

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

Present: *Rev. Nancy Talbot, Dilys Sostad, Meg Clarke, Laura Staude, Kelly Vogt, Nancy Stonkus, Ward Branch, Doug Querns, Bette Shippam*

Regrets: *Bethel Lee (ex-officio), Steve Macdonald, Kathryn Clinton*

Guests: James Fulton – A-Team Leader effective June 1, 2013.

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

Kelly Vogt opened the meeting by leading the council members in his favorite hymn “How Great Thou Art”.

M/S (Clarke/Sostad) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 20, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

M/S (Querns/Staude) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 12, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising From Prior Meetings

M & P Update

Laura Staude provided council with an update on the status of the JNAC process. To date there have been 3 meetings where the team continues to analyze the current staff and financial resources available, against the current and future needs of the church. The team is looking at a Fall date to have completed this process in time to initiate a Call. For the short term they are currently reviewing candidates to fill the one year part time appointment with eligibility for Call.

Laura Staude will extend an invitation to Blair Odney to host a presentation at the May or June council meeting on various models for governance, that have worked successfully in other churches and organizations.

New Business

Thrift Shop Update

At the Thrift Shop Executive Meeting Gladys Johnston announced that she would be retiring from operating the Thrift Shop effective May 1, 2013. Council reflected on the tremendous contribution that Gladys has made over the last 22 years in heading up the Thrift Shop and supporting the community thru these efforts. A transition team has been put in place to ensure that the Thrift Shop continues to operate as it always has and to explore new alternatives for the future. The transition team is headed up by Margie Nelson, and Carol Kelly.

Core Team Meeting Update

A need has been identified to create a group of individuals that will act as an overseeing body to help with communication and coordination of the various projects that are currently running at MSUC. This group will ensure a central communication hub for all projects and ensure that the projects continue to fall in line with our current and future aspirations. The Core Team comprises the following individuals Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kathryn Clinton, Marc Coulombe, Laura Staude, Meg Clarke and James Fulton. Council has agreed to pay Marc Coulombe for facilitation services as the needs arise.

National Church Comprehensive Review

The National Church has setup a Comprehensive Review Task Group to engage in a church-wide conversation about the future of our churches. The task group wants to hear from as many faith communities in as many places in the church as possible. These conversations will help shape the recommendations that will be presented at the 42nd General Council in 2015. Council felt that we as a church community could significantly contribute to this process as well as benefit from the results. A small group of representatives from our church will be selected to engage in a 90 minute meeting with a facilitator from the Task Group.

A-Team Update

James Fulton discussed with council the need to hold a congregational meeting to present the new tentative plans for the church addition. These plans will be used as a basis for a future meeting to engage the congregation in a conversation on the repurposing of space at our church. Details on the timing and format of the meeting will be given to council next month.

Rev. Talbot closed the meeting with a prayer.

M/S (Branch/Shippam) to move to adjourn the meeting. **Carried.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting
Wednesday May 8, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____