

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

Present: Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus,
Laura Staude, Meg Clarke, Ward Branch, Donna Dinsmore (ex-officio)

Regrets: James Fulton, Bette Shippam, Lisa Reinders, Doug Querns

Guests: Stan Joughin representative for the A Team
Roger Brain future council member

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting by lighting a candle which was surrounded by various cups and bowls. The council members check in was then centered around choosing a vessel from this Worship Centre that most accurately reflected their current emotional and spiritual state.

M/S (Clarke/Joughin) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 15, 2014 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising From Prior Meetings

MSUC 25th Anniversary

The date for the 25th Anniversary celebrations has been set for May 4, 2014 and a committee is being established to handle the arrangements.

Financial Review

Council has found a candidate who is familiar with accounting and who understands the purpose of an independent examination of financial records to perform our 2013 review. This review will be done by Charles Nicholson at no cost to MSUC.

AGM Planning

There will be a congregational meeting on March 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to update the congregation on the current proposed building plan for MSUC and initiate feedback.

The date for the AGM has been set for March 30, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Building Committee Update

Currently there are two proposed building plans under review by council - a \$500,000 plan and a \$650,000 plan. A lengthy discussion by council revolved around assessing the pros and cons of each of the two building plans. The effects on our existing renters as well the financial burdens on our church were examined in detail. The results of these discussions were then tabled and will be

presented by Rev. Talbot and Kelly Vogt at a meeting with the preschool on February 13, 2014.

New Business

M/S(Clinton/Ward) to request that BC Conference grant the authorization to solemnize marriages to the following applicants, Wade Lifton, Brenda Fawkes, Marianna Harris, and Donna Dinsmore. **Carried.**

Rev. Nancy Talbot updated council on the results of the National Church's comprehensive review.

Rev. Nancy Talbot closed the meeting by asking council members to reflect on one thing in their lives that they were most grateful for.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday March 12, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____