

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

August 30, 2017

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Dilys Sostad, Katherine Querns, Roger Brain, Michelle Coulombe, Barry Fenton, Steve Wellenbrink

Regrets: Mary Sparks, Kim Branch, Sharon Stevens, Frank Luba, Meg Clarke,

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

1. Opening

The meeting opened with check-in on summer activities.

2. Approve May Council Meeting Minutes

The June 21, 2017 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

3. Committee Reports – by consent agenda.

a. Annual Picnic (K. Querns)

- Well attended and well organized.
- May not be realistic to expect home baking from the congregation. May have to look to put aside or investigate sponsorship possibility.
- Will continue to have bus stop at the church to pick up congregation members, regardless of added cost.

b. Financial Report

- Surplus of \$33,000 in first half of year, across all categories. This is a healthy amount to maintain in order to cover any contingencies.
- Outstanding amount for summer student wages; when this comes in we will be close to budget on expenses.
- Offerings are up: building donations on PAR are ongoing. This will continue as is, since the funds are replenishing the building contingency fund from which we had to borrow to cover the unexpected costs related to the renovation project. The last donations (PAR commitments) will be made in January 2018.

c. Living Room Ministry

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- Slow growth but very important ministry. Regularly scheduled over the summer.
- Need to be careful that leadership is well supported to avoid burn-out.

d. WCD

- No chair currently as Bette Shippam has stepped back from this role. They are discerning next steps.

5a. M & P

- Discussion of personnel issues.

4. Updates

a. Ministers' Update (Rev. Nancy)

- Focusing on how we interface what we do on Sundays with the rest of our ministries.
- VST student Frances Kitson starting September 10th; she is full of enthusiasm.

b. Council Retreat

- Date set for September 30, 2017, 8:30-2:30

c. Thrift Shop

- Motion has been put forward to hire a coordinator for 2 hrs per day/5 days a week for a total of 10 hrs per week.
- Discussion of proposed motion deferred to next meeting when M. Clarke can present it

d. Deep Cove Room

- Discussion of furniture needs. Motion to purchase furniture **M/S (R.Brain / S. Wellenbrink) Carried.**

Be it resolved that Council approves that \$2,500 be allocated from the Memorial Fund to purchase furniture for the Deep Cove Room and Chapel.

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e. Roof Repairs

- Commitments of \$175,000 have been secured, with one more family to support or provide a commitment.
- Will go to the congregation on October 15th for an ask. Will estimate a round number for the proposed budget.
- S. Wellenbrink felt that Jan/Feb would be the best time to get estimates as contractors are looking for work for the upcoming year (lower bids than in the summer).

f. Talent Night

- Scheduled for October 22.

9. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to a close at 9:05 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on (September 13, 2017)

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary