

**Covenanter Committee
Orchard Valley United Church
April 10, 2017**

Ernie Draper chaired the meeting and Ivan L. Norton acted as secretary.

Attendance: Ernie Draper, Ivan L. Norton, Betty Curry, Dorothy Robbins, Jim Keech, Lynn McLelland, Maggie Keppie, John Cochrane

Regrets: Beth Crosby

Guest: Jeremy Novak, aka “Jeromé the GraveKeeper”

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Ivan Norton offered prayer.

The chair invited Jeremy to speak to the meeting. He offered an informative presentation on his proposed ghost walk. There is a \$2,000 upfront cost. Discussion took place after Mr. Novak had retired from the meeting. Agreed that we would be interested in pursuing the project in 2018. Also, discussion ensued around the possibility of corporate/individual sponsorship.

MOTION to approve the agenda: Betty Curry / Lynn McLelland. CARRIED

The March Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION to approve the minutes** and slight adjustment: subcommittee to form ideas, not organize the service: Dorothy Robbins / Jim Keech. CARRIED

Correspondence:

Wedding application from Ryan Noseworthy for August 25, 2018. The church is available.

Treasurer’s Report:

Attached to Minutes. March 1 \$10,942.94. Closing balance March 31 \$11,030.18.

MOTION to approve Treasurer’s Report: Betty Curry / Maggie Keppie. CARRIED.

Building Coordinator’s Report:

Attached to Minutes.

- Working on closing in the organ.
- Maintaining the mouse patrol, checking traps.

MOTION to accept the Building Coordinator’s Report: Jim Keech / Dorothy Robbins. CARRIED

Jim Keech provided an update on the proposed French drain, proposing to do the job in the fall. Also, discussion about application of water sealer underneath the church. Perhaps rent a high-pressure sprayer.

Do we wish to engage Greg Allen to do the lawns? Possibility of Riley Curry.

MOTION to have Jim Keech talk with Riley Curry about the mowing: Maggie Keppie / Betty Curry. CARRIED

MOTION to approve Jim Keech to purchase leaf bags, bag stands and rent high-pressure sprayer: Betty Curry / Ernie Draper. CARRIED

Old Business:

- Summer events and services:
 - One wedding, previously approved.
 - Summer service preachers are lined up. Lynn McLelland will look after lining up readers.
 - Chantal Peng may not be available as organist as she may be off furthering her education, depending on scholarship. Will know by the end of April. Others should be approached, if necessary, before the committee meets again.

- Christmas Eve:

MOTION that Ernie Draper confirm with Rev Tim McFarland that he preside at the Christmas Eve service: Maggie Keppie / Jim Keech. CARRIED

- The chair will ensure that the church bulletin contains an announcement re honouring Dr. Perkin at the anniversary service.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 10:00 am at OVUC.

Adjournment was moved by Lynn McLelland at 11:50 am.

Covenant Heritage Fund Income Statement 2017

Feb 1 Beginning Balance 11,209.44

Revenue ϕ

Expenditures

Bank Fees 204.50

Bank Charge 2.00 266.50

Feb 28 Closing Balance 10,942.94

✓ Bank balance agrees.

- HST Refund Due 2016 181,35

Jan Feb, 2017 Due 23.40

Total HST Refund Due 204.75

Changes to Investments

2016 Enid Kelly Memorial Covenant Fund 21,063

Change - interest earned in 2016 999

Current Balance of Enid Kelly Principal 22,062

Heritage Fund Reserve Fund 34,859

Change - interest earned 2016 1,839

Current Balance of H.F. Reserve 36,698

Total investment **58,750**

Building Coordinator's Report

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1. Organ Protection – Peter Allen is working on the project to enclose the organ.
2. Traps and poison have been placed inside and outside the church building and only one mouse has been caught.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Keech