

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting, November 29, 2017
Minutes**

Present: Chris Seymour, Susanne Sweatman, Jean Millett, Cynthia Bruce, Ivan Norton, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Joy Waterbury, Rebecca Godfrey, Bill Simpson, Norma Mailman, Thea Burton

Regrets: Harvey Gilmour, Jane McDonald

1) Call to order.

2) Opening Prayer: Rev Ivan Norton

3) Approval of Agenda

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4) Correspondence

- a) Call from Camino Nova Scotia, a project of the Atlantic School of Theology. They take people on spiritual pilgrimage walks throughout the province. They are looking for places to billet near their walks. We have been asked to host one of the walks in July or August. There is a \$350 honorarium to cover costs of a dinner and overnight stay. It was agreed that Gary should proceed with discussions and come back with a more formal proposal.

5) Search Committee Update: Peter

The committee is down to 9 people. It is focused, hard-working and willing to do the job well. So far, all decisions have been unanimous. Since June, they have been actively looking and reaching out to entice candidates through advertisements and phone calls. 33 Individuals were contacted and asked if they were interested or if they knew anyone who might be interested. They also get the National Availability List. They have received 13 applications. The first deadline was the end of August. The list was paired down to five candidates to complete Skype interviews. They took place at the Old Orchard Inn. Of the five, two in-person interviews were arranged. Two excellent candidates. One was determined to not be a good fit for the congregation. The other person who was excellent is only interested in part time work. The Search Committee is suggesting the congregation consider looking for two part-time people to fill one full job. Efforts have begun again to find either an appropriate full-time candidate or another part-time candidate to higher along with the candidate that is currently being considered.

6) New Business: Nominating

- a) Board of Trustees: Remove Don Rockwell. There is no need for more appointments.
- b) Congregational Leaders: Will ask the Congregation to appoint a Chair and Secretary
- c) Communications: 4 people currently if there are more initiatives needed then more people are needed, but for now the work is manageable.
- d) Covenanter: Remove John Cochrane. They will appoint someone from Trustees.

- e) Council Executive: Cecil White will replace Bruce Smith for Finance
 - i) Gary will ask Bruce Smith if he is interested in serving as Vice-Chair
- f) Christian Development: Linda Draper and Lorna MacNeil are done. Suggestions:
 - i) Elaine Maynard Lloyd - Gary will contact
 - ii) Debbie Mailman - Gary will ask Heather to contact
 - iii) Sherry Pulsifer -Gary will contact
- g) Congregational Life: Joan Simpson is done; Rebecca will contact the following-
 - i) Kathy Jenner
 - ii) Cheryl MacDonald
 - iii) Sheila Fisher
 - iv) Mary Marshall
 - v) Brenda Parker
 - vi) Beth Spindler
- h) Finance: Cecil White is chair, Bill will confirm if Helen Hansford will remain. One more person is required.
 - i) Frank Maxwell- Gary to suggest Cecil contacts
- i) M&P: Suzanne is stepping down as chair, but will remain on the committee. Nancy Handrigan will be chair. No more are needed.
- j) Outreach: Susan Cater and Sue Smith are both stepping down.
 - i) Dale McArthur-Gary will speak to Susan and Sue to suggest contact.
- k) Presbytery: It is likely Joanne and Gail will remain for this final year.
- l) Stewardship: No changes or current needs.
- m) Pastoral Care: Betty MacDonald and Francis Turner are done. No more are needed
- n) Property: Don Rockwell is gone. Dave Tracey will join. No more are needed.
- o) Worship: Thea Burton and Carolyn Cameron are done; They could use one more. Needs may change once a new minister is found.
 - i) Perhaps someone from the early service or someone from the search committee would be interested.
 - ii) Cynthia will contact Shelley Moore and Debbie Mailman

7) Next Meeting: January 24, 2018

8) Closing Prayer: Rev. Ivan Norton

9) Adjournment