

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting, March 29, 2017
Minutes**

1) Call to order and constitution

Present: Joy Waterbury, Jean Millett, Marion Buchan, Joanne Olive, Judy Norton, Ivan Norton, Sylvia Jacquard, Gary Dunfield, Bill Simpson, Rebecca Godfrey, Bruce Smith, Norma Mailman, Susanne Sweatman, Ernie Draper, Thea Burton
Regrets: Harvey and Judy Gilmour, Jane McDonald

2) Welcome and Opening Prayer: Gary Dunfield, Rev. Ivan Norton

3) MOTION: To Approve Agenda

Moved: Norma Mailman; **Seconded:** Bill Simpson

CARRIED

4) MOTION: To Approve minutes March 1, 2016

7. i. Strike the following as it is not correct “and our budget was approved at Presbytery.”

7. e) ii: (1) It should read “Jane will place a request . . .”

7 j. This should be altered to be “furnishings and other items”

Moved: Bruce Smith; **Seconded:** Chris Seymour

CARRIED

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

a. We are still seeking reps. for WAICC and CAICC

b. Sherbrooke Lake Cabins have been moved to the next meeting

6) Correspondence: None

7) New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports

a) Communications

b) Congregational Life

c) Covenanter: They want to change their wedding policy to ask for the entire \$300 upfront. If the wedding is cancelled within 60 days of the event, \$200 will be refunded. (Last summer one couple did not pay the remaining \$200). There was some discussion about this but no one had any problem with this change.

d) Christian Development: They will be showing the movie *Gospel Road* starring Johnny and June Carter Cash on Sun. Apr. 9. Congregational Life will help with desserts. There will be a basket for donations which will go to Sherbooke Lake Camp.

e) Finance

- f) Treasurer's report: Revenues were down \$936 from the budgeted amount, but expenses were also down from all of the committees. Our revenues are in excess of our expenses thus far this year to the tune of \$368. Our total operating results is \$10,972 better than the projected budget.

MOTION: \$20,000 to be transferred from the trustees to operations.

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Rebecca Godfrey

CARRIED

g) Inter-church councils

- a. Kentville/New Minas: A request was received from the chaplain of the Kentville Fire Department. She wants a liaison from the church. This was felt to be a clergy matter so Ivan will contact her. As well they would like to know if we would be willing to assist the department in case of overflow from the sites that are already in place in case of a major disaster. We are agreeable to this.
- b. Valley Food Grains Bank: Committee met with coordinators – they are encouraging the Group Hope Project. You can buy an acre for \$300, and the farmers will grow corn. The return from the corn is approximately \$750.00/acre matched by government 4:1 totalling approximately \$3000.00 to go to The Food Grains Bank for food aid in developing countries. Valley Food Grains will donate \$600.00 and Presbytery is giving \$300.00.
After another Sunday's mention of the African drought relief, Thea will make an appeal on behalf of Council to the congregation to support the purchase of one acre in the name of Orchard Valley United.
- c. WAICC: Susanne Sweatman attended the WAICC Stone soup evening and found the food good and the presenters excellent. The topic was how people can get along.

d. Canning

h) UCM

- i) Ministry & Personnel: It was felt that we should have a hiring policy. Susanne distributed the first draft and asked people to send comments to her.

j) Outreach

- i) Rotary funds: The committee would like to make an application to support the Meet Your Feet project to hire a second worker. There was consensus around the table that this was a good idea. They will proceed.

k) Presbytery

- i) OVPC Hosting meeting September 19, 2017: There was consensus around the table that we agreed to be the host.

- l) Property:
 - i) Railings at steps were installed on the March 9th, cost \$425.00.
 - ii) New signage tracks at the driveway entrance are on order plus installation comes to a total of \$615.00 plus tax.

MOTION: To approve the purchase and installation of new signage tracks
Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Bill Simpson **CARRIED**

- iii) Currently investigating roof condition and need for repair.

- m) Pastoral Care

- i) Duty of Care expectations review: New people on committees need to fill in their police check request forms.
- ii) Finance is a small committee, so it is not reasonable to expect a member from the committee to be present every Sunday while counting offering. If volunteers are uncomfortable, they can request a training session from a committee member. It was referred to Finance to determine if any changes need to be made in this regard.

- n) Stewardship

- o) UCW: Spring Rally is approaching. We need numbers of attendees by April 14th. The rally is May 17th.

- p) Worship: Holy Week Services

- a. April 9th – Palm Sunday (Members received at 11:00 service and Movie and dessert in the evening at 6:00)
- b. April 13th – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 with communion
- c. April 14th – Good Friday service is at 7:00 with choir, choir practice at 2:30
- d. April 16th – Sunrise service at 7:00 with breakfast, 11:00 communion service

- q) Trustees: Have not met

MOTION: To accept reports as presented
Moved: Susanne Sweatman; Seconded Bill Simpson **CARRIED**

8) New Business: None at this time

MOTION: To give authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.
Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Susanne Sweatman **CARRIED**

9) Clergy's Report:

- a) Several members participated in the Lenten Luncheon in Canning
- b) Many parents thanked Ivan and Judy for inviting the Junior choir to perform, and commented on how nice the service was.

10) Remits:

- a) **#1 Three Council Model** **AGREED 10-2**
- b) **#4 Funding a New Model** **AGREED unanimous**

11) Next Meeting: April 26, 2016

12) Closing Prayer

13) Benediction & Adjournment