

**Orchard Valley United Church
Council Meeting
May 26, 2021
Minutes**

1) Call to order: 7:11pm

Present: Susan Cater, Thea Burton, Cynthia Bruce, Dale MacArthur, Sylvia Jacquard, Jean Millett, Rev. Don Sellsted, Chris Seymour, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk, Gary Dunfield, Rebecca Godfrey, Sue Smith, Andy Pitter
Regrets: Bill Simpson

2) Opening Prayer: Susan Cater-God sightings

3) Approval of Agenda

Moved: Chris Seymour; Seconded: Dale MacArthur

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4) Approval of minutes November 25, 2015

Moved: Rebecca Godfrey; Seconded: Sue Smith

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5) Business Arising from the Minutes: None

6) Actions of the Executive: Theresa's Contract has been signed.

7) Correspondence: None

8) Committee Reports:

- a) Affirming
- b) Christian Development
- c) Communications
- d) Congregational Life
- e) Covenanter
- f) Facilities: report in last week's bulleting
- g) Finance:
 - i) Treasurer-Financial Update: financial sheets distributed
- h) Inter-church councils
 - i) Kentville/New Minas, Valley Food Grains, Food Bank
 - ii) WAICC: Looking for people with technology know how to help record the Nursing Home Worship Services.
- i) Ministry & Personnel
- j) Outreach
 - i) Meet Your Feet re-opening request- We need to find a new space for the clinic to function safely in September. All aspects of functioning also need to be reviewed. Andy Pitter will bring together a group of people to work with Cheryl to come up with a plan to put forward as a motion.
- k) Region
- l) Property
- m) Pastoral Care
- n) Trustees: Harvey Gilmour has resigned from Trustees. Three individuals have been appointed as rotating chair people. Jim Dewar is a newly added signing officer. Nancy Handrigan will be meeting with our investment counselor.
- o) UCM
- p) UCW

q) Worship

9) Approval of Committee Reports

Moved: Cynthia Bruce; Seconded: Andy Pitter

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10) New Business

a) Survey Region 15: Deadline for completion June 30.

i) Self assessment form. Questions about our Community of Faith

ii) First question: Brainstorm words that describe our community

iii) Cynthia agreed to complete the survey with Don.

b) No one is Illegal-Migrant workers support program initiatives. Looking for a Faith Community to be a place for people to come for packages. Don will have another conversation with the coordinator to determine the specifics, and move forward as he sees fit.

c) Office space: Our new minister will have the Board room as her office. M&P will speak with Property to determine shelving and furniture needs.

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

Moved: Cynthia Bruce; Seconded: Andy Pitter

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12) Clergy's Report:

a) Hold on Fruit from the Orchard Series due to the current lockdown. Will try to continue with recorded Zoom interviews

b) Request for more devotionals

c) Wants to start "Who's Who in the Virtual Pew" to highlight individuals or families.

13) Next Meeting: June 23, 2021

14) Closing Prayer: Rev. Don Sellsted

15) Adjournment: Moved: Thea Burton 8:39 pm