

**ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE
FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 31, 2016, 7 pm**

Present: Kathy Schofield, Amanda Dominey, Andy Pitter, Linda Draper, Judy Norton, Heather Hennigar, Meg Townsend, Ivan Norton

Regrets: Lorna MacNeil, Heather Bishop, Cheryl Hill

Opening Prayer: Ivan

Volunteer Chair: Judy

Minutes from March 8, 2016: Approved

Urgent and Important Business

–Chair: Andy will ask Lorna about chairing. If Lorna says no, everyone needs to consider co-chairing.

–New meeting day: 2nd Thursday of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

– **Milestone Ministry/Wrapped in God’s Love and You’ve Got a Friend:** Meg volunteered to help with Pastoral Care’s “You’ve Got a Friend” program and will contact Joy Waterbury.

–**Nursery:** We discussed the “on call” nature of this program. We will ask Cheryl to sign up Marnie Hill when possible. Heather H will also help. Nursery children will now have their snack in the nursery room.

–**Duty of Care work:** We discussed this work at some length. We agreed that those working with children and youth need to have Police Record Checks done.

–**Upstairs work parties:** First one will be on Thursday, April 21, 9 am, for those who can make it. Andy will ask Sue and Bruce Smith, too.

–**FF on OV website:** Tabled

–**Sunday School:** The complaints about children serving communion were the noise and lack of reverence on Transfiguration Sunday. Also, we had forgotten Worship had said each child needed to be paired with an adult. In future, an adult will be with each child, plus we will prepare the children better beforehand. Meg is willing to teach one Sunday a month; Heather H and Linda are also willing to teach. We will set up a roster. Judy will continue curriculum prep for now. Heather H and Meg will help with the children’s April 3 Easter pageant.

–**Families on the Run transportation:** Outreach is paying for the 4 Meet-Your-Feet women coming via Kings Point to Point. We will pay for taxis transporting low income families.

–**Youth Forum/Intermediates at Conference:** Ella Anderson applied for IAC and Brandan Davison, YF. We payed \$92 each. We will ask them to share their experiences with the congregation afterwards.

–**March Break movie "event":** 8 children and 4 adults attended a movie at Cineplex thanks to Andy (most of costs & organizing), Margaret Hayes (transportation) and Amanda (organizing). We unfortunately missed the opportunity of buying a year-long performance licence through Maritime Conference needed for on-site congregational movie events.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

CLUSTER REPORTS: Andy shared the idea of having a written report of all programs under Faith Formation's mandate "clustered" according to the age groups involved. Could be a quarterly report. Meg noted the need for some way to "bridge the divide" between the two worship services.

NEW BUSINESS

–**Berwick Camp planning:** Fees and dates are now available. Last year an anonymous sponsor paid for the Godding-Dominey family's tenting fee; the committee paid for their registration fees. Andy will put in an announcement asking for sponsors and those wishing to be sponsored.

–**Spirituality in the Secular World event:** We agreed by email to host a gathering to watch and discuss this panel that the Observer and Walrus magazines will have in April. Maria Antony volunteered to facilitate the discussion. Andy will ask Maria, Margaret Hayes and Gary Dunfield to set a date and then she will put out an announcement.

–**Tweens program:** We discussed such a program as Seekers is no longer meeting on a weekly basis, we have a number of tweens being underserved, and Andy now has some time she can devote to working with OV youth. We agreed to try having a stand-alone event in May (program could be board games, movie, hotdog roast, active games, etc.). Former New Minas United members mentioned their congregation had overnight tent events at the back of the property.

–**Family/children photos:** Unfortunately, several of our families didn't make it into the photo directory; nor did we get in any photos of the Sunday School and so on. We discussed making a supplement after getting parents' permission for taking photos of their children.

–**Camping Sunday** (April 24): We suggested Judy ask Congregational Life first about helping with this worship as they were involved in it last year.

Minister Moment: Ivan and Judy will soon be busy with house closings and so will be less available for the next month or so. We will need to keep email and expectations to a minimum.

Next Meeting Date: May 12, 7 pm (email otherwise)

Closing Prayer: Judy