

**Minutes of the meeting of Mount Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, September 14, 2011.**

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

Regrets: *Doug Querns.*

Chairman Vogt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan Ralph opened the meeting by leading us in singing his favorite hymn - "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

M/S (Branch/Macdonald) that the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2011 be approved as amended. **Carried.**

Our application to the Presbytery **ProVision Fund** for \$15,000, to permit us to hire Chris Corrigan to work with us to help us develop our approach to imagining our future ministry and the role we have to play in our community, has been **approved**. Chris Corrigan will meet with us around a dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 11. The Congregation will be invited.

Chair Vogt to draft a letter of agreement with Corrigan,

Financial Statements were received and discussed. It was suggested that the Growth Fund should be capped at the value at the end of last May and that further revenues be treated as current operating income. Approval of the Statements tabled to the next Council meeting.

Saint Clare in the Cove – no new information.

Thrift Shop has concerns re large volumes of left-overs from garage sales being "dumped" on Saturday and Sunday nights. Kathryn Clinton to design a Sandwich Board to direct people to NOT drop stuff off at those times. The Board would also be available to put out when concerts, weddings, funerals... are in progress.

Cove Community Church – Rev. Talbot and members of Council and spouses met, at a Barbeque hosted by Doug and Kathy Querns, with the Pastor and members of the Cove church. It was a "get acquainted " meeting where members met one another and briefly outlined their various teams activities. Discussions are ongoing regarding their interest in renting space in our church on Sunday evenings.

A-Team report – main concerns are;

- lights in Parkgate Hall,
- bird holes in the outside wall, front entrance arch
- Thrift Shop drop-off solution

Worship & Christian Development

Music Ministry is in place for the fall/winter.

Fall worship schedule is in place

Christmas Services reduced by one to 4:00 p.m. And 7:00 p.m. The wider community will need to be advised that there will be NO 10:00 p.m. service.

Mission and Outreach – team has not met since last Council Meeting.

Congregational Life – the Welcome Back Barbeque went well – was good value. Coordinating leadership and more volunteers are needed if similar events are planned in future.

Ward Branch to forward an **Environmental Policy** for Council to review with the object of having one implemented here.

There will be a **Lunch after service on November 6** – Soup and Sandwiches from the Salvation Army kitchen.

Ministry and Personnel – contract agreements have been negotiated and signed with Dominique Hogan (Music Director), Marcus Mosely (Gospel Choir Leader) and Julian Pattison (Piano and organist) for the coming year.

M/S (Branch/Sostad) that Bethel Lee be reappointed as MSUC Children and Family Minister as per form PR 433. **Carried unanimously.**

Bryan Ralph closed the meeting by reading the words of the hymn “*Great is the Faithfulness*”.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 19,

6:00 p.m.

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Alan Furniss,
Recording Secretary_____