 13, 2009 could be the next Choral Evensong and Rev. J.Lewis stated that Christ Church would like to do this. Confirmation for choral evensong by Choir Director and catering for refreshments Dessert coffee/ tea at 6:00 and Service 7:00 p.m. will be returned at next meeting.

## **Parish Happenings**

*Beaverton St. Paul's* - participated in the local fair x three days (50) parishioners.

- New kitchen nearly completed
- Phantom of the opera 1925 with popcorn conc., organist through out like an old time silent movie organist is Andres Strahliue.
- Clothing giveaway continues each year growing in size each year.

*Bobcaygeon Christ Church* – Big Band Dance 18 piece orchestra at Bowling Alley... Dessert and coffee cost \$15.00 ...

- Deanery Acw Day Rev. Sharon Towne guest speaker.
- Quilting done for Bazaar.
- Dunsford - Pork dinner in October call office for tickets.
- Burnt River Thanksgiving Turkey dinner, prepare for 400!

### *Fenelon Falls*

- Lions Dinner Dance cancelled
- Oct. 18 Dr. Ann Day, Rev Gerald Loweth, Ministry of Healing seminar day. This starts at 09:00 a.m.
- Catering for funeral largest was 225 persons. Oct. 25 large sale.
- Approached by committee to provide a lunch of soup and sandwiches @\$5.00 after Santa Claus Parade. Joe happy to be indoors on these cold days!

### *Haliburton St. Margaret's Wilberforce*

- Lunch and coffee provided after service as time changed closer to lunch. Hilda and sandy provide Leadership of Deanery ACW. Loonie lunch will start in November. Craft sale in Partnership with museum.
- St. Margaret's Day a special Service.
- St Paul's Haliburton – Youth Ministry continues at

Sr.. Elementary School, Stephen's Ministry,(for people in crisis) is ongoing. New church building on hold.

Lindsay @ St.Paul's – Wheel Chair Service three times each year Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. A luncheon is served after.

- Harvest Happenings
- Mystery Dinner
- Organ recital Oct. 21.
- Booth at Fair x 5 days fundraising of \$19,000.00.

Minden Parish- Kinmount - new service time of 9:15

- New roof on hall.
- Routine Catering of Retired Teachers meeting.
- Fair work d/c it was done for 27 years.
- Paper article to encourage new parishioners.

Minden – Fund raiser in partnership with local Rotary includes dinner and Auction, raised \$4,000.00.

- ACW kash Landing Luncheon of women and men.
- July 1, 2008 Open House of God on Canada Day, with heritage story telling, memorabilia, by Pat Campbell, Rev. Tim Sharpe, and Gareth Kellett. Gareth book nearly ready for publishing.
- July 5, street pie sale.
- Speakers at St. Paul's St. Peter's and St James on Holy land with Pictures and travel trips.
- Mens Breakfast July, August and Sept. with speaker Fire chief, town co-coordinator for sesquicentennial and land fill co-coordinator.
- October 5 -Organ recital by Elaine Bell.

Bishop Linda Nicholl's report

There is a greater emphasis on meals, food dinners in rural areas.

There is a shifted focus on ways congregations are helping out at community events.

There is a history of continued financial struggle. She emphasized a need to strengthen with others. Perhaps reaching out to others not used to being in a church... this will help to open doors. A depth of commitment from all churches needed. A doorway to reaching out is by listening to others. Bishop Linda talked about "how coming to church makes difference in your life". She has heard many different stories and experiences.

The next meeting will be at Beaverton Nov. 13, 2008. This Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. after the Grace.

Earl Cooper / Chairperson

Kathleen Millard Secretary/ Treasurer