

Palliser Parish Minutes

A meeting of Palliser Parish was held Friday, May 4, 2012 in Gull Lake. There were 15 people present: Jan & Bob Meek, Margaret Brady, Alan Howard, Leslie Goldstein, Grace McVittie, Darlene Horn, Allan Peters, Jackie & Brian Parker, Rev. Mary Ann Boote, Stan Knight, Archdeacon Rob Hardwick, Anne Arnal and Sandra Wood.

Chairperson Alan Howard called the meeting to order. Opening prayer led by Rob and hymn Sing a New Song Unto the Lord was sung.

Minutes of the last parish meeting of Oct 30, 2011 were read and Sandra moved adoption of the minutes.

Business arising:

As Leslie is not always in church to pay the priest's mileage, she requested that the mileage be emailed to her and she would send a cheque.

Treasurer's Report:

Eastend has paid \$237.00 for insurance.

Bank balance of today is \$517.00

Fair share has been paid up to the end of April.

Leslie/Al Peters moved adoption of treasurer's report. Cd.

Ravenscrag Church: Rob advised that the church in Ravenscrag is owned by the United Church and they were paying the composite insurance on the building. Anne advised that the contents were not insured by the Anglican Church. The United Church wishes to sell the church building to the Anglican Church and the cost would be \$1.00 plus the fees for transferring the title. Anne moved that we proceed with acquisition of the United Church to become the Anglican Church and thank them for paying the insurance all these years. Sec. Margaret. Cd.

Rob advised that the insurance costs would probably be the same as the insurance for Eastend, approximately \$237.00.

Strategic Plan:

Alan H. presented parish council with Terms and Explanations – Strategic Planning and Steps to developing a Strategic Plan. He explained what is a vision statement? A vision is a statement about what your organization wants to become and how to accomplish this. A mission statement is the precise statement describing the overall purpose of the organization. What is our purpose? What are we trying to accomplish for our congregations? What is our reason for existing? What strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats do we have? What do we do best and what do we not do best. What are our parish's resources – assets, property and people? As an example of a mission statement and vision statement, he used Shaunavon High School's mission and vision statements. We then broke into small groups to develop our mission statement and a vision statement. When we came back to the main table, and

looked at what we had discussed in our individual groups, we found that we are mostly on the same page when it comes to our mission and vision.

Our mission statement: **“Palliser Parish community exists to glorify God and make Him known to others.”**

Our vision statement: **“Palliser Parish will be a welcoming community of faithful disciples, which encourages people to worship God, proclaim God’s love and minister to.”**

We then broke for lunch.

After lunch, we broke into our individuals group again to look at Goals and Objectives. As we were running out of time. Alan gathered the materials we had worked on and stated that he would go over them and organize the goals and objectives and forward them to us. He wished to have a sub-committee to go over the goals and objectives and wanted one person from each point to represent that point.

Remarks: Archdeacon Rob Hardwick – He reminded us that there are financial resources available from the Diocese to use. He stated that the Diocese would pay the 1/3 stipend for Mary Ann for the months of May and June. The mileage cost could come out of the rectory fund, as there is \$60,000 plus in that fund. We need stewardship and he is willing to teach us. We also need parish financial support. The question of how much time was the 1/3 stipend. It is approximately 7 to 8 days.

The Rev. Mary Ann Boote – She advised that she is open to all kinds of ideas. She is available here and now. She would like to know the needs and how to work in each community. We will need to experiment to see how the days allotted will work out. Some ideas she had were hang out at the local coffee shop, teaching time, get to know people, visit shut-ins, meet and greet, a mix of things, not just Sunday services. Can do more if someone shows them and have a clearer discernment of what to do and be made stronger with a growth of stronger spiritual growth.

On how to implement time – Mary Ann suggested that we leave the second Sunday service the same for all 4 points. This would work out to be 3 services on Sunday as Eastend and Ravenscrag alternate services at their points. The first service will be May 13. This uses 1 day. Mary Ann will use 1 day to prepare the services. Two days will be allotted to Gull Lake and Shaunavon and 1 day each to Eastend and Ravenscrag for a total of 6 days per month, with the Sunday service and preparation bringing the total to 8 days per month. She suggested that the last Sunday in May is Pentecost Sunday and we should get together as a whole parish.

Al Peters moved that we take up the diocese on their offer to pay the 1/3 stipend of \$2380.00 for the months of May and June and that the parish pay for the mileage for the services of the Rev. Mary Ann Boote, which will give us a total of 14 days for the two months. Seconded by Anne. Cd.

Rob requested that parish council advise him prior to his sabbatical leave if more funding is needed for July. He would like to know by June 10. Each community needs to appoint someone to sit on the sub-committee and advise Alan or Sheila.

Anne moved that we thank the diocese for their assistance to provide funding for Mary Ann.

Rob stated that it was a long process to get to this stage and it falls without the Diocesan Mission Action plan. He advised that there is Q event planned for 27/28 Oct in either Caronport or Moose Jaw. There will be 2 days of workshops, speakers. The theme is Congregational development and he encourages all members to attend, then come back and share what you learn. It helps the congregations and other parishes as well. We need a passionate spirituality, grounded in scripture and prayer to become strong powerhouses for God.

Mary Ann added her Amen and Amen to what had been said and stated she would probably have to do some juggling, but isn't looking for any conflictions. She then went on to relate that she had had a dream in which she seen some trees growing together. Four little trunks twined together to make one strong trunk. She likened it to Palliser Parish and said that one small tree trunk was not substantial on its own, but 3 or 4 together produce lush beautiful foliage and a strong tree. She said that when people work together in a combined effort, God does wonderful things and she is looking forward to working with Palliser Parish.

Date of sub-committee to meet in Shaunavon on Jun5 at 10 am.

Date of next parish council – June 15 at 10 AM in Gull Lake with potluck lunch.

Bev moved adjournment.

Rob closed with prayer and a reading from Jeremiah.