

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting June 29, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

1) Call to order and constitution

Present: Sylvia Jacquard, Jean Millett, Norma Mailman, Harvey Gilmour, Sue Smith, Gary Dunfield, Joy Waterbury, Bruce Smith, Rebecca Godfrey, Bill Simpson, Ivan Norton, Thea Burton, Ruthanne Stirling, Cynthia Bruce, Nancy Handrigan, Susan Cater, Chris Seymour
Regrets: Jane McDonald, Suzanne Sweatman, Judy Norton

2) Opening Prayer: Rev. Ivan Norton

3) Approval of Agenda

Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Chris Seymour

CARRIED

4) Approval of minutes May 25, 2016

Moved: Bruce Smith; Seconded: Joy Waterbury

CARRIED

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) Job description for Judy Norton: This is in the works with the M&P committee, to be reported on in September.
- b) Sign: Gary is working on selling and removing the unused, large, lighted, 12 foot tall sign.

6) Correspondence

- a) Thank you letter from Diana Shelley re: donation to food bank from the Canucopia event.

7) New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports

- a) Communications
- b) Congregational Life
- c) Covenanter: Presbytery has approved purchase of the cemetery for \$1.00. **Trustees will have to arrange the transfer of title.**
- d) Faith Formation
- e) Finance/Treasurer's Report:
See attached financials. Revenues are up, and Expenses are down. ☺
A grant was applied for through Mud Creek Rotary Club, and was awarded \$2,000 to put toward Meet Your Feet project.

MOTION: Council approve the trustees transfer 20,000 to operating accounts to see us through the summer months.

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Bruce Smith

CARRIED

- f) Inter-church councils
 - i) Kentville/New Minas: 85 people attended a graduation BBQ in Sheffield Mills
 - ii) WAICC: Thank you supper for Dianna Shelley and Jean Trites
 - iii) The Resource Manual for Town of Kentville & Area was acknowledged. Information for Orchard Valley is included in this manual with contact number for the Benevolent Fund support.
- g) UCM: Request to transfer ½ of the budgeted donation amount to the general account.
- h) Ministry & Personnel: Vacation dates for staff were reviewed.
- i) Outreach
 - i) Form: Application for Benevolent Fund reviewed.
 - ii) Purchase Order: Sobeys customer number to have purchase orders take the place of gift cards for food only.
 - iii) Susan Cater and Sue Smith will take a break for the summer. Thea Burton offered to be

the emergency substitute for July and August.

- j) Presbytery
- k) Property: We will be selling 16 Voice United words only for 10.00 each to United Church Middle Lehave.
- l) Pastoral Care
 - i) Motion re transportation

MOTION: 'That Orchard Valley United Church provide the funds to cover the fares of local transportation companies, for anyone from Orchard Valley United Church's catchment area, wishing to attend church functions at Orchard Valley United Church.'

Moved: Joy Waterbury; Seconded: Susan Cater

CARRIED

- m) Stewardship
- n) UCW: Remember the Berwick Camp-August 3rd beginning at 2:00 pm
- o) Worship:
 - i) Will need drivers for July 30th service at Berwick camp leaving here at 9:00 for a 10:00 service. **Announcement to be put in the bulletin**
 - ii) 5 Weddings will be approved: 2 at Orchard Valley, 1 at Covenanter, and 2 off site.
- p) Trustees

MOTION: To approve Reports as presented and discussed

Moved: Cynthia Bruce; Seconded: Nancy Handrigan

CARRIED

8) New Business

- a) Transition team will meet again in the Fall to plan workshops. We will be looking at how to evaluate our worship needs, and how to move towards the JNAC. Bill MacLeod communicates regularly with Judy and Ivan supporting them through this process.
- b) Congregational/Council Committee Workshop: This is being planned for September. **Homework for the next month-look at mandates and mark each item with a check mark (yes we do this), question mark (not sure), or x (no we don't do this), and a list of any additional actions that should be added to the mandate. It was requested that the Executive create a list of what their roles and responsibilities are.**

9) Authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.

Moved: Harvey Gilmour; Seconded: Ruthanne Stirling

CARRIED

10) Clergy's Report: As above under new business for transition team. Reminder of summer services-9:30 at Orchard Valley, and 11:00 at Covenanter

11) Next Meeting Sept. 28, 2016

12) Closing Prayer: Judy Norton

13) Benediction & Adjournment