

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

March 22, 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 11:30 am

1. Opening

N. Talbot opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Updates

a. Ministers' updates

- N. Talbot and C. Wilks provided an overview of changes to activities as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The Thrift Shop was shut down on Monday. Additional messaging has gone out. A. Doss continues to manage the drop-off shed. The shed is closed when she is not there. Virtual tea times have been organized Monday-Thursday at 11am.
- The Phone Tree has been activated to 130 people connected with MSUC, with a positive response. Pastoral needs are being offered. A. Ellis has connected with youth. The Living Room group is using Zoom.
- The Prayer Wall has been moved to the outside of the church.
- Worship services are being done through video.

b. Building Closure

- A discussion of issues and updates related to the building closure.
- Staff are comfortable going in to the building voluntarily, to ensure that insurance requirements are met.
- Caution tape will be installed on the playground.
- A message to the congregation will go out asking for keyholders to self-identify.
- Extra cleaning will be undertaken.

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The following motion was unanimously carried.

2020-08 *Be it resolved that effective immediately, until further notice, the building will be restricted to staff and delegates. (M/S M. Coulombe / B. Fenton).*

c. Rental income

- B. Fenton provided an overview of the impact of the building closure on rental income. The annual rental income is \$34,000, one-third of which comes from the preschool.
- Since building is closed, obligations are that rent cannot be charged to regular renters.

The following motion was unanimously carried.

2020-09 *Be it resolved that, since the building is closed indefinitely, rental groups will not be charged rent effective April 1 until further notice. (M/S D. Sostad/ F. Luba).*

d. Staffing

- Motion was passed to go in-camera for discussion of personnel issues.

e. Other issues

- W. Branch will send out a message encouraging envelope users to convert to PAR.
- The AGM will be deferred.

3. Closing

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

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2020 6:30 pm**

Minutes Approved on April 14, 2020

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