

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

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Present: Rev. Nancy Talbot, Catherine Branch, Roger Brain, Steve Wellenbrink, Barry Fenton, Nicole George, Kim Branch.

Regrets: Rev. Wade Lifton, Carol Kelly, Sharon Stevens, Mary Sparks, Katherine Querns.

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

1. Opening

Rev. Nancy invited all to share on recent connectedness with the church and plans for the summer, then led the group in prayer.

2. Approve Minutes

Council minutes were reviewed and amended. **M/S (S. Wellenbrink/B. Fenton)** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 11, 2016 be approved as amended.
Carried.

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

A Team Report –

- Minor soundproofing fixes have been completed and improvements are noticeable. Further work could be undertaken but requires additional funding.
- Suggestion for a Sunday Minute and newsletter in September to profile the completion of recent projects, funded by special donors.
- The A-Team directed to prioritize 3-4 projects and seek funding from the congregation for these targeted donation opportunities.

4. New Business

a. Discussion of dates for Council's Fall Retreat. Tentative date to be scheduled.

b. Thrift Shop items

- Discussion regarding use of space tabled to next meeting when thrift shop representatives will be in attendance.
- Drop-off shed needs to be relocated and replaced with a new structure. General approval to proceed given, S. Brain to research options.

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5. Council Priorities – Group Conversation

This month's Maker Space discussion addressed the council priority: 'Communications'. A new design for an emblem was discussed and feedback shared. When a final design is approved, the emblem will be used in the entrance and website to provide a graphical snapshot of Mount Seymour United, and complement the church logo.

6. Minister's Update

- Rev. Nancy provided an overview of the recent staff retreat. The fall strategy was developed, with an interest in support for mental health.
- The invitation from Donna Dinsmore to visit Bella Coola was discussed. Interest from the congregation will be gauged in the coming months.
- The importance and benefits of cross-cultural activities with First Nations and remote communities was highlighted.

Financial Report

- R. Brain will present a half-year financial report for the next meeting. The first quarter results are encouraging.

7. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 8:40 pm. Rev. Nancy closed with a prayer

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on September 14, 2016

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary