

Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver, B.C.
Monday, May 25, 2009

Present: *Judy Ashbourne, Kathryn Ferriss, Ken Fowler, Alan Furniss, Stan Joughin, Frank Luba, Steve Macdonald, Sherrill McLeary, Dilys Sostad, Rev. Nancy Talbot.*

Regrets: *Jen-Beth Fulton.*

Rev. Talbot called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. and had those present introduce themselves and their portfolios to incoming Council member Steve Macdonald.

M/S (Fowler/Luba) that the Minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2009 be approved as circulated. Carried.

M&P Team: The Worship Team will investigate the Youth/Children's Choir situation and report back to Council.

M/S (McLeary/Sostad) that Council appoint Bett Shipham and James Fulton to Wade Lifton's Discernment Committee. Carried. Mike Hetherington will be Wade's liaison with M&P and Janice Young will be Presbytery's member.

Follow-up to May 24 Congregational Meeting:

- Subject of June 20 – 9a.m. – 2 p.m. meeting to include; what's good, What do we feel we're learning and is our vision changing, expanding? All team members and interested members of the Congregation will be invited.

- Rev. Talbot will be having a "fireside chat" over lunch with the members of the Gospel Choir on May 31. Members of the Joyful Noise Choir will be asked to bring sandwiches...

June 14 Chicken Barbeque – Ward Branch will be asked to organize the tables & games. Salads and dessert will be potluck.

Minister's Report:

- Sherrill McLeary has a group of members who are very excited about starting a Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

- Peter Short's reflections at Conference were excellent and we will be hearing more about some of them from Nancy.

- We still need to get two Members-at-Large for Council. Some ideas were given.

Mission and Outreach:

- Dilys reported on the successful ongoing support by the congregation for First United Church and the North Shore Outlook Shelter. Investigations regarding the outreach program for frail seniors east of then Seymour continue.

- Plans are firming up and other congregations of all denominations will be advised and asked if they might be interested in joining the pilot project.

- The Team's minutes will be circulated.

Worship Team: – too busy to meet last month, no report.

Administration Team: No report – Steve asked a number of questions about the Team and was referred to team members for advice on the portfolio’s requirements.

Congregational Life Team: Gala Organizers are eager to do it again. Rev. Talbot to contact Catherine as well.

Rev. Talbot closed the meeting with a scripture from John’s Gospel and a reflection from Peter Short.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting
Monday, June 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Judy Ashbourne, _____
Chair

Alan Furniss, _____
Recording Secretary