

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting October 2, 2019
Minutes**

1) **Call to order.**

Attended – Jane McDonald, Bill Simpson, Ernie Draper, Cecil White, Jean Millett, John Foote, Rev. Don Sellsted, Cynthia Bruce, Nancy Handrigan, Susan Cater, Sue Smith, Rebecca Godfrey, Chris Seymour, Joy Waterbury, Andy Pitter

Regrets – Sylvia Jacquard, Thea Burton, Harvey Gilmour, Judy Gilmour

2) **Opening Prayer/Reflection** – Rev. Don Sellsted

3) **Approval of Agenda** –

MOVED: Susan Cater; **SECONDED:** Joy Waterbury

CARRIED

4) **Approval of minutes May 29, 2019** – update date of previously approved minutes to April 24 and rework Congregational Life Committee report

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

CARRIED

5) **Business Arising from the Minutes** – none

6) **Correspondence** – none

7) **Business arising from Committee/Team Reports**

a) Christian Development – nothing beyond report

b) Communications – nothing beyond report

c) Congregational Life – members are considering dissolving the committee due to lack of members; suppers are in jeopardy; people are willing to help but not to be on a committee. Discussion. **Task:** for each committee to discern its value and opportunity to combine with other groups or consider a more ad hoc model. Take inventory of each person's gift to their committee. Idea: interview good stewards on Sunday morning as part of church. **Action:** Don will work on this idea.

d) Covenanter – roof will need to be replaced next year and will cost \$50,000. Jane will connect Ernie with the Region's property committee for approval.

e) Facilities Committee – update regarding the new architect and continuing work of this group. There is progress and a very preliminary plan which is not yet ready to be shared.

f) Finance – transfer of funds from the Trustees has happened and

MOTION: that the Trustees transfer funds allocated to operations in the amount of \$20,000 by the end of October

MOVED: Bill Simpson; **SECONDED:** Cynthia Bruce

CARRIED

g) Inter-church councils

i) Kentville/New Minas – guest speaker brought pamphlets and information about Bibles available to those baptized

ii) Valley Food Grains Bank – pumpkin program may source pumpkins through Kentville United Baptist

iii) Food Bank – 2019 donations from OVUC 1189 kg (first place!)

iv) WAICC

h) Ministry & Personnel – Salary increase discussion to be reviewed at next meeting

i) Outreach – Check United Church grants for Meet Your Feet funding

j) Region – Carol Wooster attended in May. Meeting this weekend and Jane will attend and provide a summary to the congregation

k) Property – thoughts about renovation and the current roof and windows

l) Pastoral Care – nothing beyond report

m) Stewardship – nothing beyond report

n) Trustees – nothing beyond report

o) UCM – Turkey Dinner on Friday. Chris Seymour has been laying a wreath at University Hall on Remembrance Day, but does not want to assume that he is the only one who can do this. If others would like to, they are welcome. The Wolfville Legion needs to know who will do it.

p) UCW – Church calendars are in and for sale for \$6

q) Worship – correct Xavier Campbell's name in the report. Committee needs volunteers for seniors' services

MOTION: to accept the reports as presented

MOVED: Chris Seymour; **SECONDED:** Sue Smith

CARRIED

8) **Treasurer** a) Financial report

b) Executive approved the transfer of monies from the Trustees to our operating account

MOTION: to accept the financial reports as presented

MOVED: Bill Simpson; **SECONDED:** Cecil White

CARRIED

9) **New Business**

a) Host a congregational property training session for the region

MOTION: that Orchard Valley would host a congregational property training session for the Region this fall

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

CARRIED

b) Apple Juice Funds

MOTION: that Orchard Valley cover the cost of Sunday School refreshments, rather than request donations

MOVED: Bill Simpson; **SECONDED:** Cynthia Bruce

CARRIED

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

MOVED: Susan Cater; **SECONDED:** Cynthia Bruce

CARRIED

11) **Clergy's Report** – as circulated

12) **Next Meeting: November 27, 2019**

13) **Closing Prayer** – Rev. Don Sellsted

14) **Adjournment** – 8:50 pm