

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Wednesday, October 10, 2012**

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

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

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened with a short check in around the table of council members to update each other on our personal status. We were then each asked to ponder the following sentence and complete it with our own personal thoughts.

The church is not a building it's a ?.

It was a beautiful exercise where we all shared what came to our minds when we thought of our church. Several themes of sharing, friendship, learning, caring, spiritual growth and an overall place to relax and be at peace were discussed.

M/S (Macdonald/Clinton) that the amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of Sept 5, 2012 are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Oversight Report Review

Council was pleased with the positive results of the Oversight Review report. Recommendations from the report were discussed and solutions proposed. The summary of the Oversight Review report will be posted on our website.

Ministry and Personnel Committee

In conjunction with determining the direction we would like to see our ministry evolve M&P will request a Needs Assessment from the Presbytery geared towards our staffing requirements for the future.

Financial Business

Querns provided Council with copies of the Income Statements for the 9 month period ended Sept 30, 2012. Financials were reviewed and discussed. A request was made to set up the financials so more detail could be seen related to the Thrift shop to assist Meg Clarke in the development of the business plan.

Administrative Team

The monthly report was presented and reviewed.

The A Team is in the process of obtaining quotes for the new window to be installed in the Sorting Room.

The loft area has been cleared out and a meeting with the Security Supply company was set for Oct 9 to get a quote on additional detectors.

Sketch, photographs, and application to DNV are now completed and we are awaiting their response for a meeting date.

Worship and Christian Development Team

Report was submitted and reviewed.

Thrift Shop Planning

Meg has begun the information gathering step in the process required to create a business plan to support the Thrift Shop as it evolves within the church community. This business plan will be presented at the November council meeting.

- . talks have been initiated with our Thrift Shop volunteers
- . conversations have been held with other Thrift shops to learn from their successes and failures
- . on-line research has been conducted to ensure we stay within the charitable relationship between the church and the Thrift Shop.

Miscellaneous

Rev. Nancy Talbot attended a meeting held by the District of North Vancouver which was to provide feedback for the district in relation to public assembly land planning and development. This is the first time faith leaders have been invited.

A congregational meeting with Chris Corrigan has been scheduled to take place on November 24, 2012. Details TBA.

Rev. Talbot closed the meeting with remarks and a prayer celebrating the courage and honesty of this congregation, and the openness we have in discussing where we see ourselves in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____