

Orchard Valley United Church Council Meeting June 14, 7:00 pm Minutes

In-Person Meeting at OVUC

- 1) **Call to order 6:59 pm**
 - a) **Present:** Bill Simpson, Vicky Austin, Andy Pitter, Cheryl Sellsted, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk, Jean Millett, Sylvia Jacquard, Chris Seymour, Norma Mailman, Helen Seymour, Cupido Daniels, Katie Logan, Rev. Don Sellsted (via Zoom), Gary Dunfield, Sheila Francis, David Murphy, Joy Waterbury
 - b) **Regrets:** Jane McDonald, Sue Smith, Scott Sweatman

 - 2) **Opening Prayer/Reflection:** Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk “Where Faith Comes From; Feeling the Push”

 - 3) **Approval of Agenda: with additions**
Moved: Vicky Austin; Seconded: David Murphy **CARRIED**

 - 4) **Approval of minutes Apr 26, 2023**
Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Sheila Francis **CARRIED**

 - 5) **Business arising from the Minutes: None at this time**
 - 6) **Approval of actions of the Executive: None at this time**
 - 7) **Consent Agenda: Committee Reports**
 - a) Affirming Committee
 - b) Christian Development
 - c) Communications: Logo will come to council for approval
 - d) Congregational Life
 - e) Covenanter:
 - i) Date for service at OVUC has been changed to the 2nd or 3rd week of September
 - f) Facilities Committee
 - g) Inter-church councils
 - h) Kentville/New Minas, Valley Food Grains Bank, Food Bank
 - i) WAICC
 - j) Ministry & Personnel
 - k) Outreach: brochure for outreach food programs was clarified
 - l) Region
 - m) Property:
 - i) Are putting up railings at the alter and tape
 - ii) Cross will go up
 - iii) Clean up of gardens
 - iv) Cart for Doug
 - v) Orientation on electrical and plumbing is tomorrow
 - vi) Fire inspection is July 25
 - vii) Request for protocol for opening and closing the church
 - n) Pastoral Care
 - o) Trustees
 - p) UCM
 - q) UCW-W
 - r) Worship
- Motion: To approve reports as presented**
Moved: Andy Pitter; Seconded: Gary Dunfield **CARRIED**

8) Finance:

- a) Treasurer - Financial update 66,000 operating loss, which is less than budgeted.

Motion: To approve the financial report as presented

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Gary Dunfield

CARRIED

9) New Business:

- a) Supply Minister search updates: Applicants received and are being reviewed

- b) Andy Pitter education request: Andy read her letter to council. She has received a bursary from the Center of Christian Studies, and is requesting \$500, which is what she received from us last year.

Motion: To approve \$1000 financial support for Andy Pitter's Christian Education

Moved: Bill Simpson; Seconded: Sylvia Jacquard

CARRIED

- c) Worship Committee motions

- i) Request for piano repairs

Motion: To approve the cost of a piano service of a maximum of 2500.00 to be completed in the Fall.

Moved: Cupido Daniels; Seconded: David Murphy

CARRIED

- ii) Marriage of David Brick and Renae Sellsted

Motion: To approve the registration of the marriage of David Brick and Renae Sellsted with OVUC

Moved: Cupido Daniels; Seconded: Norma Mailman

CARRIED

- iii) Bermuda/NS retired minister Bob Campbell

Moved: To approve, subsequent to temporary reinstatement, Bob Campbell as officiant at his son's marriage in Kentville, and be recorded in OVUC registry

Moved: Cupido Daniels; Seconded: Cheryl Sellsted

CARRIED

- iv) It was suggested that a note of congratulations be sent to both couples being married.

- v) Don will send minutes of approval to Bob Campbell

- d) Marriage policy:

- i) Document dated June 23, 2021 explains our policy and philosophical statement to the community.

- ii) The second document explains the agreement with the specific couple. This document should be reviewed to determine if any changes need to be made. A representative from Property, Worship, M&P and the minister are requested to review this document and make recommendations to council.

- e) Committee Minutes on Website

- i) Currently there is a "minutes" tab on our website. This are inconsistent. Do we need it? The council minutes are required to be available without request, but not committees. Consensus was this tab can be removed. Further discussion on whose responsibility it is to archive minutes. Sylvia Jacquard has volunteered to investigate and take this issue on as a project to establish a one-drive for minutes. Sylvia Jacquard and Thea Burton will determine who and how to add the council minutes and committee reports to the website. There should be an update in the Congregation/Committee handbook outlining the proper process for minute archives.

- f) Establishing a kitchen committee

- i) To write policy on use of the kitchen for rentals and inhouse groups.

- ii) To ensure supplies are maintained

- iii) Made up from a representative of Men's Group, Breakfast Group, Congregational Life and Property

- iv) Cheryl Sellsted volunteered to be representative from Congregational Life with a back-up of Pam Petrie

Motion: To approve the creation of a kitchen committee with a minimum representation from each of the following Men's Group, Friday Breakfast Group, Congregational Life and Property to be approved at the AGM.

Moved: Cheryl Sellsted; Seconded: Jean Millett

CARRIED

- g) Helping Hands Ukrainian Support
 - Camp for newcomer children: to start end of June and run through the summer in the community hall in Greenwich.
 - We have provided them support by being the administrator to receive donations
 - May want to invite more formal participation in our Sunday service
- h) Bermuda/N.S. financial requests
 - i) Paperwork for Trustee certificate for major renovation money over \$5000 or over 15% operating budget. Covenanter requesting \$25,000 for upgrades.

Motion: To approve the application process for funds for renovations with confirmation that Congregational approval is not required.

Moved: David Murphy; Seconded: Vicky Austin

CARRIED

- i) Store front for Covenanter swag at their service

Motion: To approve a store front for Covenanter swag on either the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in September during their presentation Sunday service.

Moved: David Murphy; Seconded: Jean Millett

- j) Guatemala Breaking the Silence – fundraising request. Mindy explained her mission trip. Her trip is fully covered. But there are others travelling in the delegation of 14 who require significant fundraising. Consensus that Mindy approach Outreach and Congregational Life to create an event to share information and sell the Breaking the Silence coffee from Just Us as a fundraiser.

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

Moved: Norma Mailman; Seconded: Cupido Daniels

CARRIED

11) Clergy Reports:

- a) Don is missing being here in person. The last few weeks has been extremely positive, and the support from the congregation during this time of family loss is greatly appreciated.
- b) Katie presented her final Youth Ministry report. Highlights include:
 - i) Covid was tough, but we got through it.
 - ii) Worship afforded her many firsts like communion.
 - iii) Felt supported presenting her authentic self in worship.
 - iv) Increase in Voyagers numbers.
 - v) We are a safe church for many people and receiving positive feedback.
 - vi) Coldest Night of the Year was very successful.
 - vii) Completed all foundational and required courses for her education. 12 elective courses remaining.
 - viii) Currently VP of administration of student union at AST.
 - ix) So pleased with new spaces for youth.
 - x) Adult student meaningful and successful.
 - xi) Support team greatly appreciated during her time here.
 - xii) Increasing her work for the Region: Presenting a workshop on Romantic and sexual attraction.
 - xiii) Preparing to start her first solo appointment at Riverport and First South Pastoral Charges.
 - xiv) I'm excited to start anew, but it will be hard to leave. So stay in touch and come for a visit.
 - xv) New email is: Ministerkaticlogan@gmail.com <3

12) Next Meeting: Sep 27, 2023

13) Closing Prayer: Katie Logan

14) Adjournment Moved: Cupido Daniels 8:41 pm