

**COVENANTER COMMITTEE MEETING  
Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas, NS  
February 13, 2018**

Ernie Draper chaired the meeting and Ivan Norton acted as secretary

**Attendance:** Ernie Draper, Rev Ivan L. Norton, Jim Keech, Dorothy Robbins, Betty Curry, Harvey Gilmour

**Regrets:** Beth Crosby

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and a prayer was offered by Rev Ivan Norton.

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Dorothy Robbins/Jim Keech; CARRIED

The January minutes were reviewed.

**Motion to approve Minutes of January 9th:** Betty Curry/Ernie Draper; CARRIED

The Chair mentioned the passing of committee member Lynn McLelland.

**Correspondence:**

- Jimmy's Old Time Radio Show Tour suggesting a concert at the Covenanter Church. Monday, August 27 afternoon or evening. Agreed that we thank him for his interest but feel it is not feasible at this time.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Betty Curry submitted the report and it was reviewed. Bank balance Jan. 31, 2018, \$11,453.75.

**Motion to approve the expenditure of \$25 Wolfville Food Bank and \$25 WAAG Animal Shelter:** Betty Curry/Jim Keech; CARRIED

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:** Betty Curry/Harvey Gilmour; CARRIED

**Building Co-ordinators Report:**

- Church doors, no estimate submitted to date. Jim will follow-up
- Contacting masons re front steps and tower steps
- French drain is working
- Following up concern of spelling of Covenanter Church on the UNESCO signs.

**Motion to accept the Building Coordinator's Report:** Jim Keech/Dorothy Robbins; CARRIED

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Organ** – Gary Bond to determine if available half-horsepower will work. If acceptable, Ernie Draper will proceed with having motor procured and installed.

**Motion to proceed:** Harvey Gilmour/Jim Keech; carried

2. **Summer Weddings** – Three (possibly four) booked to date. There is also a private Bruce Family service and Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan service.
3. **New Members** – Jim will approach Debbie Baker re taking Lynn McLelland’s place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Reconciliation Service** – Could we offer the church to the Grand Pré Committee in the event they would like to hold a service? Agreed that we would not organize the service this year.
2. **Summer Services** – Roger Prentice, Trent Cleveland-Thompson, John Perkin, Tim McFarland were among names suggested. Need two people to line up ministers. Possibly/hopefully to be organized by Betty Curry, Beth Crosby and Jim Keech. Dorothy Robbins to look after lemonade. Ernie to help. Greeter does introduction of guest speaker and reads scripture. Committee member will help Betty with teller duties.
3. **New House** – Jim will approach the owner re style of house to fit into the area.

**Adjournment** was moved by Dorothy Robbins.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at Orchard Valley United Church.