

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting – April 26, 2017
Minutes**

- 1) **Call to Order:**
Regrets: Cynthia Bruce, Meg Townsend, Judy Norton, Chris Seymour, Joanne Olive, Rebecca Godfrey
Present: Gary Dunfield, Harvey Gilmour, Norma Mailman, Susanne Sweatman, Marion Buchan, Jean Millett, Cecil White, Rev. Ivan Norton, Sylvia Jacquard, Bruce Smith, Sue Smith, Ruth-Anne Stirling, Jane McDonald, Joy Waterbury, Ernie Draper
- 2) **Opening Prayer:** Gary Dunfield – “In the Company of All” by John Terpstra
- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
Moved: Norma Mailman; **Seconded:** Bruce Smith **CARRIED**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** – March 29, 2017
Moved: Harvey Gilmour; **Seconded:** Marion Buchan **CARRIED**
- 5) **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. Sherbrooke Lake Cabins-estimated cost to replace cabins is \$60,000 over 5 years. Jane’s conversation with director, Matt Whynot indicated that a written request to congregations would be forthcoming requesting a commitment to their capital campaign. As yet we have not received a written request. Ivan volunteered to investigate the possible request.
 - b. There is a clean-up day at Sherbrooke this coming Saturday morning. All are welcome to help.
- 6) **Correspondence:**
 - a. Rev. Randy Crozsmann contacted the church office regarding a wedding, August 19, 2017. A couple is coming from Nunavut and want to be married at their family home.
MOTION: To approve Rev. Randy Crozsmann as the minister of record with a temporary marriage license for this purpose.
Moved: Harvey Gilmour; **Seconded:** Sue Smith **CARRIED**
- 7) **New Business for discussion from Committee / Team Reports**
 - a. Christian Development
 - b. Communications
 - c. Congregational Life – Good supper last night with new faces!
 - d. Covenanter
 - e. Finance
 - f. Inter-church councils

- i) Kentville/New Minas – meet next Tuesday
- ii) WAICC – Betty Curry has expressed interested in being the representative.
- iii) Canning
- iv) Valley Food Grains Bank – We reviewed a pamphlet on the Good Soil project. Information on the Grow Hope project was mentioned at church last Sunday.

MOTION: The council will match donations from the congregation towards the purchase of acre(s) by May 30, 2017.

Moved: Bruce Smith; **Seconded:** Marion Buchan **CARRIED**

A notice will be put in the bulletin for May 7th service. Jane will create a visual aid to promote giving. Receipts will be available for donations when requested.

- g. Ministry & Personnel-will meet beginning of May to confirm vacation times and finalize the hiring guidelines. The process of finding an additional staff person for MYF has begun. Nancy Handrigan will represent M&P on council from now until October.
- h. Outreach:
 - i) Canucopia drive will be June 10, 2017 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
 - ii) Breakfast Club at Glooscap: no volunteers received to support this effort. It will be announced again on Sunday.
 - iii) Opens Arms has a dinner this Saturday.
 - iv) Further to requests for support for sending children or families to church camp-the council will ensure that can child or family who wants support to attend camp will have the funds to do so.
- i. Presbytery – finished voting on the Remits.
- j. Property
- k. Pastoral Care – “Zedna” should have read “Edna”
- l. Stewardship – Approximately \$3600 was received through Easter envelopes. This reinforces the success with using special envelopes.
- m. Trustees
- n. UCW – Women’s rally is May 17 at Aylesford Church. There are 11 women on the memorial list for this year.
- o. UCM – Men’s cans have been passed out.
- p. Worship – Anniversary Sunday. It was suggested to make OVUC anniversary the second Sunday in September, as a way to kick start the year. This September will be our 5th anniversary. There was consensus on this idea.

MOTION: To approve the committee reports as circulated and discussed.

Moved: Susanne Sweatman; **Seconded:** Cecil White **CARRIED**

8) **Treasurer's Report:** Bruce presented the financial reports. See attached spreadsheets

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Moved: Sue Smith; **Seconded:** Susanne Sweatman

CARRIED

9) **New Business:**

a. Facilities Study committee – Reminder to all committees to identify what facility requirements are needed to complete your work. Please have that information to the committee by the end of May.

The committee would like to put up a density map for the congregation to see where we live to help determine the best location for our home. We would also like to create a survey through Survey Monkey for the congregation to have the opportunity to express their ideas on what an appropriate facility would look like. The committee is requesting \$500.00 to help carry out initiatives to ensure the congregation is involved in this process.

MOTION: To approve the granting of \$500.00 to the Transition Team.

Moved: Jane McDonald; **Seconded:** Norma Mailman

CARRIED

b. Congregational meeting – May 7. The Order of the Eastern Star will be at the 11:00 service, with lunch served. The meeting to follow to approve the JNAC report and appoint a search committee, assuming the JNAC is approved.

c. Delegates for Maritime Conference – Joanne Olive, Gail Gordon, Maxine Phinney are Presbytery Reps., and subsequently Maritime delegates. Should we need an alternate delegate for Maxine there was consensus for Jane McDonald to be the alternate. Delegate expenses are covered by council.

d. Susanne Sweatman will confirm when Bill MacLeod's end of term. It was suggested we prepare some form of thank you.

e. At the Covenanter Anniversary Service we will be honouring Dr. Rev. Jim Perkins' contribution to the Covenanter Church.

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

Moved: Harvey Gilmour; **Seconded:** Sylvia Jacquard

CARRIED

11) **Clergy's Report:** Judy and Ivan would like to have a week's vacation June 4th. It suggested, and consensus that Council be responsible for Sunday Services, and there be a report from Conference.

12) **Next Meeting:** May 24, 2017* Note this is change – Thea sends her regrets. It was suggested that June meeting be early as well on the 22nd.

13) **Closing Prayer:** Rev. Ivan Norton

14) **Benediction & Adjournment**