

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting March 28, 2018
Minutes**

- 1) **Call to order. 7:00 pm**
Present: Gary Dunfield, Bill Simpson, Cecil White, Rev. Ivan Norton, Chris Seymour, Sue Smith, Norma Mailman, Jean Millett, Linda Swindells, Nancy Handrigan, Marion Buchan, Rebecca Godfrey, Sylvia Jacquard, Jane McDonald, Joanne Olive, Thea Burton, Ernie Draper
Regrets – Harvey and Judy Gilmour, Joy Waterbury, Judy Norton

- 2) **Opening Prayer – Rev. Ivan Norton**

- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
Moved: Jane McDonald; Seconded: Nancy Handrigan **CARRIED**

- 4) **Approval of minutes last meeting**
Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Chris Seymour **CARRIED**

- 5) **Business Arising from the Minutes--Nothing to date**

- 6) **Correspondence--Nothing to date**

- 7) **Search Committee and upcoming meeting**

A Congregational Meeting was called for two weeks from last Sunday for the purpose of seeking direction in regards to the desire to revise the JNAC to add an additional ½ time clergy position. Nancy Handrigan explained the reasons for moving forward with this. We cannot move forward without input from Presbytery. While we do not have Presbytery input at this point, we will continue with the meeting to determine the will of the congregation in this regard. Financial information will be presented along with the perceived need and info on the required process.

New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports

- a) Christian Development
- b) Communications
- c) Congregational Life: Still looking for new members. People are willing to help with dinners, but don't want to be on the committee.
- d) Covenanter
- e) Finance
- f) Inter-church councils
 - i) Kentville/New Minas: Dr. Tim Archibald is moving on. The Good Friday service will not happen this year.
 - ii) WAICC
 - iii) Canning – Question from Outreach re membership- should we maintain representation?

MOTION: Orchard will officially withdraw from membership for the Canning and area Inter-church council.

Moved: Ernie Draper, Seconded: Sue Smith

CARRIED

- iv) Valley Food Grains Bank
- g) Ministry & Personnel
- h) Outreach-June
- i) Presbytery: On April 23, 24 the tentative new executive ministers were named. Our region's person is the woman from the Newfoundland Conference.
- j) Property-Security issues with back yard use during the week and evenings. Council requests that Theresa keeps the door locked during the day, and for Property to investigate a doorbell, and video surveillance camera.
- k) Pastoral Care
- l) Stewardship
- m) Trustees: old choir gowns were given to Waterville United
- n) UCM: Senior men's fellowship luncheon has been a great success. Next one is April 13.
- o) UCW
- p) Worship

MOTION: To accept the reports as presented.

Moved: Chris Seymour; Seconded: Rebecca Godfrey

CARRIED

8) Treasurer

- a) Financial report: Correction on budget-First Search Committee should say transition, and the last should be Search Committee. Bill Simpson reviewed the reports as distributed.

MOTION: To accept the financial reports as presented

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Cecil White

CARRIED

9) New Business

- a) Delegates for 93rd Maritime Conference: Presbytery Reps are automatically Conference delegates. Joanne Olive has confirmed attendance. Gail Gordon has not yet confirmed attendance. Jane McDonald will be there as part of Maritime Finance Committee.

MOTION: If Gail Gordon is not able to attend the conference as a delegate, Jane McDonald will replace her.

Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Nancy Handrigan

CARRIED

- b) Defibrillator training - Saturday April 14th at 1 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in Narthex. Encourage Committee members to do the same.
- c) Duty of care: All committee chairs are asked to review 'Duty of Care' expectations, and if required, ask new members to sign a Confidentiality form, and/or request a Police Record Check. Please forward completed forms to Susanne Sweatman for secure, confidential storage.
- d) New facilities committee: Executive of Council were asked to proceed with the appointment of a new facilities committee. A list of names has been generated and will be contacted. If you have any questions, concerns or recommendations contact Gary Dunfield or Jane McDonald.
- e) The new minister will be visiting Thursday, May 3rd. Search committee will inform people of some kind of an open house/visiting time in the afternoon.

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

Moved: Jane McDonald; Seconded: Sylvia Jacquard

CARRIED

11) Clergy's Report: Nothing at this time. Requesting May's council date to be moved to May 30th.

12) Next Meeting: April 25

13) Closing Prayer: Rev. Ivan Norton

14) Adjournment Moved: Cecil White 8:20pm