

Minutes of Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Present: *Ward Branch, Sue Dahlo, Ken Fowler, Jen-Beth Fulton, Alan Furniss, Stan Joughin, Joyce Jones, Frank Luba, Sherrill McLeary, Rev. Nancy Talbot.*

Regrets: *Pandora Furniss.*

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes of the December meeting will be approved at the February meeting.

Rev. Talbot to determine the details of Brian Tate's six-month retainer and provide them to the M&P Committee who will prepare a Letter of Agreement to cover the assignment.

Music Director: Search Committee Chair Barb English provided a draft job description for the position. Council reviewed it and made some modifications. A copy will be included in next Sunday's bulletin, placed on the bulletin board and posted on our web site. Time requirement for the job will be 17.5 hours per week.

M/S (*Jones/Luba*) that Council approve the revised job description and that the Committee continue its search as outlined to Council. **Carried.**

A donation of \$200 has been received to be applied to advertising costs of the Music Search Committee.

Financials: Ken Fowler discussed the transitions occurring in the financial reporting group and some of the inconsistencies from earlier times that are being picked up.

Team Leaders need to put 2008 expense budget details to Ken Fowler by January 23. He'll e-mail final Budget numbers out to Council by the 25th and Council will have a final budget proposal to approve at the February Council meeting.

Council wishes to extend Special Thanks to Kathryn Clinton for keeping such tight control on office supplies/expenses over the year.

Proposed Stewardship Campaign: Council was re-advised by the members of the Congregation that the Congregation needs to see a good level of detail on the future vision and financial specifics. Council has also received advice from the Congregation to consult on this in advance of moving toward a vote. Council agrees with both suggestions.

Process – Rev. Talbot and Chair Branch to draft a plan document for a Congregational Lunch to be held on January 27. Each table to be facilitated by a Council Member.

At the lunch propose a Covenant around discarding the mysterious "They" that won't let us do things or are doing things, and to discuss things directly rather than Complain about the mysterious "They".

Council members having ideas about who might be leaders for the proposed campaign please advise Rev. Talbot or Ward Branch.

Annual Meeting: to be held Sunday, March 2, 2008.

M/S (Joughin/Dahlo) that Council request to B.C. conference that Rev. Dermott McInnes and Rev Brenda Fox be given permission to solemnize marriages for the coming year. **Carried.**

Rev. Talbot closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 4 at 7:00 pm.

Ward Branch,
Chair

Alan Furniss,
Recording Secretary
