

**Orchard Valley United Church
Stewardship Committee Meeting
November 14th, 2017 at 3:00pm**

Present: Judy Gilmour (Acting Chair), Vicky Austin (Secretary), Sandra Tremblett, Cheryl Manzer, Elaine Maynard Lloyd
Regrets: Linda Swindells, Ruth-Anne Stirling
Absent: Lisa Cormier

The meeting was Called to Order with prayer at 3:00 by Judy Gilmour. Judy also warmly welcomed Elaine Maynard Lloyd as a new member to this committee.

The Agenda as presented by Judy Gilmour was approved by Vicky Austin.

Highlights from the Minutes of October 4th were read aloud by the secretary and approved by Sandra Tremblett.

Business arising contained in New Business as follows:

- a. Christmas Newsletter: We have been asked by Carol Dewar on Communications to provide a short article for the OVUC Advent/Christmas newsletter. We will include information about the annual Giving Tree as well as the envelopes designated for Christmas giving, which will be included in a December Sunday bulletin.
- b. Review of Comedy and Music event held on October 21st: Generally agreed that it was a good venture to try this one time. (Approximately 60 people attended. Freewill offering was split 50/50 between the two performers and OVUC -- \$320 each)
- c. Christmas Hampers: This committee is not responsible for the hampers at this time.
- d. Christmas Envelopes: The Stewardship Committee is responsible for distributing Christmas offering envelopes. The decision was made to do so on Sunday, December 3rd. We will ask Theresa to include a bulletin announcement as well.
- e. Giving Tree: This is an annual Stewardship Committee initiative. The tree will be up at the back of the church for the first Sunday in December, decorated with red bows. As people donate "in memory of" or "in celebration of", we exchange a red bow for a white one. As Christmas approaches, the tree gradually becomes covered in white bows. Donor names and those for whom they are donating are read aloud during Sunday services. At this point, Sandra has agreed to remain by the tree before and after service to help with donations and to exchange ribbons on the tree. Judy G will read the names on December 3rd, with whoever is available to help her. Cheryl and Vicky will be readers on the 10th, Judy and Elaine on the 17th, with Linda Swindells and Elaine on the 24th.
- f. Luncheons: There will not be a Soup Lunch on January 2nd, 2018. After some discussion, we have agreed to continue distributing posters to advertise the monthly luncheons. Posters for the soup lunch on December 5th are available for pick up and delivery.
- g. Readiness for Nominating Committee 2018: Committee feels we are in good shape with current membership. Linda Swindells joined earlier this year and Elaine has joined our ranks this month.
- h. January special meeting focus -- Budget review: Brief discussion on proposed budget of \$6,000 for 2018. Budget for 2017 was set at \$5,093. At October 31st, we were at

\$4,093. There will be proceeds of November and December Soup Lunches still to come, as well as expenses noted for those events.

- i. Addition to New Business: Cheryl asked Vicky, in her role as Secretary, to contact the OVUC Property Committee with the following request... As a result of the continuing success -- and outreach growth potential -- of the OVUC Soup Lunches, we have reached full capacity in our ability to make larger quantities of soup. Average attendance at the lunch is 65 and average intake is \$585. This committee respectfully asks that the Property Committee agree to move the commercial stoves formerly used at the Kentville church and which are currently in storage, to the Orchard Valley kitchen. Vicky will write up the request and pass it to Cheryl and Judy for approval prior to forwarding to Theresa and the Chair of the Property Committee.

Next meeting: December 12th at 3:00pm at OVUC.

Meeting was adjourned, with prayer, at 4:00pm.

Vicky Austin – Secretary

Judy Gilmour – Acting Chair