

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting April 25, 2018
Minutes**

1) **Call to order.**

- a) Regrets – Joanne Olive, Chris Seymour, Nancy Handrigan, Bill Simpson, Susan Cater
- b) Present- Gary Dunfield, Jane McDonald, Cecil White, Joy Waterbury, Jean Millett, Cynthia Bruce, Rev. Ivan Norton, Ernie Draper, Gail Gordon, Judy Norton, Sylvia Jacquard, Andy Pitter, Judy Gilmour, Harvey Gilmour, Sue Smith, Ian Godfrey, Rebecca Godfrey, Norma Mailman, Thea Burton, Rev. John Moses (guest)

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

3) **Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Jane McDonald; **Seconded:** Judy Gilmour

ACCEPTED

4) **Approval of minutes last meeting**

Moved: Harvey Gilmour; **Seconded:** Sue Smith

ACCEPTED

5) **Business Arising from the Minutes:** None at this time.

6) **Correspondence:** None at this time.

7) **Report from Rev. John Moses**

Rev. John Moses spoke regarding the motion requesting guidance from Presbytery in regards to adding an additional ministerial position. Presbytery is asking us to wait and allow the new minister time to get acquainted with the pastoral charge, with the Needs Assessment process to begin in September. It is the hope that should the remits be accepted and Presbytery is dissolved, that any new process would honor any work that had begun prior to that time. If we have a congregational meeting in September to definitively decide whether or not we want to move forward towards creating a new part-time position, we could appoint a JNAC committee at that time to begin work pending approval from Presbytery. As the discussion is on a topic of Pastoral Relations, there will have to be a Presbytery representative at that meeting.

Gary Dunfield will put an announcement in the bulletin this coming week to inform the congregation of the information received.

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

a) Christian Development

b) Communications

- i) Library: Is this a worthwhile project? The committee requested feedback. Currently it is not visible and not being used. The children's books are in a case in the sanctuary. These books are used on Sundays. There was a general sense that this was a worthwhile project. Different ideas were shared as to how to make it visible and useful.

c) Congregational Life

d) Covenanter

The Covenanter committee would like to establish an emergency fund to support the families of Grand Pre in the time of disaster. This is in response to a recent house fire. This would be different from the benevolent fund of Orchard Valley, and would be specific for local disasters, as opposed to occasional times of need for food, power etc. There was a consensus of support for this idea.

e) Finance

f) Inter-church councils

i) Kentville/New Minas: meeting scheduled for next week

ii) Valley Food Grains Bank

iii) Food Bank

iv) WAICC

(1) Incorporation: due to liability issues and potential future amalgamation in the Catholic Church, they weren't comfortable being part of an incorporated society. Consequently, the council as a whole decided it was not the right time to proceed.

Motion: We approve the rescinding of the November 2016 motion to proceed towards incorporation.

Moved: Andy Pitter; Seconded: Jane McDonald

ACCEPTED

g) Ministry & Personnel:

i) Theresa was presented with a card and small gift recognizing her work on Administrative Support Day. All staff were thanked for their service.

ii) May 3rd, Don Sellsted will meet with staff. They will be at church on May 6th to meet the congregation.

h) Outreach

i) Presbytery: Nothing will change in Presbytery through December, 2018 or possibly until June 2019 should the remits not be accepted.

j) Property:

i) Valley alarms does provide camera surveillance systems that load into a hard drive. They would not monitor it. Council requested more information regarding pricing. Fencing and chain information was shared. The total cost would be close to \$1500. There was consensus that a chain is not a viable option.

ii) Defibrillator will have to be charged every 2 years. Both the electrode pack and the charge pack would have to be replaced after use.

iii) Mark Pound has been contacted to provide a CPR course. He has not responded. St. John's Ambulance will also be contacted.

k) Pastoral Care

l) Stewardship

m) Trustees

n) UCM: Morning breakfast and Tuesday gatherings have been going well. More Guys Cans are ready to be distributed.

o) UCW

p) Worship:

i) Asking blessing to plan for the Anniversary service the third Sunday in October. There was consensus this was good timing.

- ii) Camping Sunday is coming up on May 6th. Smores and hotdogs will be provided by Congregational Life. Help cleaning up is requested. Worship committee will look after that.
- iii) In May vacation plans will be sorted.
- iv) Don Sellsted will begin first of July, but may not start preaching immediately. Supply may be needed through the summer.
- v) Andy has gotten a few more committees to help with Senior services.

MOTION: To approve the reports as presented.

Moved: Cynthia Bruce; **Seconded:** Joy Waterbury

ACCEPTED

9) **Treasurer**

- a) Financial report:

MOTION: To approve reports as circulated

Moved: Cecil White; **Seconded:** Harvey Gilmour

ACCEPTED

10) **New Business**

- a) Review of template for committee reports: We don't need to know who was present or where the meeting occurred. We only need the highlights of the work of the committee and any motions you are bringing to council. Background on the motion is useful.

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

Moved: Harvey Gilmour; **Seconded:** Norma Mailman

ACCEPTED

12) **Clergy's Report:** Judy and Ivan are slowly disengaging from their responsibilities to help the transition. We will be at Berwick for June 24th service which is their last service.

13) **Next Meeting:** May 30, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

14) **Closing Prayer:** Judy Norton

15) **Adjournment:** Jane McDonald