

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

Present: *Rev. Nancy Talbot, Dilys Sostad, Meg Clarke, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus*

Regrets: *Bethel Lee (ex-officio), Steve Macdonald, Doug Querns, Bette Shippam, Ward Branch, Laura Staude*

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

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a reading from Marks Gospel. Council members were invited to share our personal interpretation and the meaning each of us derived from the passage.

M/S (Sostad/Clinton) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 17, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising From Prior Meetings

M & P Update

Laura Staude extended an invitation to Blair Odney to host a presentation on models of governance. Due to previous commitments the timing of the council meetings for May and June did not fit with Blair's schedule.

Rev. Nancy Talbot updated council on the JNAC process. The JNAC team continues to meet regularly.

There is a short list of 4 candidates which are currently under review. The interviewing process is continuing with hopes of securing a successful candidate that meets our requirements within the next couple of weeks for a 1 year appointment to replace Bethel Lee.

Thrift Shop Update

Dilys Sostad and Meg Clarke updated council on the status of the Thrift Shop. The transition team continues to meet every 2 weeks. A working lunch with the volunteers has been organized for the beginning of June. This meeting will be a hosted conversation facilitated by Marc Coulombe to gather input that will be used in developing a future plan for the Thrift Shop.

A-Team Update

James Fulton presented council with preliminary drawings of the repurposing of space at MSU. The drawings show that there are many options in various areas of the church for changes. Our needs as a congregation have changed over the last 25 years and our building plan must reflect these new needs and the needs we are anticipating for the future. To do this more information must be gathered from various groups before any final decisions can be made. The A team will develop a number of questionnaires which will target the many groups that utilize space at the church. The initial questionnaires will be designed to get short term and long term usage requirements from groups currently renting our space. Results of this first questionnaire should be available for the next council meeting. The A team is looking at hosting a meeting in the Fall to present a draft plan and initiate a conversation with the congregation to initiate feedback.

Cove Church Update

At the council meeting on February 20, 2013 we received a request from Rev. Sean Graham that if The Christian Missionary Alliance severed ties with The Cove Church, would MSU be willing to act as an umbrella organization for them. After completing our due diligence MSU declined this request.

National Church Comprehensive Review

Rev. Talbot has submitted the names of the representatives from our church that will participate in the 90 minute meeting with the National Church Task Group. Rev. Nancy Talbot gave council an update on the results of the Executive General Council meeting of the National Church.

New Business

Refugee Fund

Heather MacDonald has begun raising funds for a refugee that MSU is co-sponsoring. Details for this co-sponsorship are outlined in the October 19, 2011 minutes.

Other Business

Kathryn Clinton will post a financial summary on our website this month.

Council identified a need to discuss the details of a Stewardship Campaign at the next council meeting.

At the conclusion of the regular business, Council thanked retiring Mission and Outreach team leader Dilys Sostad for her many years of service. Appreciation was also expressed in regards to the retirement of Steve MacDonald from the role as leader of the Administrative Team.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting
Wednesday June 13, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____