

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council  
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.  
Wednesday, Oct 16, 2013**

**Present:** Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus, Doug Querns, Laura Staude, James Fulton, Lisa Reinders, Meg Clarke, Donna Dinsmore (ex-officio)

**Regrets:** Ward Branch, Bette Shippam

**Guests:** Steve Macdonald Building team representative, Marc Coulombe member of Joint Needs Assessment Committee

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 Acts 2: versus 43-47. The reading centered around the earliest description of the church written by the apostles. Council members were invited to share what this scripture meant to them and how it related to our journey here at MSUC.

**M/S** (Querns/Fulton) that the Amended Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 11, 2013 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

**M/S** (Stonkus/Querns) that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 19, 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. The original target of presenting a comprehensive draft report to council and to the congregation on the October 26 meeting has been changed. During the process it was felt that councils input was required before the final stage of the draft report could be released. Council reviewed and discussed what was presented and this information will be taken back to the JNAC committee to incorporate into their presentation to the congregation. JNAC is also looking into the possibility of procuring a grant to hire a consultant to assist in the setup and management of non-profit social enterprises.

#### **Building Committee Update**

James Fulton and Steve Macdonald updated council on the status of the New Building Project. The Building Committee met with the Preschool staff on October 2, 2013 and with the Transition Team of the Thrift Shop on October 7, 2013 to

present the current building plans. As a result of these meetings feedback was received from both groups and action items were listed for follow up by the Building Committee.

A second meeting was then held with the Thrift Shop Transition team on October 15, 2013 to address the action items. As a result of these 2 meetings with the Thrift Shop Transition Team the Building Committee;

.will secure the expertise of a specialist in retail space usage and design

.meet with Wendy Alexander the architect to obtain an estimate on the new proposed changes suggested by the Thrift Shop

.create a Time Schedule or CPM showing interlinking logic of the proposed development stages.

The Preschool Staff presented the Draft Plans to their board and the impact these will have on the operating of their business. The Board has relayed concerns to the Building Committee and these will be addressed in a follow up meeting with The Board of the Preschool and the Building Committee to be held on October 21, 2013.

### **Congregational Meeting Plans**

Marc Coulombe reviewed the structure that will be in place to host the Congregational meeting on October 26, 2013 which will run from 9:00- 2:00. This meeting will highlight the Draft Building Plan and its development as well as the results to date from the Joint Needs Assessment Committee. A second meeting will then be scheduled for November 3, 2013 which will be a review of The Building Plan and JNAC report incorporating the input from the congregation. A third meeting will then be scheduled for November 24, 2013 for a congregational vote.

### **New Business**

#### **Financials**

Querns provided council with copies of the Financial Statements for the 9 month period ended September 30, 2013. Financials were reviewed.

#### **Stewardship Campaign**

A new Stewardship Campaign to cover the operational budget will be introduced to the congregation during Sunday worship on November 17 and 24, 2013. Depending on the outcome of the congregational vote on November 24, 2013 there would be a separate campaign to fund the new project.

**A Team Update**

**M/S**(Fulton/Clinton) to replace the 25 year old sanctuary HVAC unit which includes an economizer option at a cost of \$920.00 for a total cost of \$14,760.00. **Carried.**

**M/S**(Querns/Clinton) to spend up to \$10,000.00 on consulting services and the purchase of recommended sound system equipment. **Carried.**

**M&O Update**

The Mission and Outreach Team has put in place a Project Discernment process. The purpose of the process is to look at a possible project against various set criteria to determine whether the M&O team can enable and endorse a congregation member's passion for an outreach or social justice activity.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday November 20, 2013  
6:00 p.m.**

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

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