

COVENANTER COMMITTEE MEETING
Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas, NS
April 10, 2018

Ernie Draper chaired the meeting and John Burdock acted as secretary.

Attendance: John Burdock, Beth Crosby, Betty Curry, Ernie Draper, Jim Keech, Rev Ivan Norton, Dorothy Robbins

Regrets: Harvey Gilmour (OVUC Rep)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and a prayer was offered by Rev. Ivan Norton.

Motion to approve the agenda Betty Curry/Dorothy Robbins: **Carried.**

Motion to approve Minutes of March 13th: Beth Crosby/Ernie Draper: **Carried**

Correspondence:

- Jim has received two general mailings from Communities Culture and Heritage regarding grants. He will contact them to correct address.

Treasurers Report:

- Betty Curry submitted the report and it was reviewed (scanned and attached to Minutes). Bank balance March 31, 2018, \$12,122.66

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Betty Curry/Beth Crosby; **Carried**

Building Co-ordinators Report:

- Jim Keech submitted the report (attached to minutes).
 1. He has no further information on the doors.
 2. He asked for input regarding the type of steps into the church (front and side). It was agreed a wooden landing with steps would be adequate on the front with a ramp on the side.

Motion to accept the Building Coordinator's Report: Jim Keech/Betty Curry; **Carried**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming Summer Weddings and events: (list also attached to minutes)

- **Weddings** - May 19th – Noseworthy, 1:00 p.m., June 16th – Herbin, August 11th – Keating, October 6th – Redden (they have requested a Porta-Potty on site – Jim to arrange).
- **Events** - June 3rd – Kirkin' o the Tartan; August 5th – Bruce Family Service prior to Sunday service.

2. Organ – Ernie indicated he now has a pump, which was shipped from England. Mark Bond will look at installation next week. A bill was provided to Betty representing the total cost (\$840.25).

3. Summer Services

- Jim submitted a report showing speakers from July 1st through August 28th (attached to minutes).
- Dorothy circulated a table of dates for members to volunteer as Intro/readers, greeters and lemonade caterers.
- Jim mentioned we need posters. He will update from old one.
- Jim asked for assistance in opening and closing, primarily in July, as he has someone for August. Members are to let him know of availability.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ernie provided a copy of our insurance policy. We have blanket coverage with Orchard Valley which is deemed adequate. Ivan suggested it would be good if we could have the costs associated for the Covenanter broken out on the policy. Ernie is to inquire with the Insurance provider.
2. Ernie proposed that the Church Rental Reservation form be revised to obtain full payment as opposed to a deposit now and remainder later. It was agreed by all to do this. Ernie will modify the existing version.
3. Jim inquired about Community Outreach, specifically for the Covenanter. There was a recent fire in Grand Pré in which the Thorpe family lost everything. He proposed we make a donation to the family which he could present at the upcoming Lions Club fundraiser.

Motion to donate \$300: Jim Keech/Dorothy Robbins: **Carried**

4. Also in relation to community outreach, Jim asked if going forward, should we consider establishing our own "Disaster Fund". After discussing, we agreed that the Covenanter Committee has to talk to the official Board of Orchard Valley before we can proceed in any direction regarding establishing such a fund, (which would include the issuing of Tax receipts as the Covenanter Church does not have its own charitable tax number). So right now we are in a holding position on this matter.

Adjournment was moved by Jim Keech.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Orchard Valley United Church.

March Summary (Continued)

Mar 1. Beginning Balance 11,481.75

Revenue

2017 HST Refund	342.80 ²
Cookbook Sales	220.00
Rental deposit	100.00
Memorials (L.M.R.)	70.00
Total Revenue	<u>732.80</u>

Expenditures

NS Power	89.89
Bank charge	<u>2.00</u>
Costs balance	91.89
Mar 31 book balance	12,122.66

HST Refund Due (March) 6.20
 HST Refund Due to date 68.21

Trusts - Totals reported by auditor

Erin Kelly Memorial Fund	29,449
Heritage Fund Reserve	43,338

I know 4388 was transferred from Erin Kelly to Heritage Reserve
 I don't know if \$10,600 is the exact amount of shares deposited to Erin Kelly.
 I don't know amount of 2017 interests

Build Co-ordinator Report Covenanter Church

April 10, 2018

1. Still no communication regarding estimates for the doors.
2. Outdoor cleanup and landscaping will begin next week.
3. In-put regarding front steps + tower steps from the committee.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Keech
Building Co-ordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018

May 19 – Ryan Noseworthy wedding 1:00pm

June 3 – Kirkin O the Tartan

June 16 – Jennie Herbin wedding

August 5 – Bruce Family service

August 11 – David Keating wedding

October 6 – Jill Redden Wedding

will want party potty

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AT COVENANTER CHURCH (SUMMER 2018)

July 1	Rev. Tim McFarland
July 8 (Anniversary Service)	Rev. Bob Lockhart
July 15	Rev. Roger Prentice
July 22	Rev. Don B Sellsted
July 29	Rev. Trent Cleveland-Thompson
August 5	Dr. Bruce Matthews
August 12	Rev. Sarah Scott
August 19	Rev. Sarah Scott
August 26	Rev. John Wray