

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
Thursday, Sept 19, 2013**

Present: Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Kathryn Clinton, Nancy Stonkus, Doug Querns, Bette Shippam

Regrets: Meg Clarke, Ward Branch, James Fulton, Laura Staude, Lisa Reinders, Donna Dinsmore (ex-officio)

Guests: Steve Macdonald Building Team Representative

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting with a symbolic gesture of lighting a candle followed by a reflective reading from Deuteronomy. Each council member was given time to ponder the reading and respond with how they personally felt this reading correlated to our journey here at MSUC.

Proposed Building Plan Review

A special meeting was called by council as a follow up to the September 11, 2013 Council meeting where the first draft of the proposed plan was presented. Given the importance and amount of detail given in the first presentation, council felt we needed a week to review the plan and respond with further questions and suggestions.

Steve Macdonald was present to respond to questions previously submitted and to further engage in a discussion with council regarding the physical plan, including costs, and the effect of the proposed changes on the existing groups who use this space.

To date the Building Team has spent \$4,200.00 to produce the proposed plan.

The pros and cons of spending another \$5000.00 to obtain working plans and delaying the presentation to the congregation until January versus using the existing plans we have now and presenting on Oct 26, 2013 was discussed. The consensus was that we adhere to the original plan and present the existing draft in conjunction with the Joint Needs Assessment Committee on Saturday, Oct 26, 2013. It was felt that this information would be necessary both to council and the congregation as we formulate plans for our forthcoming Stewardship campaign.

M/S (Querns/Stonkus) to authorize the Building Team to proceed with the next step in the investigative process, which is presenting the proposed building plan to our major stakeholders, the Thrift Shop and the Preschool. **Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday October 16, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____