

Attendees: Rev. Don Sellsted, Vicky Austin (co-chair), Dale MacArthur (co-chair), Cheryl Sellsted (recording secretary), Chris Seymour, Julien Davis, Carol Wooster, Cheryl MacDonald  
Regrets: Jean Illingworth

Dale called the meeting to Order at 12:05 pm

Chris Seymour led the committee meeting in an opening prayer.

*Chris motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Carol seconded. Carried.  
Carol motioned to approve the November 4, 2020 minutes as circulated. Vicky seconded.*

Cheryl to send all minutes to Theresa for archival purposes.

### Old Business

1. Update on what it means to be an affirming church – presented by Carol Wooster: Carol requested feedback on circulated document. Vicky offered editing suggestions that were agreed upon by those present. Carol made note of the changes and will incorporate them prior to re-sending the document for a second review by the Committee. It was suggested that the document also needs to give credit to the source material. Carol will also include this in the final document.
2. Missing books/new DVD: Several of the affirming children's resource books are missing. Don and/or Cheryl S will take a closer look for them on the children's library shelves in the sanctuary. Don ordered and has received the DVD of the movie "For the Bible Tells Me So".
3. Update from Julien - Valley Youth Project + Fundraising idea (movie): After speaking with the Valley Youth project coordinator, Krista McDonald, Julien offered insight into ways we can support their efforts. Money can be donated directly through their website and can be allocated to a specific area for use. They also accept sponsorship for things such as summer camps and transportation. Julien's idea of raising money via showing a movie is difficult to pursue during this time of COVID-19. It can be revisited at a later date in 2021. Family friendly movie suggestions were "Breakfast with Scott" and the musical "The Prom". Other suggestions of support to the broader community are to offer outreach support to Sherbrooke Lake Camp. *Julien motioned that the Committee make a \$100 donation to the Valley Youth Project for 2020. Chris seconded the motion. Carried.* Vicky will write a note of support in a card, then arrange to have Bill Simpson, OVUC Treasurer, make the donation.
4. Update from Cheryl S – role plays: Cheryl has written two dialogue vignettes that she will mail out with the minutes. Volunteers from the Committee or supporters of the Committee are/can be invited to record them for use in future church services as a way to continue offering education about becoming "affirming" to the congregation.
5. Dale: M4M update – Cheryl Mac coming up; Definitions on Resource page; 5-minute video with Rev Don (when?): Cheryl Mac is unable to read the M4M for Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cheryl S. will record the reading for the service in her place. Terminology definitions have been put on the Resource page of the church website. The first video of “Fruit from the Orchard” will be made available on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and features Dale and Vicky talking about their passion for the work of becoming an Affirming Ministry.

6. Vicky - Report to Council; purchase of book “All Kinds of Families”; Children read the book for church service (when); anything new on Resource page?: Vicky has continued to report to Council on the status of work this committee is doing. She has purchased the book previously named and Teagan and Adalynn Murphy have submitted a recording of their reading of it to Rev. Don who will feature it in a church service TBD. Vicky will request the movie “For the Bible Tells Me So” be added to the resources page on the church website.

### New Business

- Who is our Affirming Coordinator? How do we get in touch?: It has come to the Co-chair’s attention that they missed making submissions to Affirm United. Vicky now has the Affirming Coordinator’s name and contact information. Dale and Vicky will arrange to submit all required documents for approval. Also, during down time as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Dale and Vicky will continue to move forward with documentation with the absolute blessing of the rest of the Committee.
- Vicky - PIE day – March 14, 2021 – Public, Intentional, Explicit: There is still a lot of time to pursue how we will observe PIE day in 2021. It will be brought forward in 2021 for planning.
- Need for new co-chairs? (Process is to appoint new chairs on a yearly basis): It was decided by the committee that there is no need to appoint new committee chairs. Dale and Vicky are happy to continue in that role.

<b><i>ACTION ITEM No.1</i></b>
Cheryl S to send all minutes to Theresa for archival purposes.

<b><i>ACTION ITEM No.2</i></b>
Cheryl S to record the Minute for Mission on December 6, 2020.

<b><i>ACTION ITEM No.3</i></b>
Carol will edit the document on what it means to be an affirming church and re-circulate for feedback.

***ACTION ITEM No.4***

Don/Cheryl S will continue searching for missing children's resource books.

***ACTION ITEM No.5***

Vicky will arrange for a \$100 donation to be made from the 2020 budget to the Valley Youth Project.

***ACTION ITEM No.6***

Cheryl attaching two dialogue vignettes to these minutes for review by the Committee. Volunteers are required to record for future use.

***ACTION ITEM No.7***

Co-chairs to submit documents on behalf of the Committee to the Affirming Co-ordinator, Affirm United.

***ACTION ITEM No.8***

PIE Day – March 14, 2021 – carried forward to future agenda for planning.

***ACTION ITEM No.9***

Co-chairs to work on 2021 Committee budget and a draft of documentation of the overall plan to become an affirming ministry.

***ACTION ITEM No.10***

Submit any resource requests and get things ordered, such as books, etc. since there is still money in the budget. Vicky will order "Love Lives Here"

Meeting adjourned: 1:20 pm

**Next Meeting: TBD @ noon on Zoom**