

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

May 10, 2017

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Barry Fenton, Dilys Sostad, Mary Sparks, Kim Branch, Sharon Stevens

Regrets: Katherine Querns, Steve Wellenbrink, Meg Clarke, Roger Brain

C. Branch opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

1. Opening

Rev. Nancy opened with a reading and check-in on life giving and yearning.

2. Approve February Council Meeting Minutes

The February 8, 2017 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended **M/S** (B. Fenton / D. Sostad)

The April 12, 2017 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended **M/S** (M. Sparks/B. Fenton)

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

A-Team (D.Sostad)

- Furnace repair or replacement – looking towards replacement
- Documents to be archived will require a Council motion
- Roofing bids – four bids sought

Financial Report (B. Fenton)

- Envelope and PAR have gone up significantly in comparison with same period last year.
- Thrift Store revenues are also up.
- Cold winter and snow removal demands increased maintenance expenses.
- Operating surplus of \$12,000
- All pledges have been made towards renovation bridge financing.

4. New Business

a. United Church of Canada Remits (C. Branch)

- Second hour held last week to raise awareness of congregation.
- We have been informed that the vote can be done by Council. Will inform congregation.
- Council vote to be on June agenda.

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b. Thrift Store AGM

- R. Brain and C. Branch attended on behalf of Council.
- Thrift Store recommendation that funding formula change donation to First United from fixed amount to a percentage of sales (15%) **M/S (M. Sparks/B. Fenton). Carried.**

Be it resolved that Council approves that starting in 2018, 15% of gross Thrift Store sales be allocated to First United Church Shelter.

c. Summer Student

- Sean is working out well. Assists in office and in a variety of roles.

d. Handicapped Spaces (D. Sostad)

- One spot will be set aside next to the current ramp, expenses provided through a donation.
- Signage to be arranged.

5. Council Priorities

- Discussed throughout.

6. Updates

a. Ministers' Update (Rev. Nancy)

- Community outreach remains a focus: Thrift Shop ministry, Death Café, Living Room
- Intention to Chair the Vancouver Burrard Presbytery

b. Mission and Outreach (B. Fenton)

Grocery store partnerships for First United sandwich donations and picnic are being fostered.

7. Communications

- B. Fenton to provide bidding information to D. Sostad for 4th roofing bid
- E-news item to seek input from congregation on UC remits.
- UC Remits on June Council agenda.
- S. Wellenbrink will arrange for handicapped signage.
- Messaging about grocery store partnerships (when finalized)

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9. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 8:20 pm, following a reading by Rev. Nancy.

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2017
6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on June 21, 2017

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary