

Meeting Worship Committee, OVUC
January 5th,2016

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and Peter Dekker wished everyone a Happy New Year.
2. **Lighting of the Christ Candle and Devotions:** The Christ candle was lit and devotions were led by Peggy Spicer
3. **Roll Call & Regrets**
Present: Ken Hassell, Cynthia Bruce, Thea Burton, Marion Buchan, Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton, Peggy Spicer, Peter Dekker, Kathy Schofield
Regrets: Dave Murphy, Carolyn Bishop.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting, November 3rd, 2015 – The minutes were approved by consensus
5. **Correspondence** – None was received
6. **Approval of Agenda** – moved/seconded Thea Burton / Kathy Schofield -- Carried
7. **Business arising from the minutes**
 - a. **Seniors services** – Looking forward to having communion services with Seniors during the January services. Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton will be conducting the communion services. Services have been confirmed for Kings Riverside Court and Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home.
 - b. **Refurbishment / replacement of More Voices Hymnbooks** – Ken should have an answer about costs for this by end of day tomorrow from Workplace Essentials in Kentville.
 - c. **Funeral policy** – This is in process – Ivan, Judy, and Ken will continue to review and revise as appropriate. When a revision is complete it will be brought to worship for review and recommendation to council.
 - d. **Hand-held wireless microphones** – This has been purchased and it is in use
 - e. **Changing signage** – This is done – it has been changed to advertise a contemporary service at 9:00 AM as well as a service at 11:00.
 - f. **Child care during worship** – Judy indicated this is in process. They have purchased a different Sunday School curriculum and Judy's plan is to prepare lessons for the Sunday school leadership. They are also hoping to have more leadership. There is hope that there will be consistent nursery care. We are making a formal request that the toys or items on the table at the front of the church be revamped to only include items such as crayons or colouring books. Cynthia will send a request formally to Thea.
 - g. **Christmas services** – The children did a wonderful job with white gift and Christmas Eve. There were many favourable comments about the music throughout the season. Ken also thanked Thea for a meaningful Longest Night service on December 21st and indicated how well attended it was.

8. **New Business**

- a. **People to be re-entered into the Roll** – Dorothy Butt, Faye Calder, John (Jack) Calder – Cynthia will send an email to Thea with a copy to Jane and Theresa making this request.
- b. **Carrying case for the Communion elements** – This was raised with respect to providing communion elements for the seniors' communion services. Rev. Ivan is simply going to take the elements and trays with him. There was discussion of whether or not there is a carrying case, but no one was certain if there was one.
- c. **“Changing of the guard”** – it is the time of year when we will be asked how many people we need during the nomination process. Peter asked people to let him know soon if they are intending to stay.
- d. **Easter** – The first Sunday of Lent is the middle of February. Rather than Ash Wednesday, Rev. Ivan would like to have communion on February 7th, Transfiguration Sunday. There are six Sundays of Lent. There was discussion of having some sort of Ash Wednesday service, and it was decided that it would be combined with a traditional pancake supper – the combination of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. March 24 is Maundy Thursday, and we discussed what precisely that service would look like. Although the precise shape of the service was not decided, it was decided that there would be a Maundy Thursday service. After much discussion, it was decided that we would have a service during the evening of Good Friday. We will also promote the Ecumenical services. In discussing Easter Sunday, the sunrise service was discussed. We decided to have a sunrise service. Judy indicated that she would talk with the people who attend the 9:00 service to determine their preference for that morning. We are mindful that the choir will require time with the brass to prepare for 11:00. Specific dates and times for all Lenten and Holy Week services will be determined in the coming days and weeks and will be published on the church calendar.

9. **Comments from the Pews, Clergy:** Nothing has been received.

10. **Next meeting:** February 2, 2016 devotions, Peter Dekker.

11. **Closing prayers and adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.