

**Orchard Valley United Church
Stewardship Committee Meeting
May 9, 2017**

The OVUC Stewardship Committee met in the Board Room at 3:00 pm.

Present: Ruth-Anne Stirling (Chair), Vicky Austin (Secretary), Sandra Tremblett, Cheryl Manzer

Absent: Lisa Cormier, Judy Gilmour, Linda Swindells

Guest: Theresa Perrin

New Business

Theresa brought her concerns and ideas to the committee regarding our plans for a dinner theatre production in the Fall.

- Fees and royalties for existing productions such as *Beehive the Musical* are exorbitant
- Creating our own production requires only SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) fees for the songs
- Theresa consulted with her friend Ron Wheatley, who is a writer, director, composer and producer for thoughts and ideas
- Theresa's idea for **Capers Cabaret and Revue** (a made in the Orchard production) would allow us to choose musical themes and a variety of songs for performance between courses of the dinner theatre.
- Suggested dates ~ November 3rd and 4th, 2017
- Possibly hold a '2 for 1' dress rehearsal open to the community on the 2nd, dinner not included
- Theresa will work with Mindy to develop a theme, a budget and to schedule auditions

Cheryl asked for ideas to forward to the Facilities Committee regarding new or improved space for Orchard Valley.

- Space to do more on sight activities
- Large and efficient kitchen
- Bigger chancel area
- Parish Hall/community space for soup lunches and events

Theresa passed along a message from Tony Quinn. He is interested in performing a Celtic Concert at OVUC this summer. Cheryl will contact him to determine if his idea includes proceeds to OVUC.

Old Business

- Vicky will contact Susan Carter to determine if she is able to do her music and comedy event on September 22nd or 23rd. Will also confirm costs involved.

Discussion

- Soup Lunch in May brought in \$789.25, the highest amount this year. Lowest income was for the Lunch held on January 3rd.
- Will likely forego the Soup Lunch in January 2018, which would fall on January 2nd.
- Vicky will send a thank you card to Eric Manzer on behalf of Stewardship for all his prep work each month for the soups.
- Elaine Maynard Lloyd will join this committee in September.

Meeting informally adjourned at 4:05pm

Next Soup Lunch is on June 6th Soup Lunch

- French Ham & Vegetable or Cream of Mushroom Soups, Cake with Fruit Sauce for dessert

Next meeting: June 13th at 3:00pm

Vicky Austin - Secretary

Ruth-Anne Stirling - Chair

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."
- William Arthur Ward