

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

Present: *Rev. Nancy Talbot, Dilys Sostad, Meg Clarke, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus, Doug Querns, Bette Shippam, Ward Branch, Laura Staude, James Fulton, Lisa Reinders*

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a reading from Marks Gospel. Council members were invited to share our personal interpretation and the meaning each of us derived from the passage.

M/S (Clarke/Fulton) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 8, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising From Prior Meetings

M & P Update

Donna Dinsmore has been hired by Mount Seymour United Church for the one year position as Associate Minister to replace Rev. Bethel Lee.

M/S (Staude/Shippam) to request that Presbytery approve the appointment of Donna Dinsmore as per terms of Record of Appointment (PR 433AP). **Carried.**

Donna Dinsmore will commence employment on July 15, 2013. Due to her extensive musical background the M & P committee has redistributed the responsibilities for the music program. The financial implications of these new changes were reviewed and discussed. The new financial changes fit within the existing budget.

M & P has approved the renewal of contracts for Anne Ellis – Children’s Community Coordinator, Mary Sparks – Children’s Music Leader; Lena Dabrusin – Assistant Children’s Music Leader; Marcus Mosely and Dominique Hogan – Gospel Choir Leaders.

Rev. Nancy Talbot and Laura Staude will attend a workshop on June 17, 2013 on Compensation Models Project.

M & P will host an Employee Recognition Event on June 19, 2013.

Thrift Shop Update

A working lunch with the volunteers from the Thrift Shop took place on June 3, 2013 facilitated by Marc Coulombe. Approximately 40 volunteers participated in conversations addressing all aspects of the operations of the Thrift Shop. The meeting was a success and many valuable ideas were tabled. The transition team will be reviewing the data collected and advantageous ideas will be implemented in a timely manner.

A-Team Update

The A team will be meeting with Wendy Alexander on July 4, 2013 to review the tentative plans for the repurposing of the church space.

The A team will be responsible for creating an office space for Donna Dinsmore by July 15, 2013.

Cove Church Update

The Christian Missionary Alliance has severed ties with the Cove Church, and as a result the Cove Church has disbanded. Due to financial restrictions the Cove Church was unable to meet its rent obligations to Mount Seymour United Church for the months of January to May 2013. An anonymous donor from Mount Seymour United contributed an amount of \$2000.00 towards the rent short fall and the remaining liability was covered by the donation of kitchen equipment and a sound system from the Cove Church.

We are currently looking for new renters for Sunday afternoon to replace the budgeted rental revenue that would have been generated by the Cove Church.

New Business

Labyrinth Report

M & O has received a \$600.00 Neighbourhood Grant to enhance the existing Labyrinth. This will include additional painting, explanation signage, and new benches.

Financials

Querns provided council with copies of the Financial Statements for the 5 month period ended May 31, 2013. Financials were reviewed.

Rev. Nancy Talbot provided council with statistics obtained from Fay Butterfield to address the issue of lower actual offerings versus budgeted offerings.

Sustainable Strategic Philanthropy

Meg Clark presented to council a strategic list of ideas that can be incorporated into a plan to establish sustainable philanthropy for MSUC. These ideas were

reviewed and discussed with a resulting action item that Meg Clarke would put together a Stewardship Plan from which responsibilities would be assigned.

Other Business

Kathryn Clinton updated council on the bequest of 17.5 million that the BC conference received.

Council discussed the upcoming Walk for Reconciliation and how MSUC will be involved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting
Wednesday September 11, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____