

**Orchard Valley United Church  
Council Meeting January 23, 2019  
Minutes**

- 1) **Call to order.**
- 2) **Present:** Marion Buchan (for Worship), Ernie Draper, Gary Dunfield, Harvey Gilmour, Rebecca Godfrey, Ian Godfrey, Sylvia Jacquard, Norma Mailman, Jean Millett, Chris Seymour, Bill Simpson, Joy Waterbury, Rev. Don Sellsted, Cecil White.  
**Regrets:** Thea Burton, Cynthia Bruce, Judy Gilmour, Jane McDonald, Cecil White.
- 3) **Opening Prayer/Reflection:** Rev. Don Sellsted
- 4) **Approval of Agenda with additions**  
**MOVED:** Joy Waterbury;      **SECONDED:** Marion Buchan      **CARRIED**
- 5) **Approval of minutes as amended November 21, 2019**  
Table loaned by Helen Seymour.  
**MOVED:** Harvey Gilmour;      **SECONDED:** Ernie Draper      **CARRIED**
- 6) **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - a) Village of New Minas: Their request for an easement on our property to do work on the drinking wells for the village has been rescinded because they discovered that there is a septic field in that area.
  - b) Purchasing property on the corner of Lockhart and Cornwallis: Ned Chase investigated this and didn't recommend pursuing it. But the Facilities Committee brought this information to Council in case there was another group who thought it was a good idea and wanted to pursue it. After some discussion it was decided that we do not wish to pursue it at this time.
- 7) **Correspondence**
  - a) JNAC/Search Committee: The JNAC report was accepted by Valley Presbytery and a vacancy declared for July 1, 2019. We have been led to understand that the appropriate Region committee would hear our arguments for an earlier date and would have the authority to make changes as necessary.
  - b) Andy Pitter: She needs to withdraw from the Search committee. Gary has accepted her resignation.
  - c) Emmanuel United Church: They have requested the return of their Baptism/Marriage and Death Record book. It went to Canning, then to Canard and then to us as part of the amalgamations.  
**MOTION:** To return to Emmanuel United Church their Baptism/Marriage and Death Record book.  
**MOVED:** Harvey Gilmour;      **SECONDED:** Bill Simpson      **CARRIED**

**8) Nominating process:**

Nominating process: Bill Simpson will continue as treasurer, Sylvia as assistant secretary, Jane McDonald has agreed to serve as chair. Thea has agreed to continue as secretary.

**9) New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports (See reports for details)**

- a) Christian Development: The Sherbrooke Lake Committee is seeking a closer relationship with us. Rev. Don has invited the Sherbrooke Lake Camp Director, Matt Whynott, to speak at an upcoming service. Rev. Don is looking for expression of interest from committees who would like to work with him.
- b) Communications: nothing to discuss
- c) Congregational Life: There was a request to have a coffee time between the services. It was felt the doing this would negatively impact on the choir time and all of those who currently socialize after the 11 a.m. service.
- d) Covenanter: nothing to discuss
- e) Finance: nothing to discuss
- f) Inter-church councils
  - i) Kentville/New Minas: nothing to discuss
  - ii) Valley Food Grains Bank: nothing to discuss
  - iii) Food Band : They had a good Fall.
- g) Ministry & Personnel:
  - i) Louis will not be returning for personal reasons, We want to thank him for his exceptional services provided through the many changes we went through during amalgamation. We need to start to the process of finding a new custodian.
- h) Outreach: nothing to discuss
- i) Region 15: We need to find new representatives as Joanne Olive and Gail Gordon will not be re-offering. Region 15 council are working on non-travel options for many of the meetings. Names of interested people should be passed on to Gary before the upcoming annual meeting as it is important that Orchard Valley has representation. Rev. Don visited the Regional headquarters and reports that they are trying to find new ways to do things. Regional reps would become part of the decision making body and would be assigned to committees to do the work of the church. There is good documentation online that explains the work and responsibilities of the Region. There is new, completely updated 190 page United Church Manual.
- j) Property: The roof will be need to be replaced in the future. At some point a new desktop computer is needed for the crows nest. Bill Simpson needs a new laptop and is now authorized to use one of the old laptops previously used by Rev. Ivan and Judy Norton.

- k) Pastoral Care: nothing to discuss
- l) Stewardship: The congregation was thanked for their support of the Giving Tree.
- m) Trustees: They met to look at the property at the corner of Lockhart and Cornwallis before discussing the possibility of purchasing it.
- n) UCM: nothing to discuss
- o) UCW: Their report was read to Council as their January meeting was held after the report deadline.
- p) Worship: Andy will not be able to continue with her work with the Seniors Services.
- q) Facilities Committee: The preliminary design from the architect Mark Hughes would extend the building east and double the size but keep it as a single story building. The new part of the building would be the new sanctuary with the current space functioning as a multipurpose area. \$1.3 million is the cap for the amount of money to be spent. Stevens Group has been building churches in Atlantic Canada for three generations.  
**MOTION:** to approve the committee reports as circulated.  
**MOVED:** Bill Simpson;      **SECONDED:** Rebecca Godfrey                      **CARRIED**

**10) Treasurer's report:**

- a) Our assessment for Region 15 is \$20,156. This amount has been capped until 2020-2021. Quarterly payments have been requested. The amount is in line with what we paid before. We have a net income of \$2030. An operating loss was projected but the year ended with \$400 in the black. He is looking at the possibility of putting the church and the trustee reports together.  
**MOVED:** Bill Simpson;      **SECONDED:** Ian Godfrey.                      **CARRIED**
- b) Budget: Bill will be presenting a balanced budget at the AGM. Council approving the this budget for presentation to the congregation at the annual meeting.  
**MOVED:** Bill Simpson;      **SECONDED:** Ian Godfrey                      **CARRIED**

**11) New Business**

- a) None.

**12) Authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.**

- MOVED:** Norma Mailman;      **SECONDED:** Jean Millett                      **CARRIED**

**13) Clergy's Report:**

- a) See attached report.

**14) Next Meeting:** February 27, 2019

**15) Closing Prayer:** Rev. Don Sellsted

**16) Adjournment** – Marion Buchan