

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council  
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.  
Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

**Present:** Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus, Doug Querns, Laura Staude, Lisa Reinders, Meg Clarke, Ward Branch, Bette Shippam

**Regrets:** Donna Dinsmore (ex-officio), James Fulton

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

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting by extending an invitation to all present to engage in a check in process, which was then followed by a reading from *Everyday Sacred* by Sue Bender.

**M/S** (Shippam/Stonkus) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 16, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

**Business Arising From Prior Meetings**

**Joint Needs Assessment Committee**

Rev. Nancy Talbot updated council on the status of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee's progress to date. Based on feedback from the congregation the Value section of *Who We Are* at MSUC has been reworked and was presented to council.

**Building Committee Update**

Clinton presented council with a new revised building plan which addresses the issues brought to light in the meetings held with The Thrift Shop, The Preschool, and the MSUC congregation.

**M/S** (Querns/Clarke) to authorize the Building Team to proceed with the next step in the investigative process, which is to present the revised building plan to, the Thrift Shop, the Preschool, and the Congregation.

**Stewardship Campaign**

Rev. Talbot updated the council on our Stewardship Campaign to cover our operational budget. Kelly Vogt presented the details of the Stewardship Campaign to the congregation on November 17, 2013. Pledge sheets were handed out to be returned by December 1, 2013.

## **New Business**

### **Financials**

Querns provided council with copies of the Financial Statements for the 10 month period ended October 31, 2013. Financials were reviewed.

### **M&O Update**

The Mission and Outreach Team held a discussion concerning a number of issues relating to the work and activity of "Mission and Service" and the level of financial and other support of MSUC. It was noted that, of those who donate to MSUC through church envelopes, 28% of donors include an amount for Mission and Service. It was reported that the average number of people donating in other churches across Canada was 45%. Based on this information the M&O Team will urge more donors to consider donating to Mission and Services in 2014 with the hopes of increasing the number of donors by 10%.

### **Budget**

Council began the budgeting process for 2014. The process will be continued at the next council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday December 11, 2013  
6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

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