

**Orchard Valley United Church
Stewardship Committee Meeting
September 12, 2017**

The OVUC Stewardship Committee met in the Boardroom.

Present: Ruth-Anne Stirling (Chair), Vicky Austin (Secretary), Sandra Tremblett, Cheryl Manzer, Judy Gilmour, Linda Swindells, Lisa Cormier
Guest: Gary Dunfield, Chair of OVUC Council

Meeting was Called to Order at 3:00pm

The meeting went off Agenda to allow Gary to discuss the roles of stewardship and fundraising before returning to his workplace. We thank him for taking the time to meet with our committee.

- Fundraise to build community and outreach (more than just making money)
- Soup Lunches are social occasions and make about \$500 each month
- Music and Comedy Night and Springtime Cabaret are in the planning stages
- Advent and Christmas events involve families and friends
- Fundraise for a project or person in need elsewhere
- Role of stewardship in the church
 - Sunday offering and PAR (one person in 4 or 5 are on PAR yet represent 45% of the total giving)
 - Giving is currently based on fixed incomes and age
 - Steady givers are not being challenged to increase PAR amount- the need to do so will increase when facilities and new ministry personnel are in place
 - Stewardship committee should present a brief explanation of PAR to the congregation, stressing the convenience and stability of not having to catch up with giving after holidays or other absences. Perhaps Gary or a member of OVUC on Par could speak to this during a service, as well as providing a bulletin insert for distribution.
- Also discussed combining Stewardship and Congregational Life committees in the future. There are some common goals, which would be worth sharing at a joint meeting.

Approval of The Minutes of August 9, 2017

Moved by Ruth-Anne Stirling

Seconded by Cheryl Manzer

Correspondence

- Theresa Perrin advised that she will not be producing the previously discussed Capers Cabaret and Revue event due to time constraints and lack of interested production staff.
- Email from Carol Dewar on behalf of Communications (see under New Business)

Old Business

- Music and Comedy Night is booked for Saturday, October 21st at 7:30pm
 - Vicky will remain as contact person for Susan Carter
 - Freewill offering for event, split 50/50 with performers
 - Refreshments will be coffee, tea and cookies only
 - Communications committee will advertise
 - OVUC will create poster for distribution by October 1st
- Vicky sent an email (copy in file) to Lisa with respect to her attendance on this committee. Lisa did not receive it at either email address and was able to attend this meeting without knowing the contents of the email.
- The search for a Hobart mixer for the kitchen is still on. Cheryl will check on Kijiji. A new mixer costs approx \$2500.
- Cheryl and Beth will shop at Costco instead of Cysco for bulk food purchases.

New Business

- Suggested by Carol (Communications) "that those who attend the monthly luncheons be given the opportunity to place their email addresses on a list for a monthly reminder of the upcoming luncheon, with the menu options included. The list could also be used for cancellations. The list would be managed by the office and kept confidential. Patrons could add their name and email address to the list when paying for their luncheon."
 - An announcement will be made at the next Soup Lunch to determine interest in doing so.
- We will invite the members of Congregational Life to attend the Stewardship meeting on October 10th.

Further Notes

- Cheryl spoke with Tony Quinn in the summer and felt he was more interested in finding a performance venue than sharing proceeds with OVUC.
- Elaine Maynard Lloyd is away but plans to join this committee in November 2017.
- Judy Gilmour has agreed to take over as chair of this committee when Ruth-Anne leaves for Florida in November.
- Next Soup Lunch is on October 3rd and features Hamburger Soup, Roasted Cauliflower Soup and Cake with Fruit Sauce for dessert. The posters are ready for distribution. However, there is an additional (third) soup listed, which will be blacked out before posting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm by Judy Gilmour

Next meeting: October 10th at 3:00pm in Boardroom

Vicky Austin – Secretary

Ruth-Anne Stirling - Chair