

**Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council**  
**Held at 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver, B.C.**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2010**

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

**Guests:** *Kelly Vogt.*

**Regrets:** *Dilys Sostad.*

Chair Ashbourne opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened with a prayer by Joyce Rupp "Create in me a clear heart".

M/S (*Luba/Fulton*) that the Minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2010 be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

The **Community Sing** held January 30 for Haiti relief was a fun event that brought out 140 people and raised \$660 which will be matched by the government.

**Thank-you letters** have been sent out to congregation members for their support of the "Something's Happening Here" Campaign.

The **Documentary Film Evening** was a great success that drew some 100 people to watch the film and discuss it after.

Anna Macdonald and some other members of our Youth Group have been making soap and bath salts. They wish to sell them after Church with the proceeds to go to **Haiti Relief** through the United Church fund and to the **Save the Dolphins** project. Council approved the plan for February 14.

Rev. Talbot, Jen-Beth Fulton and Chair Judy Ashbourne attended the "Stepping Out" workshop that discussed "**Determining Our Values**". This is an area that Council needs to attend to in the near future.

It is time to look at **Council's structure** as it has been five years that we have been using the current model – Is it still the best model for these times?

Council members should consider being "**ears out on the street**" – that is - listening, to discussions outside the church to determine what people in our community are talking about, are concerned about – and to report back to Council.

Wade Lifton has been going through Discernment, and, after consultation with his team, has discerned the desire to go back to school to continue his education for his ministry calling. He will be leaving us at the end of August to return to school.

Council supports Wade in this. As a result we will require a team to prepare a JNAC and a Search Committee to find his replacement. Judy Ashbourne will advise the Congregation about Wade's decision on Sunday next.

**2010 Council Requirements:**

Kelly Vogt to be added to Council,  
Steve Macdonald to return as Administration Team leader,  
Congregational Life Team needs reorganization and a new leader,  
Worship Team needs a new leader,  
Presbytery – Jen-Beth Fulton will serve for another year,  
Treasurer will need to be replaced next year (2011),  
Chair Ashbourne is considering carrying on for one more year,  
Ministry and Personnel Team requires a new Team leader,  
Mission and Outreach Team?  
Secretary agreed to stand for reappointment.

Teams will give “**A Minute for (the Team)**” before the Annual Meeting to explain what each Team does and what their volunteer personnel needs are.

*Jeff Smith* has been appointed to the Permanent Committee on Programs for Mission and Ministry of the General Council of the United Church of Canada. Congratulations Jeff.

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday March 21 with lunch to follow.**

**Draft Team Budgets;** were reviewed, line by line. They will be further refined and resented to the Congregation in final form on March 14.

**Administration Team Report;**

**Parkgate Hall** lighting – new lights will be installed after the current preschool year-end as it will take a number of days to complete the changeover. Tubes will be replaced in the current system on February 6.

The **roof** has been inspected and will require only minor patching at this time and for the near future. The integrity of the major system is sound.

A new **Entry sign** is required.

**Spring Clean-up** and painting preparation will be held on **Sunday, April 25.**

**Vandalized windows** on the north side will be replaced shortly.

**Presbytery Report;** *Jen-Beth Fulton* referred Council to Mardi Tyndall's report from the Copenhagen Conference which she had sent by e-mail.

**Congregational Life Team;** Frank Luba discussed the need for a reorganization of the team and a need for some additional members as a result of a number of activities that are occurring that seem to fit under that team's terms of reference.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting  
Wednesday March 3, 2010  
at 7:00 p.m.**

Judy Ashbourne, \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Alan Furniss, \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary