

**Orchard Valley United Church
Stewardship Committee Meeting
January 10, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the OVUC Stewardship Committee was held in the Board Room at 130 Cornwallis Avenue, New Minas.

Present: Judy Gilmour (Acting Chair), Heather Hennigar (Recording), Sandra Tremblett, Linda Swindells, Vicky Austin
Absent: Cheryl Manzer, Ruth-Ann Stirling, Lisa Cormier
Guest: Judy Norton

Acknowledgements:

- The Stewardship Committee is pleased to welcome Linda Swindells as a new member.
- Vicky Austin (Secretary) has her right arm in a cast and thanks Heather Hennigar for writing Minute notes. They appear below in an abbreviated report with no formal Agenda.

Minutes from December 6, 2016 were accepted as read aloud.

New Business

- Judy Norton prepared a Stewardship Pledge Sheet for Orchard Valley members. It is based on a similar format from The Church of the Holy Cross (Rhode Island). Committee members reviewed the Pledge Sheet and enthusiastically approved it for distribution on Sunday. We thank Judy Norton for her guidance and her work on our behalf.
- Plans are underway for a 50s style Dinner Theatre in April.

Old Business

- Christmas Breakfast sponsored by the Women's Breakfast Goup was a success. The "production" of *Christmas at Bethlehem Fawlty* was particularly well received.
- The seniors' worship service at Shannex in Greenwich was scheduled for December 12th at 2:30pm. Unfortunately, winter weather influenced the decision to cancel the service.
- The Memorial Giving Tree brought in \$2075. Vicky was tasked with asking Theresa to include this amount and our thanks in an upcoming bulletin/announcements.
- Cheryl and Beth will take kitchen concerns to the January 11th meeting of the Property Committee.
- January 3rd Soup Lunch raised \$475

February 7th Soup Lunch

- Curried Sweet Potato and Beef & Barley soups with chocolate cake for dessert.
- There will be a significant shortage of Stewardship committee members available to supervise and help with February's lunch. More workers need to be recruited.
- Discussion continues about increasing the amount of soup made in order to provide take out for shut-ins, delivered to them at no charge. Judy Gilmour has spoken with Joy Waterbury (Pastoral Care for names) and Chris Seymour (Mens Group for delivery) about their members' involvement. Further discussion with Cheryl Manzer is required before we can proceed to offer this service.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Next Stewardship Meeting

- Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:00pm
- Sandra Tremblett will chair the meeting.
- We will need a recording secretary to take the Minutes for Vicky.

Vicky Austin - Secretary

Judy Gilmour - Acting Chair

Stewardship is EVERYTHING we think, say and do after we say, 'I believe'.
-excerpted from the United Church Observer