

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

January 19, 2020

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

C. Branch opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.

1. Opening

Council members shared their star gifts.

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

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

3. Updates

a. Property Team Report

- D. Sostad had shared property team reports prior to the meeting.
- The proposed shed repair cost has been estimated at \$4,000. Waiting for spring to consider this item.

b. Ministers' update

- N. Talbot shared her upcoming plans for her sabbatical and vacation. Discussion of ministerial coverage during this period (June 9 – Oct 1, 2020).

ACTION ITEM: Approved motions will be reviewed regarding previously approved funding for a spiritual tour of Israel.

- Options for candidate supply have been investigated.

The following motion was unanimously carried.

2020-01 *Be it resolved that MSUC Council make an offer to Andria Irwin for a four-month supervised ministerial experience (SME) at 0.75 FTE and apply to the national church for a grant to support 1.0 FTE. (M/S B. Fenton / M. Sparks).*

- Membership transfers will take place during the February 9 service.
- C. Wilks provided an update of her recent activities.

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- The first Alzheimer's Café hosted by MSUC was held January 18, 2020, with 36 attendees. Positive feedback was received. Parkgate Community Centre assisted with promotion. The North Shore Alzheimer's Society is also pleased with the collaboration.
- Rosa Flinton-Brown, the consultant hired to undertake a strategic plan for the Thrift Shop has started her work.
- The Thrift Shop is planning to hire four summer students this year.
- Thrift Shop made donations to the North Shore Youth Safe House new transition home (Executive Director Paul Butler)
- Gift certificates were also given to the Lions Housing and North Shore Youth Safe House as part of the Giving Tree donation.

c. Treasurer's Report

- Finance Committee is putting together the 2020 budget.
- Reconciliation of the Christmas Eve cash donations to Canadares and North Shore Youth Safe House has been done.
- Final bequest payment has been received.
- The 2019 financials are being finalized. The year end statements will be audited. The AGM will be scheduled in April so that we have the statement available to distribute. Interim reporting will be available for the Annual Report.
- Canadares donation will be considered for 2020 (the 2019 donation was repaid to the Memorial Fund).
- Reimbursement of \$300 for Flavio Caron's speaking engagement will be made to First United, in gratitude.
- Land acknowledgement will be introduced as part of the Sunday service.

d. Ministry and Personnel Committee

- The M&P budget was discussed and passed [in camera]

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4. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 1:30pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 6:30 pm

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Catherine Branch, Council Chair
Kim Branch, Secretary