

ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

JUNE 20, 2016.

The regular meeting of the Pastoral Care Committee was held on Monday, June 20, 2016 in the boardroom of Orchard Valley United Church. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Joy Waterbury.

There were six (6) members present. Those in attendance were Joy Waterbury, Jean Millett, Edna Roach, Vera Burke, Mary Crouch and Vangé Leslie.

Regrets were received from Noreen MacGregor, Rev. Ivan Norton and Nancy Handrigan.

Joy opened the meeting with a reading from author, Minnie Louise Haskins.

The New Minas Prayer Shawl Group has presented one shawl and two patches during the last month. A patch will be taken to Maurice Tugwell.

It was noted that there are a number of active members of OVUC who regularly attend the prayer shawl group in Wolfville which was started by Claudia Tugwell in 2010. At the last check this group had presented 228 shawls since its inception. We will try to get a regular update for this group.

It was noted that [redacted] had been in hospital and Mary Crouch had visited him.

Also, [redacted] has been ill with pneumonia.

“You’ve Got a Friend” - This program was discussed and seems to be well organized and is underway. Joy opened a discussion as to how she and Vera can keep in touch with the callers. They thought perhaps they would call the callers in September to see how they were doing.

We received the requested report from the treasurer regarding the cost of transportation via Point to Point and Cabs for the year ending May 31, 2016, for people needing transportation to and from Church. The charge to Pastoral Care was \$1,318.18 for the year, however, there was a note stating that of the total amount, which included the Meet Your Feet program, \$79.18 was for June, 2015.

A discussion ensued with regard to these costs and whether or not the church should be covering the total cost. Joy referred to a motion which was made at the June 8, 2015 meeting as follows:

“Fran Turner moved ‘That Orchard Valley United Church provide, on a trial basis for one year, through a local cab company to cover the fare to and from church, for anyone wishing to attend church functions at Orchard Valley United Church. The funding would be reported to Orchard Valley United Church Council on a monthly basis and monitored by both the Church Treasurer and the Pastoral Care Committee’; seconded by Mary Larkin. MOTION CARRIED.”

It was moved by Vera Burke that we continue to pay the transportation costs for Point to Point and Taxi fares for any one attending church functions. Seconded by Jean Millett.

MOTION CARRIED.

After our last worship service at Kings Riverside Court on June 12th, which was conducted by the Communications Committee, we had a little social time with refreshments. During this time the members of Communications and others who were helping had an opportunity to talk to the residents who were there. During this time some of the residents mentioned needing transportation to Church. Joy brought this matter to our meeting.

Joy mentioned that there were a number of people at Kings Riverside Court in Kentville who may want to use Point to Point in order to attend Orchard Valley United Church. She had gotten quotes from Point to Point showing a total cost of \$12.00 per person if they were to use a mini-bus; if using a mini-van the cost would be \$7.00 – these costs are for one way. Further discussion ensued as to what would be the best way to convey this information to people who may be interested in using the service.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Next meeting – September 12, 2016.

Evangeline Leslie
Acting Secretary

Joy Waterbury
Chairperson