

**Orchard Valley United Church  
Council Meeting April 27, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

**1) Call to order and constitution**

Present: Jane McDonald, Joanne Olive, Jean Millett, Rev Ivan Norton, Judy Norton, Betty Curry, Bill Simpson, Susan Cater, Bruce Smith, Susanne Sweatman, Rebecca Godfrey, Ruth-Anne Stirling, Sylvia Jacquard, Chris Seymour, Cynthia Bruce, Joy Waterbury

**2) Opening Prayer: Rev Ivan Norton**

**3) Approval of Agenda**

**Moved: Susan Cater; Seconded: Bill Simpson**

**CARRIED**

**4) Approval of minutes March 30, 2016**

**Correction: Covenanter Balance-11,699.41**

**Moved: Susanne Sweatman; Seconded: Susan Cater**

**CARRIED**

**5) Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) Signage: Jane presented the New Minas Bylaw. There could be a loop hole; if the signs are directional signs you do not have to have a permit. Charitable organizations require permits. This has been forwarded to the Property Committee to see if we can improve signage.

b) Hugh Kerr Memorial Stone: The family was okay with us re-surfacing it with Orchard Valley, and continue to have it be a memorial for Hugh. We could do a re-dedication. This is also being passed on to Property to investigate cost for re-surfacing.

c) Presbytery Rep: Maxine Phinney is recovering, and continues to be a representative

d) Progress on Covenanter Cemetery: Property Committee from Presbytery wants to meet with representatives from the Trustees and Covenanter Committee. They are concerned with accepting a cemetery that does not have money attached to it.

**6) Correspondence**

**7) New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports**

a) Communications

i) Church Database software: Current company is being sold, and we are looking for a replacement system.

**MOTION: A member of Finance, Communications, Pastoral Care, the Treasurer, Secretary and Ministers will meet to determine what the appropriate system is, and will proceed to purchase.**

**Moved: Sylvia Jacquard; Seconded: Cynthia Bruce**

**CARRIED**

b) Congregational Life: Looking for new members or volunteer helpers

c) Covenanter

i) Readers and Tellers: We need more

**MOTION: Council approve transfer of \$2341.00 from the Enid Kelly Memorial Fund to the Covenanter Heritage Fund.**

**Moved: Betty Curry; Seconded: Bill Simpson**

**CARRIED**

d) Faith Formation

e) Finance: Report presented. Total money received was \$1000+ over what was budgeted. ☺

i) Suggested we should have special envelopes for special occasions, specifically for people on PAR and those who are not on envelope givings or PAR. Suggested Stewardship to investigate the best way to do this.

f) Inter-church councils

i) Kentville/New Minas-No Meeting to report on

ii) WAICC

g) UCM-Report on Men's Rally. 5 people attended, and had a wonderful, spiritual, and inspiring experience.

h) Ministry & Personnel: Susanne will be away May and June; there will be a substitute to Council.

i) Police Checks are technically only good for a day.

**MOTION: We will honor police checks as lasting 6 years before needing to be renewed.**

**Moved: Susanne Sweatman; Seconded: Rebecca Godfrey**

**CARRIED**

i) Outreach: Still no chair: Canucopia is June 4<sup>th</sup> at Sobeys; Open Arms Dinner is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Received a donation from Eastern Kings Health board of \$300. Have applied for \$4000 from Rotary.

j) Presbytery:

i) Membership-Maxine Phinney will remain as Representative.

k) Property: Two trees were removed

l) Pastoral Care

m) Stewardship: Considering a Memorial Hymn Sing in the Fall, September 18. Will contact Worship Committee to coordinate with the organist.

n) UCW

- o) Worship:
  - i) Reminder for all committees to consider taking responsibility for one of the Senior Services.
  - ii) Have had a request for a 1950s style service. Worship has decided to position it as close to the Anniversary of Union as a special event.
- p) Trustees-No meeting to report

**MOTION: To approve Reports as presented.**

**Moved: Joy Waterbury; Seconded: Bruce Smith**

**8) New Business**

**a) Garden stone: Accepted from to place in the garden**

**b) Invitation to Berwick Camp:** Would we like to consider having a Sunday service at Berwick Camp on Sunday on last week of July, so as to avoid having a supply for that week? Worship will take this issue under advisement, and make decisions regarding Summer Worship.

**9) MOTION: Give authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.**

**Moved: Betty Curry; Seconded: Bill Simpson**

**CARRIED**

**10) Clergy's Report: Nothing new to report**

**11) Next Meeting May 25, 2016**

**12) Closing Prayer: Judy Norton**

**13) Benediction & Adjournment**