

**COVENANTER COMMITTEE MEETING  
Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas, NS  
November 14, 2017**

Ernie Draper chaired the meeting and Beth Crosby acted as secretary.

**Attendance:** Dorothy Robbins, Betty Curry, Ernie Draper, Jim Keech, Lynn McLelland, Rev Ivan Norton, John Cochrane, Beth Crosby

**Regrets:** Maggie Keppie

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and a prayer was offered by Betty Curry.

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Lynn McLelland/Dorothy Robbins; CARRIED

The June minutes were reviewed.

**Motion to approve Minutes of June 13th:** Dorothy Robbins/Jim Keech; CARRIED

**Correspondence:** No correspondence

**Treasurer's Report:**

Betty Curry submitted the report and it was reviewed (scanned and attached to Minutes).  
Bank balance October 31, 2017, \$13,587.43

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:** Betty Curry/Lynn McLelland; CARRIED

**Building Co-ordinators Report:**

- Jim Keech submitted the report (attached to minutes).
- Both the front doors and tower doors have rot and need to be replaced. Duplicate doors with a cross design will be built following the Christmas Eve Service. A better locking system and grab handles will also be installed.
- The rock is delivered and the French drain is started.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Christmas Eve Service**

- The Committee has met with Ken Hassell and Rev. Tim McFarland. Ken will be in touch with soloist, Stephen McClare.
- Five readers have agreed to read at the Service.
- Bulletin info will be sent to Theresa.

## **2. Organ**

- Mark Bond inserted a second-hand motor from Windsor and it worked well. Unfortunately, the gentleman in Windsor is unwilling to sell it.
- Ernie took the old Covenanter organ motor & casing to an electrical business in Dartmouth for an assessment at a cost of \$35. A quote will be given.
- The Book of Remembrance needs to be updated. Jim will bring it to the December meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Bruce Family Church Service**

- A private service will take place on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 – 10:00 am. The Family will fill out a Facility Form online and make a private donation. They will have completed their service in plenty of time for preparation of the Summer Sunday Service.

### **2. Budget**

- Betty presented the annual budget and projections for 2018, which were reviewed. Please see attached.

**Motion to accept the Budget:** John Cochrane/Ernie Draper; CARRIED

### **3. Committee Members for Upcoming Year**

Chair – Ernie Draper (until March 2019)

Finance – Betty Curry

Building – Jim Keech

Secretary – Rotational

- John Cochrane is resigning. He will invite another Trustee from Orchard Valley to join the Covenanter Committee. Thank you, John, for your years of dedicated service!
- If an Executive person is not a member of Orchard Valley Church, a notice should go to Council to request an exception.

### **4. Other Business**

- A notice of the Covenanter Christmas Eve Service will be submitted to the Orchard Valley Advent Newsletter
- Dorothy is writing thank you letters to those who gave substantial donations this past summer. A thank you note and honorarium (as voted on in September) will be sent to Theresa as well. Thank you, Dorothy!
- We will look into moving the Covenanter Donation Box to the main entrance in 2019.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, December 12 at Orchard Valley United Church

**Adjournment** was moved by Dorothy Robbins

**Merry Christmas to all and may 2018 be a year full of blessings!**