

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Sunday, March 1, 2015**

The following 45 members/adherents were present;

Members

Carol Pettigrew, Kathy Andrews, Jim Andrews, Gillian Cole, Laura Staude, Katherine McKay, Ward Branch, Burton Branch, Lima Branch, Bryan Ralph, Barbara Ralph, Joan Fowler, Marilyn Thorpe, Kay Newcombe, Fay Butterfield, Ted Butterfield, Bill Mathieson, Barry Fenton, Sherrill McLeary, Joyce Jones, Dilys Sostad, Gwen Kendrick, Nina Huumo, Marianne Hansen, Kathryn Ferriss, Ian DeJong, Emma DeJong, Helen Talbot, Alan Furniss, Marlene Plezia, Michelle Coulombe, Jen-Beth Fulton, Anne Ellis, Doug Querns, Roger Brain, Bette Shippam, Carol Kelly, James Fulton, Sharon Stevens, Ken Fowler, Rev. Donna Dinsmore, Mardi Joughin, Stan Joughin.

Adherents: Sharon Brain, Heather Woolstone

Chair Bette Shippam welcomed those present, noted that there was a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 11:25 am.

Rev. Donna Dinsmore opened the meeting with a prayer.

M/S (S. Stevens/J. Fulton) that the agenda be approved as presented. **Carried.**

Chair Shippam introduced the 2014-15 Council Members and council appointee, Fay Butterfield.

M/S (B. Branch/J.-B. Fulton) that the Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of March 30, 2014 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Ministers Report: Rev. Donna Dinsmore highlighted the many groups that are working in concert at Mount Seymour United Church over this past year, asking members to raise their hands to indicate of which groups they took part. These groups/teams included Life Groups, the Caring Team, staff, volunteers, Thrift Shop Community, Building Team, and many more.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Querns presented the Financial Statements for 2014 and the 2015 budget to the congregation.

M/S (B. Ralph/K. Querns) that the Financial Statements for 2014 be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

M/S (G. Kendrick, J. Andrews) that the budget for 2015 be accepted as presented.
Carried

Capital Campaign Report - Campaign Chair Ward Branch presented the results of the successful 2014 *There's Something More* Capital Campaign. Presently, \$310,856 has been received towards the renovation and is deposited in the bank in a high interest savings account. The remaining \$210,144 has been pledged to arrive over the next 3 years.

He reminded donors to submit their 2015 donations to church as soon as possible to decrease the bridge financing needs.

Building Team Presentation: James Fulton, Chair of the Building team, introduced the Building Team. He led us through a slide presentation that included the projected schedule for the upcoming renovation, the project cost summary, as well as the rendered drawings created by our hired Architect Firm, Shape Inc. The project cost came in within the budget, \$520,000, and the project is proceeding on schedule. The Building Team is inviting MSUC members and the public to an open house on March 15, 2015 at which time the architect will be there to discuss the project, and to answer any questions.

M/S (T.Butterfield/K. Fowler) that the 2014 Annual Report be received as presented.
Carried.

MSU Council Elections

- a. **M/S (A. Furniss, D.Sostad)** to extend Chair **Bette Shippam's** (2011-present) term to 5 years (June 2016), to accommodate the Chair vacancy, created by past Chair Lisa Reinder's departure, and filled last year by B. Shippam as *pro tem*, to two years.
- b. Retiring and Resigning Council - Doug Querns (2011-2014), Ward Branch (2011-2014)
- c. Continuing Council
- d. Chair Shippam presented the following candidates to be elected to serve on the Mount Seymour United Church Council for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2015.

Mission and Outreach Team – *Katherine McKay*

Worship and Christian Development Team – *Catherine Branch*

Member-at-Large- *Barry Fenton*

Treasurer - *remains open*

Presbytery Rep – *remains open*

Chair Shippam called for further nominations and, hearing none, declared the above

elected by acclamation.

The Treasurer and Presbytery Rep positions remain open. Council is actively seeking candidates for these positions, which are required to be filled by June 1, 2015.

Chair Shippam indicated that the Treasurer position may need to be filled from within the current council. The Presbytery Rep may need to remain open another year, but our congregation is well represented at Presbytery meetings with Rev. Nancy Talbot, Rev. Donna Dinsmore, and members Rev. Marianna Harris and Marc Coulombe attending most meetings.

Joyce Jones thanked all the hard working staff at MSUC which was vigorously supported by members present.

Rev. Dinsmore closed the meeting with a prayer of gratitude.

M/S (C. Kelly/L. Staude) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 p.m. Carried.

Bette Shippam, Chair_____

Sharon Stevens, Recording Secretary_____