

**Minutes of the meeting of Mount Seymour United Church Council  
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.  
Wednesday, October 19, 2011.**

**Present:**, *Ward Branch, Kathryn Clinton, Alan Furniss, Steve Macdonald, Doug Querns, Bryan Ralph, Dilys Sostad, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt.*

**Guests:** *Jen-Beth Fulton, Heather Macdonald.*

**Regrets:** *Bette Shippam.*

Chairman Vogt called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a centering prayer

**M/S** (Sostad/Vogt) that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 14 be approved as corrected. (Spelling of Corrigan) **Carried.**

**M/S** (Querns/S. Macdonald) That Mt. Seymour United Church co-sponsor with Heather Macdonald, an application to support a refugee sponsorship for one individual, for a period of one year, in accordance with CIC guidelines.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Note:** It is the understanding of Council that MSU will not be engaged financially in this co-sponsorship. Heather Macdonald is planning to raise the \$13,000 that will be required to support the refugee for the year.

Ward Branch joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and sang for us his favorite hymn- "*I feel the winds of God today*".

**Business arising:**

**A-Team** Steve Macdonald reported on the ongoing repair work done by James Fulton and Ian Jarvis and praised the many hours of work they have done, particularly on the flicker nesting problems in the outer walls and the Parkgate Hall lights..

He also praised Kathryn Clinton for negotiating a reduction of about \$1,000 a year in our Telus' bill.

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**Vision planning** – the meeting with Chris Corrigan – the following comments are from those who attended the meeting

“A good - “get to know you” meeting” . “Some definite themes came out – good”

“I'd like to expand the group”. “ Good start – I'm impressed with Corrigan”

“It was great to have such a good turnout – how can something NOT happen with the quality of the people in the group.”

The **next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1**. Corrigan was impressed with the readiness to move, the cohesion in the group. He likes us.

He heard that we wish to move on - a place to nourish our core, - the property as a community asset, - what is our mission?

On November 1 we will work to put some flesh on the three above ideas but we will need a learning piece on how to go about it. There may be smaller groups split off to work on each of these – which should bring in more people. ( the core group is now about 20 people).

**Saturday, January 28** will be a learning day with Chris Corrigan.

### **Cove Community Church**

Rev. Nancy passed out and reviewed with Council the Web pages of the Cove church. They would like to consider meeting in our Sanctuary for two hours on Sunday afternoons plus access to the kitchen, nursery and a larger room.

**Environmental Policy** – Bette Shippam to review and comment.

### **Minister's Report.**

1. There will be an **Oversight Visit** from Presbytery early next year.
2. Next year Council will have to look at three documents for a **remit** about adding the documents to the **basis of Union** of the United Church. We will be asked to answer questions about the documents and vote on their adoption.

### **Financials:**

**M/S** (Branch/Sostad) that the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2011 be approved as presented. **Carried**

**Mission and Outreach Team:**

**World Food Day** – was held October 16. Some \$800 was collected for First United Church and the carload of food purchased was delivered on October 18.

**Thrift Shop** has, over the 20 years of operation, provided to First United Church a total of \$100,000. The shop is now bringing in \$2,000 per week. A sign board will be made up to discourage drop-offs while church activities are in progress.

**Worship and Christian Development Team:**

Four members – Anne Ellis, Wendy Alexander, Mike Hetherington and David Ney will be trained to facilitate small groups early in the new year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with Ward Branch reading further verses of *“I feel the winds of God today”*

**Next Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 9,**

**6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

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