

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

**Present:** *Kathryn Clinton, Alan Furniss, Bette Shippam, Dilys Sostad, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt.*

**Regrets:** *Ward Branch, Steve Macdonald, Doug Querns, Bryan Ralph, Meg Clarke*

**Guests:** *Nicolas Alexandre.(Field Education Student), Laura Staude, Nancy Stonkus.*

Acting Chair *Furniss* called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

*Rev. Talbot* opened with a reading from Bruce Sanguin – a Lenten prayer on Wilderness.

**M/S** (*Sostad/Clinton*) that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 8, 2012 be approved as presented. **Carried.**

**Business Arising:**

The approval for Bethel Lee's candidacy for ordination is in process. The Conference Board has indicated their support.

**M/S** (*Clinton/Sostad*) that Council approve the applications to solemnize marriages for Wade Lifton, Brenda Fawkes and Bethel Lee. **Carried.**

**Kitchen Cleanup** has gone well – the surplus dishes have been removed, most of the cupboards have been cleaned up and reorganized.

**Thrift Shop** – The Shop and the Preschool met with others concerned. Both the shop and the preschool have advised of their space requirements, James Fulton has met with a professional space planner who has suggested a further pro be engaged. **Action:** Chair Vogt to contact Fulton re the space planner and advise all parties of progress to date.

**Financials:** Clinton provided Council with copies of the Income Statements for the two month period ending February 29, 2012.

**New Business:** **M/S** (*Sostad/Vogt*) that Jen-Beth Fulton be permitted to fund raise in church (\$750) to help pay for the refugee family's air fare to Canada which needs to be repaid to the Federal Government. **Carried.**

### **National Church Remit**

Nicolas Alexandre explained the remit that directs the Council to vote on adding three expressions of faith to the United Church Basis of Union.

Of the three items to be discussed – the inclusion of “The Song of Faith” appears to be the most controversial.

The three statements will be sent to the Congregation for study and reflection.. A **meeting** will be held with the Congregation after Worship on **Sunday April 22** to discuss the remit and provide guidance to Council for their submission to the National Church.

**Follow-up to Chris Corrigan Meeting held January 28** – Several of the groups are continuing to meet to continue discussions on their areas of interest.

**Bethel Lee's Lenten Yoga Series** has been so well subscribed that a second class each week has been instituted.

Rev. Talbot closed the meeting by reading a section of “The Song of Faith”

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting  
Wednesday, April 11**

**6:00 p.m.  
Dinner - Pizza will be served**

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

Alan Furniss, Recording Secretary\_\_\_\_\_