

Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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

Regrets: *Brian Ralph,*

Chair Ashbourne opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Wade opened the meeting with a reflection from Chief Dan George.

M/S (Fowler/Fulton) that the Minutes of the Meeting of April 7 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Financials: Fowler circulated the financial report noting that offerings are up 14% over 2009, “other income” up 12% and expenses are on budget.

VIM Loan: Our proposal to has gone, unofficially, to Presbytery and is supported by those involved. The “official” proposal will be submitted soon.

New Treasurer: Doug Kearns has agreed to take over as Treasurer next term. He’ll be involved in the budgeting and year-end financials with Ken while preparing to take over the post.

Foyer banners and notice boards: Macdonald thanked everyone, and James Fulton and Stan Joughin in particular, for the work last weekend on the yard and the foyer.

Gladys Johnson and Kathryn Clinton will be pricing out alternative types of notice boards to replace those previously used. The rolling room dividers will be used in the interim.

Banners – it is agreed that the space in the foyer needs to be beautiful and colourful;

- possibly use some fabric hangings,
- save one or two of the “heritage” banners,
- ask Wendy Alexander to get involved in the “creative aspects”,
- Need an aesthetic sub-committee to study the furniture needs for the Library.

Other A-Team concerns:

- the 2 day clean-up was a real success.
- the Library needs re-assembling,
- the offices will be repainted over the summer,
- we need a \$400 industrial grade automatic coffee maker.

M/S (Macdonald/Vogt) that Council make \$400.00 available from the Memorial Fund **Carried** (Branch abstained).

Search Committee: a JNAC for the Children and Family Minister was presented by Branch. **M/S** (Sostad/Fulton) that the JNAC be approved as presented. **Carried.** Congregational approval to be sought on May 16.

Council Retreat: will be held on June 19 in the Sanctuary. **“Spirit Given Gifts and Values”** will be discussed. Council, Team Members and all others wishing to attend will be invited. Council Members are to invite any particular people they feel would be potential leadership or Team members.

Minutes for PAR: There will be 3 “Minutes for Par” May 30, June 6 and June 13.

Something’s Happening Here Campaign: Branch to prepare an Annual Letter to garner support “where we are” and will comment in a celebration during worship.

Congregational Life Team:

- there will be a Drum Circle held here on May 17. All are invited. Furniss will coordinate,
- June 13 **Picnic** – the chicken has been ordered,
- **Gala** date – October 23 or 30,
- **Turkey Lunch** – date to be decided at June Council meeting.

Presbytery: the new United Church Manual has been ordered.

Worship: Pentecost will be held at/with St. Clare in the Cove,

- Birthday Cake Sunday will be held June 6 after the service – Birthday cakes for every month of the year plus one for the UCC’s 85th /anniversary
- a sign up sheet for cake making needed.

Mission and Outreach: Team meeting next Tuesday.

- the **Thrift Shop needs** more strong **male help** from 7:30 to 9pm on Thursdays to help put things back in the shop.
- **N.S. Lookout Shelter** – we have started cooking classes for the bachelors – it’s going well.
- **Parkgate Bus Service** for frail seniors to transport them to Lynn Valley Mall for shopping with volunteers is slowly coming together. Parkgate Senior’s Centre will train the volunteers and supply the bus and driver. Our money will pay to training the volunteers and for the bus driver. We will provide 2 people for the Steering Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

**Next Meeting
Wednesday June 2, 2010
at 7:00 p.m.**

Judy Ashbourne, _____
Chair

Alan Furniss, _____
Recording Secretary