

**Meeting Worship Committee, OVUC**  
**February 2, 2016**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Peter Dekker.
2. **Lighting of the Christ Candle and Devotions:** The Christ candle was lit and devotions were led by Peter Dekker
3. **Roll Call & Regrets:**  
Present: Ken Hassell, Marion Buchan, Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton, Peggy Spicer, Peter Dekker, Dave Murphy, Carolyn Cameron.  
Regrets: Thea Burton, Cynthia Bruce, Kathy Schofield.  
A quorum was present.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting, January 5, 2016 – The minutes were approved by consensus
5. **Correspondence:** None was received.
6. **Approval of Agenda:** Church membership and a wedding were added under New Business. Agenda was approved as amended.
7. **Business arising from the minutes:**
  - a. **Seniors services** – During January Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton, assisted by members of the congregation, conducted communion services at Kings Riverside Court and Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home. Communion service at the Kentville Shannex is planned for Feb. 3.
  - b. **Refurbishment / replacement of *More Voices* Hymnbooks** – Ken Hassell reported that Denis Office Supply has put new, laminated covers on 2 dozen *More Voices*, at a cost of \$.99 each. It was agreed to have additional copies repaired, probably over the summer.
  - 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. **Changing of the Guard** – Three members of the Worship Committee are stepping down at the end of their terms. Thanks were extended to Peter Dekker, Peggy Spicer, and David Murphy for their long and faithful service. They will be missed. It was noted that a new Committee Chair will be needed.
  - e. **Child care during worship** – Carolyn Cameron shared that the children in the nursery room have to holler to be heard over the speaker which broadcasts the service in that room. That increases the general noise level. Judy Norton will check to see if it can be turned down/off.
  - f. **Lent and Easter services** –
    - **Feb. 7 – Transfiguration** – Traditional communion at both services. Kathy Schofield has offered to prepare the elements and recruit servers. Marion Buchan will assist.

- **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10** – It was agreed that unless planning for a pancake supper is already underway, we will skip the pancakes. The Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- **Palm Sunday, Mar. 20** – Judy Norton will check the availability and price of palms for the service.
- **Maundy Thursday, Mar. 24** – The service will take the form of a pot luck supper, beginning at 5:30 pm, and a simple communion around the table.
- **Good Friday, Mar. 25** – There will be a Good Friday Service at Orchard Valley United Church, beginning at 7:00 pm. Ecumenical Good Friday services will also be held.
- **Easter Day, Mar. 27** – Easter Services were discussed. Judy has not yet checked with the 9:00 am service attendees about that day, but consensus is that most of those folks attend the Sunrise Service.\*\* Congregational Life will be approached about the breakfast following that service. The second service will be at 11:00 am. Communion will be celebrated at both services.
- **Sunday, April 3** – The plan is to have the Sunday School children present a simple Easter Pageant.

#### 8. **New Business**

- a. **Ushers responsibilities** – There was discussion about ushers helping people to find seats and welcoming those who arrive late. Ivan Norton agreed to speak with the ushers on duty, week by week, to remind them of their duties.
- b. **Membership requests** – Claudia and Maurice Tugwell have requested that their membership be transferred to Bedford United Church where they are attending. Approved with regret.

Those requesting that their membership be brought to Orchard Valley United Church: Fred (Buzz) and Barb Hine and Sandra Tremblett by transfer; John and Linda Foote, by motion.

MOVED: That membership requests be approved.

Marion Buchan/Dave Murphy CARRIED

- c. **Wedding** – The committee approved a request from Andrea Schofield and Adam Jenner to be married here on Sept. 10.
- d. **Wedding Policy** – A discussion of the costs associated with the Wedding Policy was discussed. Consensus was that they are too high and need to be reviewed.
- e. **Nortons away** – Ivan Norton advised that he and Judy plan to be away from about March 8 – 18. Ivan has spoken to The Rev. Karen Lynch about Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. She is available. The Rev. Bill MacLeod will be here for Transition Team on March 12, and may stay over and take the services. This will be ironed out fairly soon, stay tuned!

MOVED That Ivan and Judy Norton be granted vacation time and Sunday Supply be arranged. Marion Buchan/Peggy Spicer CARRIED

9. **Comments from the Pews, Clergy:** Nothing has been received.
10. **Next meeting:** March 1, 2016 – devotions, Judy Norton. Members coming onto the committee at the Annual Meeting will be invited to attend. Ivan Norton will chair this meeting and a new chair will be elected.
11. **Closing prayers and adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM  
Dave Murphy moved adjournment

*\*\* I know that minutes are only supposed to reflect what actually happened at the meeting. But I have checked since. Sunrise will be a couple minutes after 7 am on Easter. So we should start the Sunrise Service at 6:45. Judy*