

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

April 12, 2017

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Barry Fenton, Katherine Querns, Dilys Sostad, Mary Sparks, Kim Branch, Steve Wellenbrink, Meg Clarke, Roger Brain

Regrets: Nicole George, Sharon Stevens

C. Branch opened the meeting at 6:47 pm.

1. Opening

Rev. Nancy opened with a reading.

2. Approve February Council Meeting Minutes

The February 8, 2017 Council minutes were not available. The approval will be brought forward to the May 10, 2017 agenda.

3. Approve AGM Minutes

The March 5, 2017 AGM minutes were reviewed. The Minutes will be brought forward for approval to the next AGM (March 2018).

4. Committee Reports – by consent agenda. Discussion of any questions arising.

- Annual bbq has been scheduled for June 11. Marcus Mosely will be preaching that week.
- First quarter Finance report will be available at next council meeting. Expenses are overbudget but revenues are also up, so we are ahead of budget.
- New bookkeeper (Cheryl Schott) has been working out very well. Comes in once a week.

5. New Business

b. Membership issue (C. Branch)

- A member has requested that her name be stricken from the membership rolls.
- The following resolution was passed by Council **M/S (R. Brain/M. Clarke)**.
Carried.

Be it resolved that Council approves that Rose Jones be removed from the rolls of Mount Seymour United Church at her request.

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a. Ministry and Personnel issue (C. Branch)

- Rev. Wade Lifton has requested a three-month restorative leave, starting April 26, 2017. Rev. Wade will be applying for restorative care leave.
- Coverage has been arranged for May and June by existing staff (Anne Ellis and Marcus Mosely will each be preaching one Sunday) with pulpit supply in July.
- Update to Council will be made at end of July.

c. Roof Campaign (M. Clarke)

- Updated estimates of roof replacement project costs were requested. D. Sostad will follow-up, with assistance from S. Brain and J. Fulton.
- Heating system refurbishment needs to be reviewed.
- Once projected costs are available, M. Clarke will contact major donors and make congregational fundraising request.
- Plan is to raise funds this year for construction in 2018.
- Project outline was requested in time for Thrift Store AGM, as part of discussion of allocation of funds raised by the Thrift Store.

d. Thrift Store Update (M. Clarke)

- A motion will be raised at the Thrift Store AGM to recommend that a percentage of revenues from 2018 onward be allocated to First United, rather than the current fixed amount.
- Council was supportive. The percentage requested should be balanced against the needs of the roof campaign.
- A summary of MSUC outreach activities will be shared.
- The shared operations of the Thrift Store and Church will be highlighted.

e. Handicapped Spaces (D. Sostad)

- Options for additional handicapped parking spaces was discussed. A member has donated funding towards increasing the number of spaces from the current two.
- An additional spot will be created near Thrift Store, will then review later to see whether a fourth spot should be created.
- D. Sostad to follow up regarding posts and signage. Maintenance contractor will install posts. S. Wellenbrink offered to find out more about signage.

6. Council Priorities

- Discussed throughout.

7. Updates

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a. Ministers' Update

- Approval requested for a \$300 donation towards Marcus Mosely's trip to Israel/Palestine. The Memorial Fund will be accessed for \$150 of the funds. The following resolution was passed by Council **M/S (D. Sostad/C. Branch)**. **Carried.**

Be it resolved that Council approves a grant of \$300 to Marcus Mosely, towards the travel costs of his trip to Israel and Palestine April 2017.

- Rev. Nancy highlighted possible MSUC participation in a new Stigma Free program. This initiative will be discussed further in the Fall.
- A theology student will be completing their field education studies at MSUC in the coming year. The project will be focused on community engagement.
- A Second Hour will be scheduled on May 7 to discuss the United Church of Canada remits, followed by a Congregational meeting on June 4 to vote.

8. Communications

- S. Stevens to upload draft February council minutes to Dropbox for May 10, 2017 review and approval.
- R. Brain to discuss employment insurance options with Rev. Wade.
- D. Sostad to request an updated estimate of the roof repair and heating system upgrades from three contractors, to prepare a project outline to be presented to Thrift Store AGM and congregation.
- D. Sostad to follow-up regarding installation of another handicapped spot near Thrift Store.
- Arrangements will be made for Second Hour discussion of United Church of Canada remits and voting.

9. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 8:35 pm, following a reading by Rev. Nancy.

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on May 10, 2017

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary