

Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver, B.C.
Monday, October 5, 2009

Present: *Judy Ashbourne, Ken Fowler, Jen-Beth Fulton, Alan Furniss, Frank Luba, Steve Macdonald, Dilys Sostad, Rev. Nancy Talbot.*

Guests: *Jack Hetherington, Bryan Ralph, Rob Waller, Kelly Vogt.*

Regrets: *Kathryn Ferriss, Sherrill McLeary.*

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a reflection at 5:20 p.m.

Stewardship Campaign: Rob Waller led a review of the brochure materials provided for the Our Daily Bread program – have we got the concept right? – All agreed yes..

- Letter from Rev. Talbot – good to go with minor revisions,
- Need bulletin inserts for November,
- Council – after the letter and brochure are out – to phone the congregation members offering to answer any questions and urge folks to be sure to come to church on November 22.
- review of the brochure data – concerns were noted for revision,
- the list of check-off boxes for opportunities to serve needs to be greatly expanded to include such things as lawn mowing, maintenance...
- Fowler, Talbot and Waller to go over the numbers section and re-define the needs for the pie charts.
- Print Materials to be ready for October 26 and mailed out by November 2. Documents to be e-mailed to Council for review prior to printing.

Ken Fowler to be available after church on November 15 to answer financial questions from the congregation.

Justice Program Report:

Bryan Ralph reviewed the two page report on a proposal to work with Parkgate Centre to provide weekly shopping trips for frail elderly people living east of the Seymour River. The four members of the Team will be meeting with the senior staff of the Centre on Thursday to deal with the 10 questions they have re the proposal. Frank Luba suggested that they might add the inclusion of high school kids who need to acquire volunteer hours.

Minutes:

M/S (Sostad/Macdonald) that the minutes of the council Meeting of September 14 be approved as amended. **Motion CARRIED.**

Business arising;

- Chair Ashbourne to check our Constitution to see if we require a Congregational meeting to approve the appointment of Kelly Vogt to the position of Member-at-large on the Council.
- The Worship and M&P Teams have been asked to form a committee re Rev. Talbot's Sabbatical.

Team Reports:

Staff Report: Rev. Talbot noted that she had met with Rev. John Pentland who will be leading worship on November 22. Our WEBSITE has been activated.

M&P – Kristina's criminal check has not been done yet.

"Presbytery – The September 2009 meeting began with a new, helpful way for members to get to know one another.

- Under new business two remits to the Basis of Union were voted on according to a request from the Thirty Fourth General Council. In Remit 1 the essence it dealt with "elected" rather than "appointed" of Lay representatives to Presbytery and
- Remit 2 considered a similar issue from the Basis of Union of "elected" rather than "chosen" / "appointed" / "selected," but this time for delegates to General Council.
- Three delegates gave their personal experiences of attending the Thirty Fourth General Council.
- Presbytery members later attended the calling of Ross and Linda Lockhart to West Vancouver United Church.

Mission and Outreach: the North Shore Lookout Shelter no longer requires our help for Saturday lunches. They are looking for other opportunities for our assistance and will advise us. The Team is looking for people to join them on the Team.

Worship: There have been expressions of concern re the spreading of the H1N1 virus by shaking hands at welcome and passing the peace.

A-Team: will be meeting on October 14 to review the cleaning contract which is considered to need only minor tweaking to be acceptable. They are also reviewing the need for computer program updates and their maintenance budget.

Congregational Life:

- October 4 Talent show was a great hit.
- The Gala Team has met.
- The Web Site is running well.
- The Turkey Lunch is scheduled for November 14 to coincide with Parkgate Days.

Financials: M/S (Macdonald/Luba) that Ken Fowler be authorized to continue discussions with Eric Mathieson, Mission through finance chair, United Church, Toronto regarding a proposal defer the payment of our VIM loan for a five year period.

Motion CARRIED.

Fowler passed out reports on Givings and Key Revenue and the status of the Growth Fund.

The group closed by expressing reasons for being thankful.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting
Monday, November 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Judy Ashbourne, _____
Chair

Alan Furniss, _____
Recording Secretary