

Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Present: *Judy Ashbourne, Ward Branch, Ken Fowler, Jen-Beth Fulton, Alan Furniss, Wade Lifton, Brian Ralph, Dilys Sostad, Kelly Vogt.*

Regrets: *Steve Macdonald.*

Chair *Ashbourne* opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Wade opened the meeting with a reflection on listening.

M/S (*Fowler/Fulton*) that the minutes of the meeting of May 5 be approved as circulated.
Carried

VIM Loan: Ken fowler circulated a copy of the loan application approved by the Congregation on May 16. It has been presented to, and approved by, Presbytery.

Job Vacancy: The Job Posting for the Children and Family Minister was approved by the Congregation on May 16 and is being circulated. A Search Committee is set up to interview.

PAR Promotion: Furniss to do a “Minute for PAR on June 3, Branch on June 13.

Council Retreat: Saturday, **June 19**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. to focus on discerning “our Core Values”.

A Barbershop Singers Workshop will be held on September 10 and 11 with a concert on the 10th evening.

Sacred Gifts Discernment Workshop, led by Monique McDonald, will be held **September 17 and 18**. Other congregations will be invited. Admission to be charged, lunches to be provided...

Website Statistics: May hits 731 visits, 23.5 visits/day, 30% were new visits.

Financials: Fowler distributed and discussed year –to-date revenues and a future scenario forecast.

Administration Team: Reported that the following people have been trained to operate the Sound System; *Ken Fowler, Colton Chow, Patrick Ashbourne, James Fulton, Lawrence Carota, Frank Peterson and Kathryn Clinton.*

Congregational Life Team:

- **Church Picnic** is June 13,
- **Turkey Lunch** will be December 11 – also promote Bake Table.
- The **Drum Circle** drew 14 members of our Congregation and 6 involved in the operation.
- **Gala** will be held in the Church on October 30.
- Team to consider the provision of “goodies” before Sunday services. Furniss to operate the new coffee machine.
- **Talent Show** will be held in late September.

Presbytery: UCC’s 85th Anniversary will be celebrated June 6. Barbara Ralph will bake a huge cake for after the Service.

Worship Team: All is functioning smoothly. Pulpit supply is complete for the summer. Last Sundays’ dialogues between the youth and elders went really well.

Mission and Outreach Team:

- **1st United Picnic** will be held August 15.
- **Christmas in June** – for food for 1st. United has begun,
- **Parkgate Bus** project for frail elders has begun searching for volunteers,
- **Lookout shelter** project has seen 4 cooking classes held, project being e-evaluated with shelter staff,
- **Thrift Shop** is going “great guns”, new cash register is working well.
- **1st United** monthly **Movie nights** and bi –weekly **sandwich making** continue.

Ministry and Personnel:

- the team is fully focused on job search for Children and Family Minister
- Wade has drafted a new Youth Minister’s job description and will review it with Mike Hetherington and forward it to Ward Branch.
- Bryan Ralph to clarify the various responsibilities of the people involved in providing church music, adults and children’s choirs..

Next Meeting
Wednesday July 7, 2010
at 7:30 p.m.

Judy Ashbourne, _____
Chair

Alan Furniss, _____
Recording Secretary

