

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held via Zoom**

April 14, 2020

Present: Rev. Nancy Talbot, Rev. Carla Wilks, Kim Branch, Mary Sparks, Catherine Branch, Steve Wellenbrink, Barry Fenton, Frank Luba, Michelle Coulombe, Dilys Sostad

C. Branch opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

1. Opening

N. Talbot opened the meeting with a check-in.

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

The March 12, 2020 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. (M/S B. Fenton / F. Luba).

The March 22, 2020 regular Council minutes were reviewed and approved. (M/S M. Coulombe / F. Luba).

The March 22, 2020 in-camera Council minutes were reviewed and approved. (M/S M. Coulombe / B. Fenton).

3. Updates

a. Ministers' updates

- N. Talbot shared that there have been over 200 views of the virtual worship services. Congregation members are forwarding the YouTube link to their friends and family. Former congregants have also been viewing the services. This has created an interesting dynamic – the spiritual community has changed quickly in response to the coronavirus lockdown.
- Offering reminder has been sent out and is part of the worship service.
- Thrift shop: C. Wilks and A. Doss are exploring temporary storage options in anticipation of an increase in donations when the drop-off reopens.
- Staff is grateful for the generosity of the Council is continuing their full employment.
- N. Talbot will be postponing her planned sabbatical.

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b. AGM

- As opposed to recent years, this year there are no major issues to present to members.
- Reporting on the bequest and governance changes will be needed.
- MSUC is expected to hold the AGM within the first six months of the year, however this can be extended to a later date due to the extenuating circumstances we are currently faced with.
- The 2019 financial statements could be finalized and presented to Council for approval, then circulated with a note from Council.
- The 2020 budget is changing weekly and could be shared with general assurances.
- The Annual Report could be circulated with the financial statements.
- C. Branch will prepare an announcement from Council on activities.
- We will plan for an in-person AGM in the fall.

c. Council members

- There was agreement among the existing members to stay on to September. Catherine Branch, Mary Sparks, Steve Wellenbrink, Barry Fenton, Frank Luba, Kim Branch, Dilys Sostad will carry on until the next AGM (March 2021)

d. Other issues

- The wage subsidy and other government support programs are being looked into by the Finance Committee.
- C. Branch will review the insurance policy to see if there is a pandemic clause.
- The Property Committee is looking into building improvement projects that would be advantageous to complete while the building is not open to the public.
- The report from the consultant on the Thrift Shop is forthcoming.

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4. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 8:30pm.

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2020 6:30 pm**

Minutes Approved on May 14, 2020

**Catherine Branch, Council Chair
Kim Branch, Secretary**