

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mt. Seymour United Church Council
Held at 477 Beachview, North Vancouver, BC**

June 12, 2019

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

Regrets: Frank Luba

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

1. Opening

Rev. Nancy shared an excerpt from a reflection given at the inaugural conference of the Pacific Mountain Region. S. Wellenbrink provided highlights from the conference.

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

The May 15, 2019 Council minutes and in camera minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. (M/S M. Coulombe/ M. Sparks).

3. Committee Reports

a. Mission and Outreach

- Minutes were shared prior to the meeting by B. Fenton.

b. Property Team

- D. Sostad provided an update regarding the handyman contract. The current six month contract has ended. The final project will be gravel replacement with flagstone at the end of the parking lot.

c. Finance

- B. Fenton provided an update – bequest amounts have been invested following the Trustees approval of the recommendations of council.
- Preparations of the 2018 annual tax statement report to CRA are underway.
- The financial statement and annual tax statement will be externally reviewed for 2019.

ACTION ITEM: Additional support for bookkeeper will be sought for an audited financial statement. Recommendations for an accountant to provide outside professional advice will be investigated.

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4. Updates

a. Ministers' update

- The Ministers attended gatherings with the preschool parents.
- Statement acknowledging traditional Indigenous territory was discussed.

ACTION ITEM: Schedule cross-cultural training for council and staff.

- C. Wilks provided an update on the hiring of two summer students for the thrift shop: Kate Cross and Jolene Verdicchio have been hired. These positions have been funded through the federal government program.
- Annual picnic was held on June 9, 2019 and was a success.

5. New Business

a. Refugee family support

- Rev. Talbot summarized a recent request to MSUC to support a refugee family.

ACTION ITEM: Reach out to General Council regarding UCC spots.

b. Gospel Choir

- Marcus Mosely and Dominique Hogan have proposed updates to the Gospel Choir format to hold two practices monthly. The increased financial commitment of \$1800 will be offset by the charging of fees (\$200/participant).

The following motion was unanimously carried.

2019-19 Be it resolved that MSUC agrees to pay Marcus Mosely and Dominique Hogan an extra \$100 for an additional rehearsal per month for the months of September to June. (M/S S. Wellenbrink/ M. Sparks).

ACTION ITEM: M. Coulombe to update contracts and inform bookkeeper. M. Sparks will investigate possible donation of a drum kit. Increased promotion locally will also be considered.

c. Insurance

- Tabled to next meeting

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d. M&P Issues

- M. Coulombe shared a brief update of recent human resource activities.
- Training of sound technicians is underway. The job description is being prepared.
- Performance evaluations have been completed for Alexis Doss. A. Ellis' evaluation is to be completed this week.
- J. Pattison's employment status is being assessed.

6. Closing

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

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on August 28, 2019

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary