

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, September 5, 2012**

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

Regrets: *Bette Shippam, Laura Staude, Meg Clarke, Nicolas Alexandre (Presbytery Representative), Bethel Lee (ex-officio)*

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened with a Prayer of Commitment from Bread for The Journey.

Rev. Talbot then led counsel in an awareness exercise where we each shared a life giving memory from our summer.

M/S (Branch/*Querns*) that the amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 13, 2012 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

New Business:

Mission and Outreach Team

M/S (Macdonald/*Querns*) that counsel approve a request from Parkgate to continue the support of the Seniors Access Bus program from Sept 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013. The cost will be \$18,619.00 which will be funded from a previously approved allocation of the Growth fund. **Carried.**

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Anne Ellis has been hired as the interim children and family minister.

Financial Business:

Querns provided Council with copies of the Income Statements for the 7 month period ended July 31, 2012. Financials were reviewed and discussed.

Business Arising From Prior Meetings:

Administrative Team

The temporary wall has now been constructed and the feedback is very positive both from the Thrift Shop volunteers and the Thrift Shop patrons. The wall has greatly improved the efficiency and the esthetics of the Thrift Shop. Council would like to thank all those involved in the many aspects of this wall's creation. We would like to give special thanks to the efforts of Ken Fowler, Stan Joughin, James Fulton and Steve Macdonald whose endless hard work and persistence expedited the process. Job well done!

The next step in the process is to obtain approved plans for the Workshop to bring it up to fire code regulations, and to have a window installed in the sorting room.

Miscellaneous

The 3 Remits which were voted on by Council were all passed.

The controversial decision made by the General Council of the United Church regarding the Israel/Palestine issue of boycotting the purchase of certain goods was discussed at council. It was decided that the congregation was seeking a greater explanation of this issue and the process the church used to arrive at this decision. As a result council is in the process of attaining a commissioner from General Council to speak to the congregation after church in the hope that we will all gain a better understanding of this decision.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Kelly Vogt, Chairman _____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary _____