

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

Present: Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus, Doug Querns, Laura Staude, Meg Clarke, Donna Dinsmore (ex-officio), James Fulton

Regrets: Bette Shippam, Lisa Reinders, Ward Branch

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a reading from Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim by Hays. The reading was titled Psalm of an Advent Year.

M/S (Clinton/Staude) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of November 20, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising From Prior Meetings

Budget

The main focus of the December council meeting was to continue work on the 2014 budget. Kelly Vogt presented council with a draft budget which was a product of the decisions reached at the November council meeting. This budget was reviewed and as a result new recommendations were made moving council closer to a final budget. The budgeting process will be continued at the next council meeting.

New Business

Building Committee Update

Wendy Alexander has drafted new building plans encompassing the new proposed changes. These were presented to the Preschool on December 11, 2013 and will be presented to the Thrift Shop at their next meeting.

Community Connections

Rev. Nancy Talbot updated council on the status of the Cove Community Congregation and its ties to MSUC.

Council was also updated on the event **A Community Christmas Encounter** we are hosting on December 22, 2013.

Donna Dinsmore closed the council meeting by leading council in a Christmas hymn.

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday January 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____