

Minutes of the Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 1200 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver, BC

April 10, 2019

Present: Rev. Nancy Talbot, Carla Wilks (supervised ministry experience), Barry Fenton, Kim Branch, Mary Sparks, Michelle Coulombe, Frank Luba, Dilys Sostad, Steve Wellenbrink,

Regrets: Catherine Branch, Katherine Querns, Roger Brain, Meg Clarke

Rev. Talbot opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

1. Opening

C. Wilkes shared a Palm Sunday reading.

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2019 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. (M/S F. Luba/ M. Coulombe).

The March 3, 2019 AGM minutes and April 7, 2019 Congregational Meeting minutes were reviewed.

3. Committee Reports

- Requests from Committee Reports are reflected in New Business items.

4. Updates

a. Ministers' update

- Rev. Talbot discussed the staff evaluation process recently undertaken. A staff retreat will be organized.
- Rev. Talbot shared details of upcoming confirmations and new members/transfers.
- C. Wilks provided a summary of Thrift Shop management team transition to an advisory model. A proposal will be presented to council. The Thrift Shop AGM was held last week. Saturday openings has been introduced.
- C. Wilks discussed the First United programming review which has resulted in a request to discontinue the picnic that was previously sponsored by MSUC.
- The recent book study was successful and generated interest to join MSUC.

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5. New Business

a. Memorial Garden – request

- S. Wellenbrink provided a report of consultations and research into a request from a congregation member to establish a memorial garden at MSUC. More information on the impact and implications was requested.

b. Preschool awning

- D. Sostad provided a summary of a request received from the preschool to assist with costs to install an awning. Total cost of the installation is \$3,000. Request is for \$1,000. Design will be continuous with the existing awning.

The following motion was unanimously carried.

2019-15 *Be it resolved that MSUC provide funding of \$1,000, from the Building Maintenance Budget, towards the cost of the installation of an awning in the playground area (M/S D. Sostad/F. Luba).*

c. Upgrades to preschool rooms

- D. Sostad discussed the condition of the preschool room and washrooms. The preschool board is looking into possibility of grant applications towards improvements to the cabinets. The washrooms are also in need of repair and consideration given to MSUC funding towards facility upgrades.

ACTION ITEM: A report was requested.

d. Signing authority

- As interim treasurer, it was recommended that Barry Fenton be added as a signing authority.

The following motion was unanimously carried.

2019-16 *Be it resolved that Barry Fenton be added as a signing authority (M/S M. Sparks/D. Sostad).*

e. PAR Campaign

- **ACTION ITEM: The Finance Committee will discuss a campaign to encourage increases to PAR givings.**

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f. Statement acknowledging traditional Indigenous territory

- Discussion of adding a statement to the opening of services to acknowledge our presence on indigenous lands.

ACTION ITEM: Further consultations will be initiated with local First Nation representatives.

6. Closing

C. Wilks called meeting to close at 8:45pm.

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
6:30 pm**

Minutes Approved on May 15, 2019

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary