

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting January 29, 2020
Minutes**

1) **Call to order.**

Present: Nancy Handrigan, Jean Millett, Ian Godfrey (for Chris Seymour), John Foote, Harvey Gilmour, Bill Simpson, Jane McDonald, Thea Burton, Sylvia Jacquard, Joy Waterbury, Susan Cater, Marion Buchan, Rev. Don Sellsted, Betty Curry.

Regrets: Cecil White, Chris Seymour, Susan Smith

2) **Opening Prayer/Reflection:** Jane McDonald – Living in the Present

3) **Approval of Agenda**

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

4) **Approval of Minutes November 27, 2019**

MOVED: John Foote; **SECONDED:** Marion Buchan **CARRIED**

5) **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

a) Committee Amalgamation:

- i) Pastoral Care doesn't want/need to amalgamate.
- ii) We recognize that there are fundraising aspects that Stewardship is doing, but other aspects of Stewardship are not happening, namely to generate a generous spirit within the congregation. The fundraising aspects are thought to better fit with Outreach.
- iii) Finance talked about connecting with fundraising initiatives for specific financial needs for daily operations and upcoming building needs. They are discussing ideas, and a possible role for Stewardship committee, but are not ready to move forward as yet.

- b) Covenanter roof: Finance Committee approved up to \$60,000. This will have to go to Region 15 for final approval. They are pursuing various grants to support payment. Covenanter Committee will prepare the paperwork required for presenting for approval from Region 15.

MOTION: Council to approve the expenditure of up to \$60,000 for roof improvements

MOVED: Betty Curry; **SECONDED:** Harvey Gilmour **CARRIED**

MOTION: To present for approval to the Congregation the expenditure of up to \$60,000 for roof improvements

MOVED: Betty Curry; **SECONDED:** Ian Godfrey **CARRIED**

- c) Sherbrooke Lake donations: The yearly \$3000 plus an additional \$555 has been sent. The \$3000/years for 2 more years is still available for registrations.

6) **Correspondence:**

- a) United Church Info Pack – News for Treasurers
- b) Rendezvous 2020

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

- a) Affirming Committee: Preparation for workshops are continuing.
- b) Christian Development
- c) Communications
- d) Congregational Life
- e) Covenanter: Heritage Fund Budget 2020 was presented and discussed. Covenanter Memorial Fund received \$1,080 for Ernie Draper's funeral, of which \$25 went to Orchard Valley Memorial Fund.

MOTION: To accept the budget for the Heritage Fund

MOVED: Betty Curry; **SECONDED:** Bill Simpson

CARRIED

- f) Facilities Committee: Working on the final agreements for the piece of land and drafts to bring to the congregation.
- g) Finance
- h) Inter-church councils
 - i) Kentville/New Minas, Valley Foodgrains Bank, Food Bank: 83,000 kg of food was served to this community the past year.
 - ii) WAICC
- i) Ministry & Personnel
- j) Outreach
- k) Region 15: They are progressing with the current committees as they stand with potential for amalgamation of committees. Website continues to be enhanced with more information. Kathryn Stewart is the new Youth Minister for the combined Regions. Annual meeting is May 21-24. We have two representatives (Valerie Mosher, Carol Wooster). We could have up to 4 reps.
- l) Property: Baby change table is coming. Inspector for County of Kings comes tomorrow. We are inspected every three years. The current curtains may have to be changed.
- m) Pastoral Care: Meet Your Feet is waiting on grants. They are down to \$2000 in their accounts. What should happen if the grants don't come in on time? There is \$1000 more in the Outreach budget if needed. Council would like to hear from the MYF group as to their financial needs and plans for funding. Harvey Gilmour will discuss sustainability with MYF group and report back.
- n) Stewardship
- o) Trustees: Possibilities to increase transparency were discussed.
- p) UCM
- q) UCW
- r) Worship

MOTION: To accept reports as submitted

MOVED: Nancy Handrigan; **SECONDED:** Jean Millett

CARRIED

- 8) **Treasurer:** Financial report – presented and discussed.

MOTION: To accept the financial reports as submitted and send to auditors

MOVED: Bill Simpson; **SECONDED:** Harvey Gilmour

CARRIED

9) **New Business**

- a) Approval of Budget for 2020: Presented and discussed

MOTION: To approve the proposed budget for 2020

MOVED: Bill Simpson; **SECONDED:** Susan Cater

CARRIED

- b) Financial Support for Rhonda Schofield: She has requested any support possible. She sent income and expenses.

MOTION: Council recommends the Congregation approve \$10,000 from the Trust funds to support Rhonda Schofield's education.

MOVED: Betty Curry; **SECONDED:** Thea Burton

CARRIED

- c) Nominations: Every committee is responsible for find replacements. Please send Jane an email with committee member needs.

- d) M&P is losing 3/5 members, and 1/5 hasn't been able to attend meetings, so they are looking for 3 replacements. This committee can function with as few as 3 people.

Covenanter is also looking for new members.

Outreach is also looking for new members.

Jane will write a message to the Congregation. Committees will be asked to prepare an information table for the upcoming services and send a message for Don to present to the congregation.

Feb.9th service: Susan will do Outreach, Joy will do Pastoral Care. Nancy will do Worship and Music.

- e) Reports for Annual Meeting: Reminder that reports are due.

- f) Search Committee: Lack of communication from this committee. Jane will request an update to the congregation.

- g) Contract for Feb. 8 Walk a Mile/Skate a While Event needs to be signed. Week from Saturday: Feb. 8. Gerald Giddons is organizing. Jane McDonald is willing to sign the documents.

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

MOVED: Thea Burton; **SECONDED:** Harvey Gilmour

CARRIED

- 11) **Clergy's Report:** In case of bad weather, Worship is talking about alternative times for services.

- 12) **Next Meeting:** March 4, 2020

- 13) **Closing Prayer:** Rev. Don Sellsted

- 14) **Adjournment:** **MOVED:** John Foote