

COVENANTER COMMITTEE MEETING
Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas, NS
January 9, 2018

Ernie Draper chaired the meeting and Beth Crosby acted as secretary

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

Regrets: Lynn McLelland

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/Jim Keech; CARRIED

The December minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve Minutes of December 12th: Dorothy Robbins/Ernie Draper; CARRIED

Please note corrections: "gift for Herman Mentink **as honorarium for use and operation of excavator**" and "**Brian** Isnor for electrical upgrade".

Correspondence: No correspondence

-There was an email from Ken Hassell regarding a possible donation to cover the replacement amount of the organ motor.

Treasurers Report:

-Betty Curry submitted the report and it was reviewed (scanned and attached to Minutes).
Book balance Dec. 31, 2018, \$11,237.68

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

The updated budget for 2018 was given to Ernie to present to Council

Building Co-ordinators Report:

-Jim Keech submitted the report (attached to minutes).

-Jim installed plywood, a railing and a non-slip surface over the French drain for the Christmas Eve Service

-Numerous carpenters have been contacted for estimates for door replacements

-A picture and description of the work being done on the Covenanter was on the front page of the Grand Pre Newsletter. A copy of the newsletter will be emailed to Orchard Valley and people who donated

Motion to accept the Building Coordinator's Report: Jim Keech/Maggie Curry; CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Christmas Eve Service

a. The Service was near capacity (150 down/60 up for a total of 210 is max)

- b. A minute of silence before the service should be in the bulletin and announced
- c. Housekeeping announcement
- d. There should be more than one person on the door
- e. Handicapped seating needs to be reserved
- f. Two parking attendants are required; one in front and one at driveway
- g. A second monitor is needed upstairs
- h. An envelope inserted in every bulletin increases giving
- i. Maggie Keppie is willing to assist with posters and advertising in 2018
- j. Rev Tim McFarland indicated his willingness to lead the service in the future
- k. Someone should have a backup copy of the readings at the service in case a reader doesn't make it
- l. Dorothy will send thank you cards to the list Betty gives her

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Memorial Book - Discuss in February

2. Currie Gift - A donation of over \$10, 000 in gas stock was given by Lauchlan Currie at the end of December. It was sold immediately (\$10,600) and transferred into the O.V. pooled investment. The donation will be transferred to the Enid Kelly fund.

3. Aug. 5, 2018 revenue versus rent waiver - A \$200 minimum donation qualifies for an income tax receipt (or individual receipts).

4. Flowers for Lynn – A card will be sent and a plant later, when appropriate. (I regret to say at the time of this writing, that Lynn McLelland passed away on January 16th. Lynn will be missed.)

5. Investments - It was noted that the Covenant Committee would appreciate being informed by the O.V. Trustees when transferring funds, donations, stocks, etc. Ernie will bring this concern to the Trustees.

6. Weddings - There are two weddings booked for 2018, thus far; one in June and one in August. We will provide a porta-potty from June 1st until the end of August.

7. Committee Members

- It is with regret that we received Maggie Keppie's resignation from the board. Maggie has served on the Committee for over 12 years. She is willing to assist with services in the future. Thank you, Maggie, for all that you have contributed over the years.

-New members will have to be recruited.

Adjournment was moved by Dorothy Robbins

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 at Orchard Valley United Church