

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

Present: *Kathryn Clinton, Steve Macdonald, Dilys Sostad, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Bette Shippam, Meg Clarke, Nancy Stonkus, Laura Staude*

Regrets: *Nicolas Alexandre (Presbytery Representative), Bethel Lee (ex-officio), Ward Branch, Doug Querns*

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting by encompassing the theme of budget preparation with a prayer from the book **Joy is our Banquet**, which reflected on the place money holds in our lives. The council members were then asked to ponder the issue of how we see money in our lives both as a blessing and/or a burden.

M/S (Shippam/Sostad) that the amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 10, 2012 are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising from Prior Meetings

M&P Needs Assessment

The Presbytery has granted permission to proceed with a Needs Assessment to determine the future staffing requirements. Blair Odney will assist with this task. M&P is now looking for volunteers to participate in this process by joining a 4 to 5 member assessment team. The Needs Assessment Team will begin its work in January 2013. Existing contracts are in place until June of 2013.

Chris Corrigan Update

A congregational meeting with Chris Corrigan has been scheduled for Nov 24 2012. This meeting marks the end of Chris Corrigan's current contract. There will be time allocated at the meeting for personal engagement centered on the approaching Advent season. Time will also be spent discussing what's coming to birth at MSU now, as well as exploring our future needs and direction.

Based Upon the success that has been realized from the partnership with Chris Corrigan council has decided to submit an application to PCF (Presbytery Conference Fund) to secure a second contract.

Thrift Shop Planning Update

Meg Clarke presented a draft version of the Thrift Shop Business Plan. The following areas of the plan were presented and discussed.

- .Development of a Mission Statement which will maintain the charitable Relationship between the Church and the Thrift Shop
- .Keys to Success
- .Strengths and Weakness
- .Opportunities and Threats
- .Financial History and Highlights
- .Strategies for Future Growth
- .Short Term and Long Term Recommendations

Short Term Recommendations

- .designate a new temporary drop off area
- .create appropriate signage to identify the area as well as communicate drop off Item restrictions
- .possibility of creating a paid part time position to control this area during designated times

Council would like to thank Meg Clarke for the extremely informative business plan she presented and recognize the hours spent to produce it. A highlight of the report was to once again realize the tremendous effort of our Thrift Shop volunteers which have greatly contributed to the success of our Thrift Shop.

M/S (Clarke/Sostad) The A team will undertake a feasibility study to determine if there is an appropriate solution to covering the new temporary drop off area for the Thrift Shop.

New Business

Financial Business

Clinton provided Council with copies of the Income Statements for the 10 month period ended October 31, 2012. Financials were reviewed and discussed. Budget numbers were submitted.

Administrative Team

Budget numbers and monthly report were submitted

The A Team will maintain \$15,000.00 in the 2013 budget for the pending building addition to the church to cover the costs incurred during the planning process

The window for the sorting room will go ahead at a cost of \$4000.00

The A Team will look for a solution to replace the retractable door near the Sorting room

Worship and Christian Development Team

.budget numbers and monthly report were submitted

M&O Team

.budget numbers were submitted

M&P Team

.in the process of finalizing their budget numbers

Miscellaneous

Action Item was identified to draft a Thank-you letter to identifiable donators to MSU for the current year.

Nancy Stonkus will take care of sending out Xmas cards to the Thrift Shop volunteers.

Nicolas Alexandre has resigned as Presbytery Representative. We are looking for a replacement.

Rev Talbot closed the meeting with a prayer reflecting on how much life there is in this church, in a world where other churches are struggling. Gratitude to all the people that make this place vibrant and alive.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting
Monday Dec 17, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

Food will be served

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____