

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting September 28, 2016
Minutes**

Present: Harvey Gilmour, Norma Mailman, Suzanne Sweatman, Cynthia Bruce, Ruth-Anne Stirling, Chris Seymour, Bruce Smith, Bill Simpson, Susan Cater, Ivan Norton, Betty Curry, Sylvia Jacquard, Gary Dunfield, Thea Burton, Judy Norton, Guest: Helen Seymour.

Regrets: Jane McDonald, Jean Millet, Joy Waterbury, Sue Smith, Joanne Olive

- 1) **Call to Order 7:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Opening Prayer: Rev. Ivan Norton**
- 3) **Approval of Agenda: Moved-Harvey Gilmour; Seconded-Chris Seymour** **CARRIED**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes June 29, 2016: Moved-Cynthia Bruce; Seconded-Bruce Smith**
Correction to Minutes: Judy Norton was Present. **CARRIED**

- 5) **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) **Job description for Judy Norton:** A draft has been written by M&P. The title would be Congregational Designated Minister. This should be finalized in the next two weeks.
 - b) **Transfer of cemetery:** We are still waiting for the deed transfer to be signed by the Lower Horton Cemetery committee. This should be finalized by the end of the week or early next week. Insurance has been put on the property.

- 6) **Correspondence:** None at this time.

- 7) **New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports**
 - a) Communications
 - b) Congregational Life: Met yesterday before Families on the Run. \$87.00 dollars came in. \$75.00 in expenses. Car Rally October 22. More help is needed for clean-up after large events with food.
 - c) Covenanter: Harvey family cleaned their stone, and repaired the sunken grave. We have volunteers for the manual work on the French drain around the property. The Heritage Conference has donated \$100 to "Friends of Covenanter Church Society." This is what is on the website. The mistake has been corrected. There is concern that people may be donating money to this society, thinking it is going to the church. Harvey Gilmour will investigate. Betty Curry will try to contact a member of the Society to share concerns.
 - d) Faith Formation
 - e) Finance: OVUC is still under budget for now. Covenanter is also under budget. Committee Budgets for 2017 are requested by **November 1, 2016** to Finance.
 - f) Inter-church councils
 - g) UCM
 - h) Ministry & Personnel: In the next 6 weeks they will be meeting with staff. If anyone wants to share thoughts, concerns, thank-yous with the committee, please do so.
 - i) Outreach:
 - We give \$500 each to Canning and Wolfville for Christmas Hampers. We do 35 hampers ourselves and give \$500 for Kentville/New Minas InterChurch. Last year this totalled \$2,390. We had a short fall of \$575. There is a concern re inconsistency, but this will not be resolved this year. Canning gives \$100 / hamper. Wolfville provides actual food (pies and turkeys). Kentville/New Minas- \$50/person and \$10 for each extra head. We do need

a coordinator this year. Neither Susan C. nor Sue S. will be here. We need to get the name by November 7th. We need 2 volunteers for the toy store. We have 2 volunteers for hamper registration.

MOTION: To provide 35 Christmas hampers of \$50.00/single person and \$10.00 for each additional person in the family.

CARRIED

- We are questioning whether we should continue to stay on the Canning Inter-church Council. We are struggling to support the Canning Breakfast Club.
- Benevolent Fund-Come January, we will need new volunteers to take this on as well as the rest of the work for Outreach.

MOTION: To increase the amount of food support to 50.00/single person, and 10.00 for each additional person. To be received once every 6 months. Moved: Thea Burton; Seconded: Ruth-Anne Stirling

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- j) Presbytery
- k) Property: The Memorial Stone will not be touched until we have a permanent site for it. The quote was for \$1210. The entry will be re-painted. The monitor on the wall in the entry is not needed. It will be removed prior to painting. The church sign at the end of Cornwallis Avenue can be no more than 3 meters by 3 meters, and not affect traffic site lines. Property will investigate what kind of sign should be obtained.
- l) Pastoral Care
- m) Stewardship
- n) UCW
- o) Worship: The committee would like other committees to consider leading the Nursing Home Services periodically throughout the year. Contact Cynthia Bruce (Worship) to choose a date. There is a template for the service that can be used.
- p) Trustees: There has been no need to meet recently, but will be meeting in October.

MOTION: To accept the reports as circulated. Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Susan Cater

CARRIED

8) New Business

- a) Transition Committee Update: We are working towards evaluating our worship needs in a workshop style in preparation for appointing a JNAC committee. Next meeting is October 6.
- b) Thank you to Judy Norton for leading the Governance workshop for Council Members. Eventually there should be a manual that holds all of the information regarding roles and responsibilities of committees. Committee Chairs are asked to have the final role descriptions to Judy by November 1st.

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

Moved: Betty Curry; Seconded: Susanne Sweatman

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10) Clergy's Report: 5 weddings this summer, 12 funerals since June; all is good. Sunday at Berwick went well. Joanne Olive led service at OVUC. 35 people came to OVUC, and many OVUC members joined the group at Berwick Camp.

11) Next Meeting October 19, 2016 – **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE******

12) Closing Prayer: Judy Norton

13) Benediction & Adjournment