

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting March 1, 2017
Minutes**

1) Call to order and constitution

Present: Bruce Smith, Rebecca Godfrey, Norma Mailman, Rev. Ivan Norton, Gary Dunfield, Ernie Draper, Bill Simpson, Judy Gilmour, Marion Buchan, Thea Burton, Sue Smith, Susanne Sweatman, Jean Millett, Joanne Olive, Jane McDonald, Judy Norton, Chris Seymour, Sylvia Jacquard

Regrets: Harvey Gilmour

2) Opening Prayer: Judy Norton

3) Approval of Agenda

a) **Moved: Gary Dunfield; Seconded: Sue Smith** **CARRIED**

4) Approval of minutes Jan. 25, 2017

a) **Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Rebecca Godfrey** **CARRIED**

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

a) *Handbook:*

MOTION: To accept the Handbook as presented with the addition of our website.

Moved: Jean Millett; Seconded: Bruce Smith **CARRIED**

6) Correspondence: Nothing to date

7) New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports

a) Communications

i) *CanadaHelps:* Website for organizations, which facilitates on-line donations to registered charities. It was the consensus that there wasn't a demand for this at this time. People who want to donate currently donate directly to the church without losing 3% processing fees. This will be tabled unless Communications has more information to present.

b) Congregational Life

c) Covenanter: Ernie Draper added the following information to the report

- Balance end of January \$11,209.44
- \$5000.00 moved to Heritage Trust, now totalling 34,959.
- June 4th Kirkin' of the Tartan
- July 15 Laurie Ward Wedding
- July 28 Acadia Reconciliation Service
- Sept. 10 Wolfville School Reunion Service
- Ongoing discussion concerning Ghost Walk at Covenanter Cemetery
- Preparations for summer services
- Amending wedding policy

- Building cage to protect the organ to keep squirrels out.

d) Christian Development

e) Inter-church councils

i) Kentville/New Minas

ii) WAICC

(1) *Appoint representative:* Current representative has resigned. We are looking for a new person to fill this role. Jane will make place a request for a representative in this week's bulletin, and announced at the upcoming annual meeting.

iii) Canning

(1) *Appoint representative:* This position is currently vacant. We are looking for a new person to fill this role. A request for a representative will be placed in this week's bulletin, and announced at the upcoming annual meeting.

f) UCM

g) Ministry & Personnel

h) Outreach

i) Presbytery: We gave our allotment to Presbytery, and our budget was approved at Presbytery.

j) Property

i) *Giving/donated items to Church:* We have excess donated furnishings and need guidance as to what to do. Theresa will be directed to forward anyone wishing to donate furnishings to the Property committee to determine our needs, or whether they should be redirected to an outside agency.

k) Pastoral Care

l) Stewardship

m) UCW

n) Worship: Meeting was last night, Feb. 28, 2017. There was a question regarding community events being added to our bulletins.

MOTION: Congregants involved in community events may submit information on the event for inclusion in the bulletin to the church office administration for editing and dissemination.

Moved: Marion Buchan; Seconded: Sylvia Jacquard

CARRIED

MOTION: To accept the committee reports as presented.

Moved:

o) Finance

- i) *Review of Financial Statements for 2016:* Bill Simpson presented the reports that will be presented at the congregational meeting. Total revenue was on budget (\$100 less). Total expenses were \$7063 less than budgeted. We ended the year with a \$22,817 surplus for the year, and an accumulated surplus of 53, 257.00.

MOTION: To approve the January financial report as submitted

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Chris Seymour

CARRIED

- p) Trustees

- i) *Review of Financial Statements for 2016:* Gary Dunfield presented information on Trust Funds.

MOTION: To transfer \$21,595 from Trustees to operating accounts.

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Gary Dunfield

CARRIED

MOTION: To present the financial reports to the congregation at the annual meeting for approval.

Moved: Bruce Smith; Seconded: Bill Simpson

CARRIED

8) New Business

- a) *Sherbrooke Lake Cabins:* An email from Matt Whynot informed us that we were responsible for 4 cabins, but that we are no longer responsible, as there is a council that has taken them over. We have been asked to help with some camp upkeep, and raise funds to refurbish the boat house. Over the next 2-3 years, they will be replacing the cabins as well, and will continue to appreciate financial support. Discussion concluded with consensus that once we have more information from Sherbrooke Lake, the topic will be brought back to council.
- b) *Nominating Committee report:* Vacancy for Vice-chair and Presbytery Rep. have not been filled. As Vice-Chair has served as Congregational Chair, we do not have that position filled either. Valerie Mosher has agreed to continue as Congregational Secretary.
- c) *Public Performance Site License:* To show movies or concerts. The cost is \$1.32 for every person in attendance on an average Sunday gathering/year.

MOTION: We purchase a site license for the 2017 year.

Moved: Gary Dunfield; Seconded: Susanne Sweatman

CARRIED

- d) *Agenda for ACM:* Jane presented the agenda for perusal

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

Moved: Susanne Sweatman; Seconded: Jean Millett

CARRIED

10) Clergy's Report: Judy and Ivan will be away for March Break from March 8-15. Sunday March 12 is covered by Gary Dunfield 9:00, and worship committee 11:00, and Beth Johnson in Hantsport will look after emergency pastoral care.

11) Remits

- a) #2 Elimination of Transfer and Settlement
- b) #3 Office of Vocation
- c) #6 One Order of Ministry

AGREED-unanimous
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12) Closing Prayer: Judy Norton

13) Benediction & Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 29, 2017