

**Worship Committee, Minutes OVUC**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

1. **Call to Order** – Rev. Ivan called the meeting to order at 7:03.
2. **Lighting of the Christ Candle/Devotions** – Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton lit the Christ candle and led devotions.
3. **Roll Call and Regrets** – Present: Cynthia Bruce, Kathy Schofield, Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton, Marion Buchan, Carolyn Cameron, Pat Godfrey, Betty Rockwell, Betty Curry (representing the Covenanter Committee). Regrets: Thea Burton, Ken Hassell.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting, March 1, 2016 – The minutes were approved by consensus.
5. **Correspondence** – Peter Dekker passed on correspondence from John Cochrane requesting that we organize a traditional 1950’s worship service. The request certainly met with a favourable response. One date that we discussed was June 12, it is the closest Sunday to the anniversary of church union. Rev. Ivan will talk with John, then we will make a decision about a final date.
6. **Approval of Agenda** – Betty Curry asked to add Questions and comments from Covenanter under new business – it was approved by consensus.
7. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - a. **New committee members** – Welcome! – Rev. Ivan welcomed new committee members, Betty Rockwell and Pat Godfrey.
  - b. **Seniors’ services** – We received a report from Andy Pitter. She provided us with a list of who has been leading services this year. We have been able to fulfil our obligations, and this is certainly an important ministry. They expressed their appreciation to the committees that had helped facilitate services. However, they would like us to share this report with Council to communicate which committees had been able to help. They still need help and would like us to communicate that again. Worship agreed to lead a service, Cynthia will communicate this to Andy, and she can be in touch with Rev. Ivan about scheduling and other details. At Council, we will encourage committees to participate again.
  - c. **Wedding and funeral policies** – Rev Ivan indicated he would take the summer to see how the weddings go that are already arranged, and then he will look at it in the fall.
  - d. **Child care during Worship** – Faith formation is working on this. There is a signup sheet and people have signed up to be in the nursery on Sunday mornings.
  - e. **New chair for Worship Committee** – Motion: that Cynthia Bruce take on the position of chair of the Worship Committee and that Carolyn Cameron take on the position of secretary. **Moved/seconded: Marion/Pat/Carried.**

- f. **Bulletins** – Since amalgamation, we have been using bulletins from the former congregations, and we are coming to the end of that supply. We probably have enough to last us to the end of 2016. If we order them from the United Church, they have changed in format and price. There are three possibilities: ordering those for every Sunday, design our own bulletin that is printed, or a combination of both. We agreed to do a combination and purchase some to have on hand. We will discuss the creation of our own bulletins with the congregation and then gather ideas for the design. Rev. Ivan will mention this in church, and Cynthia will write a small announcement for the bulletin. Betty Rockwell mentioned that the photo at the beginning of the minister's message is nice.
- g. **Art Night** – Having an art night was discussed as an option for facilitating bulletin cover design.

## 8. New Business

- a. **Membership** – Marilyn Ells has requested that her membership be transferred; she has asked us to send her membership to her until the new church is receiving members. **Motion:** To restore Marilyn Ells to the roll of Orchard Valley and to transfer her membership to Cambridge Baptist Church. **Moved/seconded:** Betty/Kathy/**Carried.**
- b. **Motion:** To approve the transfer of membership from Bedford United Church of Edie Lloyd. **Moved/seconded:** Cynthia/Marion/**Carried.**
- c. **Summer communion (when?) and education/training for children helping** – Tentatively we discussed communion on June 26, Anniversary Sunday. Judy will see if there is any likelihood that there will be children present who might like to serve.
- d. **Sunday school closing/picnic?** – We haven't had anything formal in the last couple of years. We discussed having a barbecue, and we discussed presenting the children with certificates of participation. We discussed the first Sunday in June. Judy will discuss this with Faith Formation to organize the details.
- e. **Anniversary** – June 26<sup>th</sup> - we are considering having communion on that Sunday and we will focus on the achievements and hopes of Orchard Valley.
- f. **Covenanter questions and comments** – Betty Curry asked if we had received the Covenanter Wedding Policy; Rev. Ivan said he had received it. There are a number of weddings booked at Covenanter. We have received three deposits for the use of the church and the details need to be confirmed. Kirkin' o'the Tartan is on June 5 at 2:30 pm. The Hope and Healing Service is on July 28, but they aren't certain if it will go ahead. They will sort this out at their next meeting. Summer services are being organized. They continue to work on finding new members for the committee.

**Next Meeting** – May 3, 2016 – devotions will be led by Betty Rockwell.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn Marion/Cynthia/**Carried.**