

**Orchard Valley United Church  
Council Meeting January 24, 2018  
Minutes**

**1) Call to order**

- a) Present: Sue Smith, Jean Millet, Ivan Norton, Judy Norton, Norma Mailman, Ernie Draper, Marion Buchan, Susan Cater, Joanne Olive, Joy Waterbury, Rebecca Godfrey, Judy Gilmour, Bruce Smith, Bill Simpson, Chris Seymour, Susanne Sweatman, Sylvia Jacquard, Thea Burton, Gary Dunfield
- b) Regrets – Harvey Gilmour

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

**3) Approval of Agenda**

**Moved: Chris Seymour; Seconded: Judy Gilmour**

**ACCEPTED**

**4) Approval of minutes last meeting**

**Moved: Sue Smith; Seconded: Jean Millett**

**ACCEPTED**

**5) Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) There is a need for another member on the M&P committee. They are currently searching for someone.

**6) Correspondence**

- a) Stained glass windows. The new owners of the former St. Andrew's building would like the stained glass window in the fireside room to be removed. There are no more remaining family members of the original donors. It was the consensus of the council for the church to accept the window. The owners of the building will pay for the removal costs.
- b) Camino NS. Council had tentatively agreed to host this group in the summer. Monday night and Tuesday morning June 25-26, and Monday-Tuesday, July 16-17. The schedule has been checked, and there do not appear to be any conflicts. We will proceed with the process for the facility use.

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

- a) Christian Development
- b) Communications
- c) Congregational Life
- d) Covenanter: The recent \$10,000 donation has been invested. They are looking for 2 new committee members and will need a new trustee to serve as well.
- e) Finance
- f) Inter-church councils
  - i) Kentville/New Minas, Valley Food Grains Bank, Food Bank
  - ii) WAICC
  - iii) Canning

- g) Ministry & Personnel: St. John's Ambulance appears to be the best option for defibrillators and training.

**MOTION: To allocate funds to purchase a portable defibrillator and provide usage training from St. John's Ambulance.**

**Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Joy Waterbury** **ACCEPTED**

It was also recommended that staff receive first aid, CPR, and training for the unit. M&P will proceed with the purchase and investigation of training for staff.

- h) Outreach:

- i) Food bank Sunday donations totalled 870 kg of food for the year, in addition to Canucopia.

- ii) The committee was pleased to state they had stayed within their budget.

- iii) Three requests for benevolent support this month.

- i) Presbytery

- i) Allocations for Conference are \$12,224.57. The numbers for Presbytery are not confirmed as yet. This is less than what we budgeted.

- j) Property

- i) The stove in storage from Billtown that was requested is not available until May. The suggested motion from the Property report to bring this stove to OV now was questioned.

**MOTION: Come May, providing the stove fits in the space, the stove in Billtown will be moved to the OV kitchen, and the current two stoves will be disposed of.**

**Moved: Bruce Smith; Seconded: Judy Gilmour** **ACCEPTED**

- k) Pastoral Care

- l) Search Committee

- m) Stewardship

- n) Trustees-meet next week.

- o) UCM

- i) Scott Sweatman and Dave Murphy are setting up and organizing a once/month senior men's fellowship luncheon at OV. Appropriate times and dates will be determined. Cheryl Manzer offered to assist. It will be open to the community with a guest speaker.

- p) UCW- report was shared orally and attached to report package after the meeting.

- q) Valley Food grains report was also shared. Report to be attached after the meeting.

- r) Worship

## **8) Treasurer**

- a) Financial report: Bill Simpson reviewed the financial documents

- b) Budget

- i) Covenanter is preparing to replace the doors. They have budgeted \$10,000 for upkeep.
- ii) The recommended budget was reviewed. The Property Maintenance line will increase by \$1200 to accommodate the defibrillator, and the amount owing for Conference and Presbytery will decrease to \$17,500, as per allocation amounts. The future facilities committee may require funds. \$2000 was suggested as a reasonable amount to add to the budget for this.
- iii) We are hoping to have new ministers by July 1<sup>st</sup>, which will affect the budget as well.

**MOTION: To accept the committee and treasury reports as presented.**

**Moved: Joy Waterbury; Seconded: Susanne Sweatman**

**ACCEPTED**

**9) New Business**

- a) Nominating
  - i) No one has stepped up for the benevolent fund. Outreach will meet to make a plan to move forward.
- b) Annual meeting date: March 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday in March. Financial reports will be reviewed by Council on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the annual meeting the following Sunday.
- c) Office computer-It was recommended to replace this. There are funds in the budget to cover this. It was the consensus of the council to proceed. Gary Dunfield will proceed with finding and purchasing a replacement.

**10) Authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.**

**Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Marion Buchan**

**ACCEPTED**

**11) Clergy's Report: Judy Norton**

- a) Change in structure: Congregations, Regions and General Council
- b) New Regions: Boundaries Commissions established the boundaries of the new regional governments. We are moving from 98 church courts to 17 regions. The local Presbytery courts have been eliminated. Geography, travel times, relationships, capacity to do the work, and culture (church and geographic). First Nations congregations asked to remain out of this configuration for now, and will be determined later. They started with natural dividing features. They tried to have a mix of rural and urban communities in each region. Another committee will determine staffing, operating procedures and funding. There is a YouTube webinar interview that covers most frequent questions regarding the work of this group.  
Maritimes Conference has been split into two regions. New Brunswick and PEI are one region, and N.S. and Bermuda are another region. Each region will choose a central location to function from.

**12) Next Meeting: February 28, 2018**

**13) Closing Prayer: Judy Norton**

**14) Adjournment: Moved-Norma Mailman**