

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting April 24, 2019
Minutes**

1) Call to order.

Regrets: Thea Burton, Judy Gilmour, Andy Pitter/Kathy Schofield

Present: Cynthia Bruce, Susan Cater, Ernie Draper, John Foote, Rebecca Godfrey, Harvey Gilmour, Nancy Handrigan, Sylvia Jacquard, Jane McDonald, Norma Mailman, Jean Millett, Rev. Don Sellsted, Chris Seymour, Bill Simpson, Linda Swindells (representing Stewardship), Joy Waterbury, Cecil White.

2) Opening Prayer/Reflection: Rev. Don Sellsted

3) Approval of Agenda with additions

MOVED: Nancy Handrigan; SECONDED: Cynthia Bruce **CARRIED**

4) Approval of minutes from March 27, 2019 as amended.

MOVED: Rebecca Godfrey; SECONDED: Cecil White **CARRIED**

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

a) None

6) Correspondence

a) Go Project: Rev. Don received information about the GO Project, a mission for youth from across Canada in Grade 9 to age 19. The Go Project allows participants to explore their faith and mission by serving in outreach ministries during one of the 11-day sessions held in Toronto, Halifax, Paris, St. John's, Stratford, and Vancouver. After a brief discussion we decided that the decision to participate in a new initiative like this will need to wait until the arrival of the new minister.

7) New Business for discussion from Committee (See reports for details)

a) Christian Development: nothing to add.

b) Communications: There were 700 hits in six days for the Easter newsletters. Sylvia went over the new Committee Report for Council format.

c) Congregational Life: nothing to add.

d) Covenanter: nothing to add.

e) Finance: nothing to add.

f) Inter-church councils

- Kentville/New Minas: nothing to add.

- WAICC: Don attended the Ecumenical service.

g) Ministry & Personnel: Louis' leave has been extended to May 17th.

h) Outreach: nothing to add.

i) Region 15: Carol Wooster, Jane McDonald and Rev. Don are registered for the annual meeting. The other three meetings will be done remotely.

j) Property:

k) Pastoral Care: nothing to add.

l) Stewardship: nothing to add.

m) Trustees: nothing to add.

n) UCM: nothing to add.

o) UCW: nothing to add.

p) Worship: Ken Hassell is attending a Church music conference in Halifax. They are still looking for help with the seniors' services.

Motion to approve the committee reports as circulated.

MOVED: Nancy Handrigan; SECONDED: Chris Seymour

CARRIED

8) Treasurer

a) That \$25,000 be requested from the Trustees for the ongoing work of Orchard Valley.

MOVED: Bill Simpson; SECONDED: Cecil White

CARRIED

9) New Business

a) None.

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

MOVED: Bill Simpson; SECONDED: Ernie Draper

CARRIED

11) Clergy's Report: See report for full details.

a) See attached report.

b) Jane McDonald asked for volunteers to do the opening prayer of the Council Meeting.

12) Next Meeting: May 29, 2019.

13) Closing Prayer: Rev. Don Sellsted

14) Adjournment at 7:59 p.m. – Cynthia Bruce.