

**Minutes of the meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council  
held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

**Present:** *Meg Clark, Kathryn Clinton, Alan Furniss, Steve Macdonald, Bette Shippam, Dilya Sostad, Laura Staude, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Kelly Vogt, Bethel Lee (ex-officio).*

**Regrets:** *Ward Branch,, Doug Querns, Bryan Ralph.*

**Guests:** *Nicolas Alexandre.(Field Education Student), Rev. Dan Chambers, Rev. Blair Odney and Rev. Joyce Bayly of the visiting Pastoral Oversight Committee.*

Chair Vogt called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

*Rev. Talbot* opened by introducing the Pastoral Oversight Committee and having members present introduce themselves and their positions within the MSU Council.

Alan Furniss led the assembled in his favorite hymn - "Thankful"

**M/S** (*Shippam/Sostad*) that the Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2012 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

**Remit # 6: Declaration of Church Doctrine**

**M/S** (*Sostad/Shippam*) that Council approve item 6A - - the 1940 Statement of Faith. **CARRIED** Unanimously.

**M/S** (*Macdonald/Staude*) that Council approve item 6B – The New Creed. **CARRIED** Unanimously.

**M/S** (*Vogt/Furniss*) that Council approve item 6C - Song of Faith. **CARRIED** Unanimously

**Chris Corrigan Update:** A meeting will be held from 10 – 3:30 on May 26. Much of the discussion will be on "Space requirements".

- the Center for Spiritual Growth group is active,
- Community Garden is "on hold" for the moment,
- Discussions with Cove Community Church suggests that we might have a conversation on sharing of theology.

**A-Team Report:**

Macdonald reported on the Space Planning sub-committee's activities.

The Weekend Work party saw 42 members active on Saturday and 34 on Sunday. One of the challenges was to get rid of unused "stuff" and organize the rooms. We need to get 15 user groups down to one (Thrift Shop) in the Choir room.

The Committee feels that the Thrift Shop group understands that there are a number of hurdles that will be dealt with one-at-a-time as we work for the short term solution while we build additional space for the long term.

**New Business:**

The **April 30 Financial Statements** were presented and discussed.

**St. Clare in the Cove – M/S** (Macdonald/Sostad) that in the immediate future Council will allow space for the parishioners of St. Clare in the Cove Anglican Church to meet and seek a solution to their spiritual needs without a financial commitment to Mount Seymour United Church. The situation will be reviewed by Rev. Talbot and Council in six months. **CARRIED.**

**A request** from a member of the Congregation for financial support for further educational funding was referred to the Worship Team.

**Parkgate Award.** MSU and Cove Community Church have been given a Community Service Award for the jointly conducted Parenting Course.

**Lenanne Shields** is to be ordained. A gift has been provided.

**Nicolas Alexandre** will officially join MSU on May 27. He will also attend Conference and be our Representative at Presbytery.

**Ministry and Personnel Team:**

**M/S** (*Staude/Shippam*) that we renew Dominique Hogan's contract with the M&P recommended increase, which includes added leadership for children's music. **CARRIED**

**Mission and Outreach Team:**

The Senior's Bus is now weekly and much appreciated. Now looking for other possible services.

**Family Life – Chicken Barbeque** will be held **Sunday, June 10.**

The **date for the Turkey Lunch** needs to be chosen – December 8 or 15?...

There will be a Public Information Meeting on May 16 relating to a proposed 12 unit Townhouse to be built on 3568-72 Mt. Seymour Parkway. Joyce Jones to attend and report back.

At the conclusion of the regular business, Council thanked retiring Council Recording Secretary, Alan Furniss, for his many years of service and presented him with a gift and card.

Rev. Dan Chambers advised Council the objectives of the Pastoral Oversight Committee and when members would be available for questions/discussions. The Congregation has been advised by e-mails.

At this point the Committee posed the following questions to Council and noted the answers received.

1. What are your accomplishments for the last couple of years that you are proud of?
2. What are you looking forward to?
3. What concerns have you for the coming year?
4. Your organization structure – how does it work for you?

Staff members were excused at 9:45 and Council member's opinions on staff matters were solicited.

**Next Meeting  
Wednesday, June 12**

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

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

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