

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

January 17, 2018

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Barry Fenton, Mary Sparks, Kim Branch, Roger Brain, Michelle Coulombe, Frank Luba, Katherine Querns, Dilys Sostad, Steve Wellenbrink, Carla Wilks (Congregational Designated Minister of Emerging Ministries and Community Outreach)

Regrets: Meg Clarke

C. Branch opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

1. Opening

Check-in led by N. Talbot

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

The December 13, 2017 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

The December 13, 2017 Council in camera minutes were approved.

3. Committee Reports

a. Financial Report

- R. Brain advised that actuals will be available in mid-January, in time for the next council meeting.
- 2018-19 Budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Updates

a. Ministers' update

- N. Talbot updated council on staffing.
- January 28, 2018 service will focus on a Stigma-Free program presentation.
- Book study has been organized as part of Lent.

b. Report from United Church

- N. Talbot and C. Wilks provided an update of the conference boundaries proposal.
- Presbyteries will respond to the proposed new regions.
- Council unanimously approved the following motion (M/S D. Sostad/F. Luba):

Be it resolved that Mount Seymour United Church Council requests to the Boundaries Commission that British Columbia remain one region.

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5. New Business

a. Budget approval

- R. Brain provided a summary of the financial report.
- The 2018 proposed budget was discussed, in comparison to the 2017 budget and preliminary actuals.
- The Thrift Shop revenues continue to exceed forecasts. Increased expenses in the maintenance and janitorial budgets and pulpit/music relief line item. Overall, costs are being managed.
- Preliminary figures indicate a total revenue of \$402,359 and expenses of \$342,545 resulting in an operating surplus of \$59,814. Expenses were impacted by lower Ministry & Personnel expenditures due to staff leave.
- The 2018 balanced budget was presented, with total revenue is \$390,000 with expenses at \$389,450, resulting in a surplus of \$550.
- The M&P budget will be emailed to Council and approved by a separate motion.
- Council unanimously approved the following motion (M/S M. Sparks/ K. McKay):

Be it resolved that Mount Seymour United Church Council approve the 2018 budget as presented, subject to the Ministry and Personnel detailed budget is approved at a later date.

b. Date for AGM

- It was decided that the AGM would be scheduled for February 25, 2018

c. Vote for remit 6 by February 28

- Deferred to next meeting
- S. Wellenbrink suggested sharing the link to the Remit 6 Study Guide:
<https://7f8159c42d5f64d63d1b-dec189f157202212a76b23fc4d185c40.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/remit-06-study-guide-one-order.pdf>

d. Bequest

- i. Trustees
 - Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility for funds that come in to the church.
 - Council members to provide suggestions of potential trustees
 - Existing trustees will be approached
- ii. Sunday announcement to congregation

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- Discussion of messaging
- iii. Congregational meeting
 - March 10, 2018
 - Caitlin Frost will facilitate
- iv. Creation of subcommittee for congregational meeting
 - Catherine, Kim and Barry will organize lunch

6. Council Priorities

- Discussed as part of bequest item.

7. Communications

- M&P budget to be finalized and shared by email with Council for approval (2018 budget approval is pending the M&P budget).
- N. Talbot/C. Wilks to forward the motion regarding the proposed regional boundaries to the United Church Boundaries Commission.
- Building roof drawings and roof quotes to be shared with S. Wellenbrink (Dilys/James Fulton)
- Planning for upcoming AGM and congregational meeting.
- Remit 6 to be on next agenda for council vote.

8. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 9:00pm.

**Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
6:30 pm**

Minutes Approved on February 7, 2018

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary