

## Outreach Committee Minutes

### Orchard Valley United Church

February 4, 2018

**Attending:** Sue Smith, Susan Cater, Helen Seymour, Beth Spindler, Cheryl Manzer, Gary Dunfield (guest for Benevolent Fund Discussion) Susanne Sweatman (facilitator) Sarah Trask (recorder),

**Absent:** Sylvia Jacquard, Kelly Ross

**Welcome:** Sarah, who is new to the congregation and very interested in the outreach work of OVUC.

#### Reports:

- **Benevolent Fund:** We discussed the pros and cons of managing our own benevolent fund independently, or, financially supporting the Salvation Army Program. Outcome: We voted to continue with our own program and purchase a phone plan that facilitates better communication with clients requesting support. Susan will explore better phone plans for our purposes.

Benevolent Fund received 5 requests for support. Outcome: 1. Provided \$70 for food, 2. Provided \$150 for power, 3. And 4. Callers were not reachable by return call, and, 5th caller did not qualify.

- **Christmas Hampers:** Helen reported that it was very successful completely by donations. Susanne will attend the wrap-up meeting at the Salvations Army Citadel Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fundy Food Bank:** Sue reported that OVUC provided a total of 870 Kg of food items in 2017.
- **Meet Your Feet:** Cheryl reported that she is training a new food care nurse, Pam Andrews, LPN (Foot Care) who has been working with Cheryl now for a few months. Cheryl requested that we offer Pam the tuition fees of \$375 for the Canadian Foot Care Nursing Conference and Education event to be held in Edmonton in May. Motion Carried.
- **Open Arms:** it was agreed that we pull back our involvement with Open Arms. We will only continue the '5<sup>th</sup> Saturday' Dinner. MYF will begin seeking another site for the MYF clinic. The Kentville Anglican Church was suggested.
- **Seniors Housing Programming:** Cheryl reported that the women in residence are enthusiastic about the friendly program sessions. As well a few OVUC men have offered to visit the men living in the residence.

**Next Meeting** to be determined as Congregational Annual Meeting is booked for March 4, 2018.

Susanne Sweatman

