

**Present:** Eric Neufeld, Linda Marlin, Joan Jarvis, Kathy Highmoor, Linda Buchanan, John Towle, Ron Marlin, Karen Kuzek

**Regrets:** Steve Wilson, Marg West,

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Eric Neufeld called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. A quorum was present.

**Opening:** Eric Neufeld welcomed all to the meeting, excited to have assumed his new role within the presbytery.

**Agenda:** Ron Marlin referred members to the tentative agenda that had been previously sent out. An addition made in regards to setting a quorum for meetings.

**Motion # 1:** Ron Marlin / Linda Buchanan

That the agenda for this meeting be accepted as amended

CARRIED

**Minutes:** There were no executive minutes for approval

**Business from minutes / old business:** All areas are under committee reports.

**Correspondence:** Members were referred to the list previously sent out. The donation from St. Simons Anglican United Church – Lynn Lake Pastoral Charge of \$10,000.00 for the Wellman Lake camp was noted. This was part of the disbursement of their funds upon closing.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pastoral Relations:** Report given by Linda Buchanan. Vacancies still exist in both Hillsview and Roblin Pastoral Charges. Roblin is in the process of doing some interviews.

The new procedures about confirming criminal records checks for serving and retired ministry personnel were brought up. Pastoral Relations had been provided with a list for Northland, showing dates of checks and personnel who did not have checks done. Original of the records checks must be brought to Presbytery and viewed and confirmed by two people. There is a form to be filled out.

Personnel will be contacted by this committee to expedite this process.

**Property:** John Towle advised that there was no report from this committee, no property matters in process

**Process & Polity:** With the departure of Leslie King, there is no one on this committee. A short discussion was held and as there are no actions currently needed or under consideration by this committee, no action will be taken. Should something come up it will be handled by the executive as a whole.

**Pastoral Oversight:** This committee has been vacant for a while. Persons asked to take this on have not shown an interest in doing so. Same decision was made as the above committee. Now that the three court model has been approved, this will be part of the new regional responsibility.

**Education & Students:** Regrets had been received from Steve Wilson. Ron Marlin advised that two late Sacramento Elders renewals had been received.

**Motion # 2:** Ron Marlin / Karen Kuzek.

That Northland Presbytery recommends that Denie Quon be licensed to administer the sacraments on the Hillside Pastoral Charge, effective on approval by the Conference of Manitoba Northwest Ontario and until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. CARRIED

**Motion # 3 Ron Marlin / Karen Kuzek**

That Northland Presbytery recommends that Linda Gilchrist be licensed to administer the sacraments on the Hillside Pastoral Charge, effective on approval by the Conference of Manitoba Northwest Ontario and until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 CARRIED

**Nominations:** Report given by Karen Kuzek. She advised that she has spoken to a number of ministry personnel about the vacant position on the Settlement Commission to no avail.

**Motion # 4:** Karen Kuzek / Linda Buchanan

That Sherri Pearson be appointed as the convenor for the Mission Support Grant Committee for Northland Presbytery. CARRIED

**Mission and Outreach:** John Towle advised that he is not sure what the parameters of this committee are. Discussion was held about the need to fill this position, if something came up can the executive as a whole take care of things. The secretaries will check for committee guidelines.

**Conference Executive:** Information shared by both Kathy Highmoor and Joan Jarvis. Conference executive not meeting until November. There should be information coming out from the Conference office to assist in a discussion about the possible boundaries for the new regional entity. Some agenda time in September will need to be set aside for this. There is a new Sexual Abuse Policy and plans for training and workshops on this are being developed. There will also be some workshops for Ministry and Personnel committees on upcoming church policy changes.

**General Council:** Linda Buchanan advised that the commissioners will be meeting via a conference call on September 30<sup>th</sup> to deal with remit discussions. Joan Jarvis advised that the current goal is to eliminate Conferences and Presbyteries by December 2018 and have a regional body in place. This will affect current staff positions at the conference level.

**New Business:**

**Meeting Quorum**

**Motion # 5 Ron Marlin / Kathy Highmoor**

That Northland Presbytery utilizes option # 2 for a meeting quorum as per Section C.5.6.1 of the Manual for the current pastoral year.

**Snow Lake Presbytery meeting:**

The president of Conference had indicated wanting to attend this meeting. A formal invite will be sent and offering her the chance to give the message for the Sunday worship service. Linda Buchanan assisting the Snow Lake board with organization. Executive members took worship times during the meeting. Opening worship will involve installation of the new Presbytery chairperson.

The final remit for review – One Order of Ministry – will be present. Joan Jarvis will facilitate this. Second theme time spot will be allocated to the regional boundaries discussion. Conference office is supposed to send out material prior to our meeting to assist with this.

A discussion was held about the agenda and the time frame. It was felt that none functioning committees or areas need not be included. The time frame for the remit and boundaries could also be looked at. Decision was to push back the start time with majority of committee business being done on Saturday.



