

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council  
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.  
Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

**Present:** Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus,  
Laura Staude, Meg Clarke, Donna Dinsmore (ex-officio),  
Bette Shippam, Lisa Reinders, Doug Querns, James Fulton.

**Regrets:** Kelly Vogt, Ward Branch

**Guests:** Carol Kelly Thrift Shop representative and future council member

Rev. Talbot called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Lisa Reinders took over the chair position at 7:00.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting by reading a poem from Seasons of Your Heart which tied into the theme of water and wells which we have been celebrating over Lent. The poem spoke of a well in the context that it represented a person, place or experience that caused us to have a feeling of wellbeing and had the power to replenish our body mind and spirit. Rev. Talbot posed the question to council "What in our lives had been a well for us?"

**M/S** (Staude/Clarke) that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 12, 2014 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

AGM minutes were reviewed and amended. A question involving the process we employed regarding the passing of the Renovation Project and the Capital Campaign motions was reviewed. Rev. Nancy Talbot will further investigate this issue to see if the minutes require a further amendment.

**Business Arising From Prior Meetings**

**AGM Follow-up**

**M&P Update**

Laura Staude updated council with regard to the process that will be followed to replace Kathryn Clinton as Office Administrator. JNAC and the Core Team will be evaluating this position in order to create a job description. A hiring team will then be established to find a suitable candidate with hope of placement by mid -June.

**Building Project**

James Fulton updated council on the progress of this project. James felt that it will be necessary to hire a paid project manager to oversee the building renovation. This project will also necessitate the establishment of 2 groups in the near future. A Project Review Committee that will have representation from various groups that will be impacted during this project and a hiring committee. James Fulton will continue in the role of project leader until such time as a new candidate is found. Council felt that an ad hoc committee should be formed immediately to address all aspects of this project.

**M/S** (Clinton/Reinders) to approve the creation of an ad hoc committee related to the MSUC Renovation Project which will be led by James Fulton. **Carried.**

### **Capital Campaign**

Meg Clarke updated council on the progress of the establishment of a capital campaign to support the renovation of MSUC. Ward Branch will chair the campaign working closely with Meg Clarke. Meg Clarke and Ward Branch are in the process of drafting the outline for the capital campaign. The draft will outline the strategy and timeline that will be employed as well as identifying the names of the people appointed to the Capital Campaign Committee. A new name will also be identified to help the congregation relate to the renovation project and capital campaign.

### **MSUC Offering**

Now that the majority of the congregation are on par a brief discussion was held on more effective ways of handling the monetary offering collected on Sundays.

### **New Business**

#### **Renovations**

James Fulton proposed to council that smaller portions of the Renovation Plan could be segregated and started immediately. The office space occupied by Kathryn Clinton and the outdoor storage shed would be done as a community project thereby saving us money. Council agreed that this was a good idea however we would be starting a portion of the Renovation Project before the success of the Capital Campaign was known. Rev. Nancy Talbot will speak to our initial donors for permission to use their funds for these projects with the chance that if appropriate funds are not raised the Renovation Project would not go ahead and no refund would be given.

#### **Thrift Shop Governance Model**

Carol Kelly spoke to council regarding the creation of a governance model for the Thrift Shop. A draft of this model has been established and will be subject to approval at the Thrift Shop AGM in May.

#### **Financials**

Doug Querns provided council with copies of the Financial Statements for the 2 month period ended February 28, 2014. Financials were reviewed.

**M/S** (Shippam/Clinton) to approve the Financial Statements as presented.  
**Carried.**

Due to scheduling issues a meeting to discuss the audit with Kathryn Clinton will not take place until mid-May.

**Other Business**

The Chicken Barbecue will be held on June 22, 2014.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans are ongoing with culmination on May 4, 2014. A special collection to honor this anniversary will take place on Easter Sunday. Each person in the congregation will be asked to give an extra \$25.00, the proceeds of which will be used by the Worship Team towards a project of their choice.

The Ordination of Donna Dinsmore will take place on May 25, 2014 at the Nanaimo Convention Centre. The congregation is invited to attend.

Rev. Nancy Talbot closed the meeting by asking council members what they would like to celebrate from last month's events this was followed by a prayer of concern for others in difficult times.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday May 14, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

Lisa Reinders, Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary\_\_\_\_\_