

**Orchard Valley United Church  
Council Meeting September 27, 2017  
Minutes**

1) **Call to order.** Cynthia Bruce, Gary Dunfield, Rebecca Godfrey, Sylvia Jacquard, Norma Mailman, Jean Millett, Rev. Ivan Norton, Judy Norton, Joanne Olive, Bill Simpson, Bruce Smith, Sue Smith, Ruth-Anne Stirling Joy Waterbury.  
Regrets – Thea Burton, Ernie Draper, Harvey Gilmour, Nancy Handrigan, Jane McDonald,

2) **Opening Prayer: Rev. Ivan Norton**

3) **Approval of Agenda**

Two additions: i. Under New Business: Remembrance Day, iii. Motions under Finance, Property, and Treasurer’s report

**Moved: Chris Seymour; Seconded: Betty Jean Curry** **APPROVED**

4) **Approval of minutes May 2?, 2017**

Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Bruce Smith **APPROVED**

5) **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) None

6) **Correspondence – None**

7) **New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports**

a) Christian Development:

b) Communications:

c) Congregational Life:

d) Covenanter: There was a discussion as to whether the Covenanter committee or the operation account should pay the insurance on the Covenanter church. The final decision was that we would leave it as it was before with the bill paid out of operating funds.

e) Finance:

**MOTION: that Council and the Finance Committee can only approve the disbursement of discretionary amounts up to \$1000. Any amount over that must go to the congregation for approval.**

**Moved: Bruce Smith; Seconded: Betty Jean Curry** **APPROVED**

f) Inter-church councils

i) Kentville/New Minas: Food for Thought items have been printed. Valley Foodgrains Bank: Noggins will have pumpkins for sale, OVU will host their next meeting.

Lamont Larkin is in Rm 208 at Valley Regional and will be back at home in October.

g) Ministry & Personnel: nothing

h) Outreach: The fall Canucopia will take place on Oct. 28 at Superstore. The senior’s complex behind the Superstore is looking for programming. This should be a discussion with Pastoral Care.

i) Presbytery: We hosted the most recent Presbytery meeting and received positive comments about our facility and the food. They accepted Rev. Bill MacLeod’s report. The Powerpoint that he gave is here and will be presented to the congregation. They

welcomed President of Maritime Conf. Deborah Orton. A very informative presentation about the difficult Israel/Palestine issue will be held on Oct. 19 at the Berwick United Church.

j) Property:

**MOTION: That we purchase the storage unit from Roscoe's as they no longer wish to rent it to us.**

**Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Bill Simpson**

**APPROVED**

k) Pastoral Care: Oct. 10 1:30-3:30 p.m. here

l) Stewardship: nothing to report.

m) Trustees: nothing to report.

n) UCM: nothing to report.

o) UCW: nothing to report

p) Worship: nothing to report.

**MOTION: To accept reports as circulated.**

**Moved: Joy Waterbury; Seconded: Cynthia Bruce**

**APPROVED**

8)

a) Covenanter: Its financial transactions are channelled through the Treasurer. They have \$37,000 in Heritage Reserve account, \$21,000 in the Enid Kelley account and \$13,000 in the current account. There is now insurance on the building, before there was only liability insurance. They look after all of their own expenses. They paid \$1500 for the cost over revenue to put on Evangeline last summer (although it has attracted donations). There was a discussion of who should pay for insurance going forward and the final decision was that we would leave it as it was before with the bill paid out of operating funds.

b) Treasurer- Bill presented the financial reports. Offerings are \$5000 less than last year but Transition expenses came in under budget. It appears as if we have a surplus there was a miscalculation in the number of pay periods.

**MOTION: To approve the August 31 financial statements and report and that a transfer of \$25,000 be made from the Trustees to the operating budget.**

**Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Bruce Smith**

**APPROVED**

Bill needs a copy of the Congregational minutes in June where the funds were approved for the donation to Sherbrooke Lake Camp.

**9) New Business**

a) Re-appointment of Rev. Ivan.

**MOTION: To approve the appointment of Rev. Ivan Norton to OVUC for the period of Oct. 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018<sup>th</sup> for 20 hours per week at a salary at \$37,000 per annum with \$600 for phone, \$687 for Continuing Education for a total of \$38,287 and adequate secretarial support. Travel expenses at the Gen Council rate. One month vacation.**

**Moved: Cynthia Bruce; Seconded: Ruth-Anne Stirling**

**APPROVED**

**10) Amendment \$37,000**

**Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Rebecca Godfrey**

**APPROVED**

**11)**

- a) Re-appointment of Judy Norton.

Motion: the appointment of Judith Norton as the Congregationally Designated Minister for OVU for the period of Oct. 1, 2017 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for 20 hours per week. Salary at \$37,000 per annum with \$600 for phone, \$687 for continuing education for total \$38,287 and adequate secretarial support. Travel expenses at the General Council rate. One month vacation.

**Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Ruth-Anne Stirling**

**APPROVED**

- b) Remembrance Day: Chris Seymour will place the wreath in Wolfville and Valerie will place the wreath in Kentville. We will move from Canning to Port Williams a Sylvia will place the wreath at Port Williams (instead of placing it at Canning)
- c) Facility studies committee: They met 3 times. Their mandate to examine all of the options for our future home and come back to the congregation with a plan. A final cannot be made until the new minister is settled. Some issues are coming up which will require an outlay of money. They have not eliminated any possibility and this information gathering will help to narrow things down. Examples of expenses would be: needing to engage an architect to give advice as how much it might cost to renovate our current site. If we stayed on this site, additions would need to be made. Could we acquire the land next door? The current owner is supportive of churches.
- d) We discussed the allocation \$5000 from the remaining Transition Committee budget to the work of its subcommittee, the Facilities Study Committee to finance the examination of various options. This will need to be a budget item next year.

**MOTION: To grant Authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.**

**Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Bill Simpson**

**APPROVED**

- 12) Clergy's Report: Twenty-five people attended the first Reformation event including retired Acadia Divinity professor Allison Trites and his wife Jean and the new Anglican minister. It went well and continues for the next few weeks.

- 13) Remits: We voted on all the five remits (the vote on the last one is not due until February). All four remits passed in both by definitive margins. The implementation work has begun but congregations won't see any changes until January 1, 2019. On Sat. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> General Council is going to reconvene electronically with a focus on accepting the results of the remit and passing motions to set it in motion. People can register to observe as guests. The executive will stay on until 44<sup>th</sup> General Council.

- 14) Next Meeting: November 8, 2017

15) Committees should be working on their budget and chairs should be determining who of their current members will be continuing or leaving and who they might approach to fill the empty spots. There will be a meeting of the chairs in late October, maybe after church or October 25, to discuss this.

16) Closing Prayer: Prayer offered by Judy Norton.

17) Adjournment: At 9:12 Norma Mailman moved to adjourn the meeting.