

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting
Minutes – March 27, 2019**

1. Call to Order.

Present: Jane McDonald, Thea Burton, Ernie Draper, Cecil White, John Foote, Rev. Don Sellsted, Nancy Handrigan, Helen Seymour, Chris Seymour, Rebecca Godfrey, Marion Buchan, Linda Swindells, Bill Simpson, Sylvia Jacquard, Judy Gilmour

Regrets: Joy Waterbury, Cynthia Bruce

2. Opening Prayer/Reflection – Rev. Don Sellsted. Don reflected on “give to God what is God’s”/ownership, acknowledged the unceded territory on which we reside, and offered an opening prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED: Nancy Handrigan **SECONDED:** John Foote **CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2019

MOVED: Cecil White **SECONDED:** Ernie Draper **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. OVUC approval from Region 15 for “Phase 1”—Division of Finance and Administration met and approved our first stage to engage an architect and environmental study. The Region has allowed us to spend a maximum of \$50,000 without further approval from the Region

b. Facilities Committee and land concern expressed by BD Stevens—They want to be sure that we will not complain about noise if in the future the adjacent land becomes active again as an industrial site. Agreement as such would need to be included in the land transfer agreement.

MOTION: The Council agrees that OVUC will respect the property use of the land of BD Stevens and partners.

MOVED: Don Sellsted **SECONDED:** Marion Buchan **CARRIED**

c. Region 15 Representatives—less than 200 we are entitled to have 2 representatives on the Region Council. At the congregational meeting Carol Wooster and Susan Cater agreed. Valerie Mosher expressed willingness as well. Susan has been agreeable to hand the responsibility to Valerie Mosher. We are waiting on confirmation of this, and could have one of the three be an alternate.

d. Land Acknowledgement—Don would like to share a video with the congregation to explain this, and then to start reading the statement at various special events. We may consider having a sign as well that would be visible to all those who enter.

- e. Indigenous awareness—Conversations between Dion Caszas, coordinator of indigenous affairs and student advising, and local indigenous peoples are on-going to determine what kind of activities would be meaningful and helpful to build relationships.
 - f. Affirming process—Don has contacted the group to gain information on this process. A meeting date has yet to be set.
6. **Correspondence:** None to date
7. **New Business for discussion from Committee/Team Reports:**
- a. Christian Development: Matt Whynot from Sherbrooke Lake will be with us on Sunday.
 - b. Communications: Still looking for an Easter Story for our newsletter.
 - c. Congregational Life
 - d. Covenanter
 - e. Facilities-met with Trustees. They discussed the process for environmental assessment. Phase 1 is an interview. Phase 2 is a “pit test.” Decided to test both our land and the gift land tested fully before accepting the new land and building. Questions around County requirements and lending institution requirements for testing were mentioned, and will be investigated. Mark Lowe is the lawyer, and Mark Hughes is the architect.
 - f. Finance
 - g. Inter-church councils
 - i) Kentville/New Minas, Valley Food Grains Bank, Food Bank
 - ii) WAICC
 - h. Ministry & Personnel
 - i. Outreach
 - j. Region 15
 - k. Property—Advent stand has been painted. A quote to fix the broken window is being investigated. 7 light coverings are cracked. A new shield is \$21 each, and a new light with led lights would be \$100/light. New shields will be purchased. We will wait to upgrade the lights until the renovations.
 - l. Pastoral Care
 - m. Stewardship: Soup luncheons brought in \$662 for February and \$546 for March; total-1208.0
 - n. Trustees

o. UCM: The luncheons have been very successful with an average attendance of 25. Richard Haworth, geophysicist will be the next speaker.

p. UCW

q. Worship

8. Treasurer

a. Financial report: Total revenue \$29,900, \$1000 over our budgeted amount. Total expenses \$5000 less than budgeted. Charity return has been filed.

MOTION: To approve all reports as presented.

MOVED: Nancy Handrigan **SECONDED:** Cecil White

CARRIED

9. New Business

a. A brief discussion around having a project manager once building commences occurred. It was consensus that it would be good have one. As we get closer to the actual need, it can be determined who this will be, and whether it should be a paid position.

b. Region 15's first annual meeting is in May and will be joint with Region 14. A new name for Region 15 will be decided upon.

b. There are subsidies for Youth Forum or Intermediate attendees.

10. Authority for Executive to conduct business on behalf of the Council between meetings.

MOVED: Marion Buchan **SECONDED:** Rebecca Godfrey

CARRIED

11. Clergy's Report:

a. Rough attendance has been 130 for 11:00, and 20–30 for 9:00 services respectfully.

b. The HUB is our new central database for United Church across the country. Theresa's email is the one on file as administration.

12. Next Meeting: April 24, 2019

13. Closing Prayer: Rev. Don Sellsted

14. Adjournment:

MOVED: Bill Simpson