

**Covenanter Committee
Orchard Valley United Church
February 21, 2017**

Ernie Draper chaired the meeting and Jim Keech acted as secretary.

Attendance: Ernie Draper, Beth Crosby, Lynn McLelland, Dorothy Robbins, Jim Keech

Regrets: Ivan L. Norton, Betty Curry, John Cochrane, Maggie Keppie

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Beth Crosby offered prayer.

MOTION to approve the agenda: Dorothy Robbins / Lynn McLelland. CARRIED

The January Minutes were reviewed. MOTION to approve the minutes: Dorothy Robbins / Beth Crosby. CARRIED

Correspondence:

- A bill was received from Mark Bond for the organ repairs. This takes us up to current. Mark obtained a new motor on Ebay and installed it. The organ keys were fixed. The bill was \$264. The bill was forwarded to Betty Curry for payment. (Betty is currently under the weather.)
- Clan Donald sent an email requesting June 4th for the Kirkin' O the Tartan. Ernie sent an email okaying the date.

Treasurer's Report:

Attached to Minutes. MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report. Ernie Draper / Lynn McLelland. CARRIED

Building Coordinator's Report:

Attached to Minutes. MOTION to approve Building Coordinator's Report. Ernie Draper / Lynn McLelland. CARRIED

Old Business:

- Organ – Agreed that we would go ahead with having a protective cage built for the organ to keep out animals. Waiting for Mr. Allen to return from vacation as he has agreed to construct it.
- Summer events:
 - The Ward Wedding is scheduled for July 15, 2017
 - The Reunion for Horton School is scheduled for September 10, 2017
 - Ernie made contact with Whitney VanBlarcom to determine if she was still interested in using the Covenanter church for her wedding. She said she was still interested so Theresa emailed an application and wedding policy to her.
 - Ernie called John Scott to determine if he still wanted to use the Covenanter church for his choir recital. There was no answer so Ernie left a message. He never called back so Ernie will call him again and if there is no reply we will

assume it will not occur.

- Preliminary discussion on having an event honouring Jim Perkin.
- Summer Services
 - Covenanter speakers for summer. No one has been contacted but Lynn is making a list of potential speakers.
 - It was decided that whoever does the introduction and reading during the summer services will also be the greeter at the door. Lemonade server will be someone different.
 - There was discussion over the possibility of having the summer services organists do four week stints instead of a different organist each week. Names of potential candidates were brought up and will be contacted.
- Ghost Walk – It was agreed that committee members prefer a Covenanter Church only Ghost Walk instead of one covering all of Grand Pré. Ernie will invite Jerome the Grave Digger to attend our next meeting and then we'll decide whether to use him or do our own.

New Business:

- A potential house tour of Grand Pré as a fundraiser was discussed but was decided against when it was determined it was more complicated than originally believed.
- To deter potential theft of the keyboard, it was decided to attach “L” hooks to the keyboard legs and to the floor.
MOTION: Keyboard to be fastened to floor. Dorothy Robbins / Lynn McLelland.
CARRIED
- Wedding Policy – It was decided that instead of \$ 100 non-refundable and \$ 200 paid later, a \$300 cheque be payable up front and if the wedding does not take place, \$200 will be returned. This will prevent parties from not paying the \$200, as happened last summer. This will be put into the wedding policy.

Next Meeting: 10:00 am, March 14, 2017 at Orchard Valley United Church.

Adjournment was moved by Dorothy Robbins at 11:37 am.

Building Co-ordinator's Report

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1. Organ: Peter Allen has agreed to construct a cage over the organ at nominal cost plus materials.

Poison would also be used to deter squirrels and mice.

2. Work Day: A notice will be placed in the community bulletin as to time and place for volunteers to help clean up the grounds this spring.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Keech

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Financial Report – January 2017

Jan 1 Beginning Balance		11,203.54
Revenue	Wade wedding deposit	100.00
Expenditures		
	Flowers for Beth	35.49
	NS Power	57.61
Bank charge	2.00	94.10
January 31 Book Balance		11,209.44
Jan 1 Bank Balance agrees		