

ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Present: Ivan Norton, Judy Norton, Kathy Schofield, Andy Pitter, Cheryl Hill, Amanda Dominey, Heather Hennigar, Elaine Maynard-Lloyd

Regrets: none!

Volunteer chair: Heather Hennigar

Opening prayer: Rev Ivan Norton

Minutes: Mar 15, 2018 -- Andy Pitter moved, Kathy Schofield seconded. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Camping Sunday: Camping focus at both worships. Amanda Dominey will help after 11 am worship if present.

Day at Camp, June 24: Discussed who might organize kids' activities (Elaine Maynard-Lloyd & Heather Hennigar are away). We could ask Chris Seymour to do games and mini-campfire; Allyson & George Dunfee and/or Sue & Bruce Smith would be good to ask as well. Worship will be at 11; lunch only meal there. Judy Norton will look into golf cart loan for going from parking lot down to main area.

Y'All Come: April supper had a good crowd but no kids. The movie idea at previous suppers faced some challenges: we need a larger screen as the current one is broken and may not last plus the projector needs a new bulb. 2nd projector didn't work for Judy Norton. Elaine Maynard-Lloyd has "Joseph & the Technicolour Dreamcoat". We could have a movie night in Sept: get to know the new minister, 6:30 on a Friday night so kids can be up later, potluck & hotdogs or just dessert or even just popcorn. Next Y'All Come is May 29 at 5pm.

Camp Sponsorships: Gail Gordon suggests sending Gerald Dominey and Andrew Lemmon to the bereavement camp at Brigadoon Village. Social Services will pay some of that. We will help too if needed although maybe not pay full fee (\$1,300 each). We could consider paying as much as we would if the boys were going to Sherbrooke. Orchard Valley's cabin commitment is \$3,000 a year for 5 years starting last year. Exec Director Mat Whynott is ok with us sending the same families as last year. We discussed the challenges sending Branden Godding there (his own respite worker

wouldn't be able to go) and asked Amanda Dominey to speak to Mat Whynott directly about that.

Correspondence: none

Reports

9 am Children: 3 to 10 kids a week and going well. 9 am worship is important in part because it gives people a choice of time, size of group/comfort level, kind of music, and so on.

Sunday School: Lots of kids last few weeks; maybe need more teachers or adults? The month of May might bring numbers down. Duyan family is a nice addition. Curriculum hard for older children's teachers: not much to work with on top of too wide a range with that group. We will still wait for the new minister before deciding re next year's curriculum. Elaine Maynard-Lloyd once stretched out a VBS curriculum (used the previous year's at a discount) and especially liked a Lord's Prayer she used once plus shared favourite summer songs with the congregation. The children collected \$20 for Lent: Heather Hennigar will work out with the kids what project to give the money to at some point.

Lectionary Group: Folk are continuing as before.

NEW BUSINESS

Issues with kids upstairs (both 9 am and SS): We will make the storage room off-limits to children. Heather will make a stop sign. We will put a lock on the room only if needed and encourage all kids to stay downstairs when SS not happening. Andy Pitter has already put a rope across the teacher's room to discourage kids from being in there. (Better to have same rule for everyone.)

Kentville/New Minas VBS: Rev Ivan Norton suspects this was a "private" joint effort rather than an inter-church council event. If they have one again this summer, we could offer craft supplies.

UC Stewardship material: Judy Norton will ask kids to have their photos taken of them with "flat Jesus" (colouring page) and then give photos to Sylvia Jacquard for a slideshow or to put on a bulletin board. Judy Norton will purchase the suggested beach balls for each kid and this will be our year-end gift.

Worship for Seniors: Heather Hennigar will lead one in June on our behalf. Thank you, Heather!

Library: The Communications Committee brought up the matter of having a small library for older-than-children folk and is going to look into this. Andy Pitter will share what books we saved from the other buildings for this purpose.

Second minister: Presbytery rep Rev John Moses was at last night's Council meeting to say Presbytery supports our intent to look into a second minister but recommends Orchard Valley start in Sept so we can involve the new minister. Andy Pitter said we ought to have someone at Council meetings again to convey our needs during this time and she will go whenever possible.

Next meeting: May 31

Closing prayer: Judy