

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

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

Regrets: *Bethel Lee (ex-officio), Steve Macdonald*

Chair *Vogt* called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting by sharing a prayer "Perspectives on Light" by Bruce Sanguin. The prayer spoke to themes characteristic of the Epiphany.

M/S (Sostad/Querns) that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 17, 2012 are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising from Prior Meetings

Thrift Shop Update

Meg Clarke presented the finalized Ministry Plan for the Thrift Shop. The plan was reviewed and discussed and it was determined that a summarized version of this plan would be presented at the AGM.

Administrative Team

The window in the sorting room has been installed.

New Business

Financial Business

Vogt provided Council with copies of the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. Financials were reviewed, discussed and revised.

M/S (Branch/Shippam) that the 2012 Financial Statements be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

M/S (Branch/Shippam) that the 2013 Budget be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Miscellaneous

The date for the AGM was set for February 24, 2013.

Rev. Talbot provided an update on the congregational gathering held on January 13, 2013 following our weekly service. Approximately 30 members of our congregation participated in various conversations that were hosted by members of our congregation and facilitated by Marc Coulombe. This forum provided a creative environment for people to brainstorm and share their ideas.

Conversations centered on various topics including the Thrift Shop, space utilization, children's programs, the library etc. The ideas that were birthed during these conversations will be reviewed for incorporation into the future plans of MSU.

Rev. Talbot closed the meeting with a prayer of gratitude.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting
Wednesday February 20, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Kelly Vogt, Chairman_____

Nancy Stonkus, Recording Secretary_____