

Worship Committee, Minutes OVUC Tuesday, October 6th, 2016

1. Call to Order – Cynthia called the meeting to order at 7:06
2. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Devotions – Rev. Ivan lit the Christ candle and Kathy led devotions – Saving the world by saving myself.
3. Roll Call and Regrets – Present: Cynthia Bruce, Kathy Schofield, Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton, Marion Buchan, Carolyn Cameron, Betty Rockwell, Pat Godfrey. Regrets: Thea Burton, Ken Hassell.
4. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting: September 6th 2016 – the minutes were approved by consensus
5. Correspondence – Received an e-mail from Andy Pitter, it was suggested that we consider one service for the end of June Anniversary picnic. We discussed briefly and decided we would make a decision about June services in April or May.
6. Approval of Agenda – Cynthia asked to add 8c. review the greeter list. Judy asked to add 8d. Request for transfer of membership and 8e. Upcoming Baptism. - it was approved by consensus
7. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a. Seniors' services – We received an email re: information about senior services. It was discussed that we as a Worship Committee have very little contact with the senior services. We confirmed we look after 5 locations, we would like to have information passed along to us such as a schedule of when the services are taking place and who is leading them. Judy brought forth two books that would be good content for Senior Services. **ACTION:** Cynthia will contact Andy re: information we would like to have passed back and forth, to remind that we are here if there is anything they need and to pass along our support for the undertaking.
 - b. Evaluation of Worship Needs/Establishing a plan –Cynthia reported that she was in contact with Bill and put this on his radar. He will think about it and get back to us. It was noted that it would be nice to get it done this month.
 - c. Review and revision of Committee Mandate – Cynthia provided an overview of the event and presented the new and improved mandate. A few additions were made: budget to be completed, supply ministry and Annual Report.
8. New Business
 - a. 2017 Budget – Nov 1st 2016 Draft budget will be presented. It was discussed that things such as new reading resources, communion elements and music be in the budget. Wish list: 1 – new pillar candles, and 2 - microphone to pick up people easier **ACTION:** Ken, Cynthia, Judy and Rev. Ivan to meet and prepare draft budget.

- b. Worship and faith formation – discussed the connection between faith formation and worship.
Action: Cynthia to email faith formation and ask if they can pass along information pertaining to worship, so we can be in the know.
- c. Review of Greeter List – it was read over and discussed
 - i. Changes are to be made. #2 - 30 minutes not 45 minutes.
 - ii. #7 – eliminate
 - iii. Add #12 – door shall be left open during service.
ACTION: Rev Ivan will get the list updated as per the changes.
- d. Request to transfer memberships:
 - i. Breanne Williams MacIntosh has requested to move membership to Port Williams United Baptist.
 - ii. Alice Fraser and Doris Lightfoot have requested to transfer to Emmanuel United Church in Kingsport
- e. Baptism – Rev. Ivan brought forth a special request he had been asked. A couple he married and had baptised their first child has requested that Rev Ivan Baptise their second child. They have not been attending there local church as they are going through a transition and having a hard time with the Ministry. It was noted that it would be more appropriate that this be done in home church however it was also agreed that it is not a good idea to turn away children when they have a chance to be baptised. It would take place in 3 Sundays if approved. *Motion: Ocean Rain Veinot be baptised by Rev Ivan as per request. Secoded by Marion. Motion Carried.*

General Calendar that have Wow factors for already:

Oct 9th - Thanksgiving Sunday
 Oct 16th – World Food Sunday
 Oct 30th – Reformation Sunday
 Nov 6th – Remembrance Sunday
 Nov 13th – Lydia Gruchy - 80th year of Ordained Women in United Church
 Nov20th – Reign of Christ
 Nov 27th Advent #1
 Dec. 4 – Advent 2 (White Gift Service)
 Dec. 11 – Advent 3
 Dec 18 – Advent 4 – Choir Cantata
 Dec 24th – Christmas Eve
 Dec 25th – Christmas Day
 Jan 1st – New Year’s Day

- 9. Comments from our Church Family – it was expressed that Euphoria was for last service.
- 10. Comments from the Clergy – Judy discussed Lydia Gruchy service and wondered about interest level, everyone approved the idea with Gusto. Rev Ivan discussed Dec 24 and 25th are fast approaching and what we are thinking for these dates was considered – historically there are 3 services on Christmas Eve, then with Christmas day falling on a Sunday what services will be held on that day. Discussions were had and everyone will go away talk to people and comeback next meeting to discuss and finalize. Rev. Ivan and Judy did mention they would be going to visit family in the USA after services on Christmas Day and not 100% if they would be able to attend New Years Day service.

11. Next meeting, November 1st 2016 – 7 pm – devotions will be led by Pat Godfrey.

12. Rev Ivan closed with a prayer, Adjournment – motion to adjourn Kathy.