

Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver, B.C.
Monday, January 4, 2010

Present: *Judy Ashbourne, Catherine Branch, Kathryn Ferriss, Ken Fowler, Jen-Beth Fulton, Alan Furniss, Frank Luba, Dilys Sostad, Rev. Nancy Talbot.*

Guests: *Kelly Vogt.*

Regrets: *Steve Macdonald.*

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

Rev. Talbot asked those present to reflect upon and then comment on their hopes and dreams for our church during the coming year.

Comments included; continued growth in all areas of activity, that we can afford to keep the new programs going, to get the youth integrated more with the rest of the congregation, to find ways to involve the new members more, to nurture the long-time members, too.

M/S (*Luba/Fulton*) that the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2009 be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

Business arising:

The caterer been booked for the January 17 post-Christmas congregational lunch.

Rev. Talbot's Sabbatical is scheduled for April 15 to July 15, 2010.

Kimiko Kapoff will act as Sabbatical supply during this period. Kimiko is a final year student in the united Church Diaconal Ministry program at Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg. She is also joining Wade in Ghana in mid-January as part of her Diaconal Training and will return with him in mid-February.

Rev. Douglas Bacon will be leading worship on January 24 and Tim Scorer on February 14.

Daily Bread Campaign – follow-up: 54 households have pledged and a further 54 are giving. There are 8 new members “On PAR” Rev. Talbot and Chair Ashbourne will be sending a letter of thanks to those who responded. Financial results of the campaign will be provided when the data is available.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday March 7** after worship.

A Documentary Film “Consuming Kids – the commercialization of Childhood” will be shown, followed by a discussion period, on January 16 at 7pm. This is co-sponsored with the Social Environmental Action group.

Financials: preliminary Income and Expense statements to December 31, 2009 were presented and discussed. Some allocations require checking.

Team Reports:

Presbytery – no report.

Mission and Outreach – the Lookout shelter will meet and clarify their needs this month,
- there were good responses to both the Giving Tree and the request for funds for the Lookout Shelter.

Worship – will meet on January 5. They are planning a new Sermon Series.

Ministry and Personnel – Pandora Furniss is now looking after the Youth Choir.

Administration – Council approved the sale of our “old” projection screen for \$200. We will negotiate the ability to borrow it back as, and if, required.

Congregational Life - a **Community Sing** lead by Brian Tate, preceded by a **potluck supper**, will be held on Saturday, January 30. There will be “Guitar Hero for the kids and the Community Gospel Choir will be showcased.

The meeting closed by singing “Go now in peace” and adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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

Judy Ashbourne, _____
Chair

Alan Furniss, _____
Recording Secretary