

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

November 14, 2018

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Carla Wilks, Roger Brain, Dilys Sostad, Barry Fenton, Mary Sparks, Katherine Querns, Meg Clarke, Frank Luba, Kathy Davies (Conference Minister)

Regrets: Kim Branch, Michelle Coulombe, Steve Wellenbrink

C. Branch opened the meeting at 6:45 pm with an introduction of our Conference Minister, Kathy Davies, who has been helping us with our comprehensive review process.

1. Opening

Some readings shared by Rev. Nancy Talbot.

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

The October 10, 2018 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. (M/S B. Fenton/F. Luba)

3. Committee Reports

Financial Report

- Roger presented the financials. Overall revenue is up approximately \$17,000. Congregational givings are down. Staffing is a little up because of the Thrift Shop shed worker that was an unexpected expense. Projecting to 2019, revenue will likely be down because of the Thrift Shop Manager expense being taken from the Thrift Shop revenue.
- Individual team budgets need to get their budgets to Roger by the January 2019 Council meeting so that it can be presented and then published in February. Use your 2018 budget as a guide.
- In the new year we should have a conversation at Council about stewardship.
- The assessment from the General Council United Church of Canada will be assessed differently than in the past which has been done at the Presbytery level.

4. Updates

Ministers' Reports

- Highlights – newcomer gathering on November 26 from 1-3pm. We need a few Council members to attend to share reasons why they are part of MSUC. Catherine, Frank and Dilys have agreed to attend.
- Children sang in worship on Sunday with the Gospel Choir, and they were wonderful. Also last weekend seven youth plus Anne were away at Evolve Youth and Young Adult Retreat
- Carla has her final interview for her ordination on November 28th. If all goes well, she will be ordained June 2, 2019!

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5. New Business

- a) **M&P** – Dilys met with Sheldhan about his contract. They have renegotiated his contract and recommend an increase to his contract.

M/S/C (R. Brain/K. Querns) 2018-05 that Sheldhan Simmons' contract be renewed with a change to the monthly salary, with three months of retroactive increase.

Dilys will notify Cheryl Schott (Bookkeeper) of the change.

- b) **Mental Health First Aid Course** – Anne Ellis is requesting that Council subsidize a course on Mental health first aid for youth. The course fee is \$3500 and is a 12-hour course (over two days).

M/S/C (M. Sparks/F. Luba) 2018-06 that Anne Ellis proceed with Mental health First Aid training and that Council subsidize it by up to \$1000 from the Memorial Fund.

- c) **Thrift Shop Manager** – a Thrift Shop Manager (Alexis Doss) has been found after a 3-month search and about 16 applicants. She will begin on November 23. She lives in North Vancouver.

- d) **Refugee Funds** – In the interest of time, C. Branch will discuss with Roger outside of the meeting.

- e) **Follow-up from Council Retreat** – Kathy Davies.

- Kathy had us focus down who we are and what we are about. This is recorded on the flip chart sheet.
- **Homework:** What is radical hospitality?
What does radical hospitality look like (in North Vancouver)?
How will people know what it is?

6. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 9:04pm.

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Next Regular Council Meeting

***Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Catherine Branch's house
(477 Beachview Drive)***

Minutes Approved on February 13, 2019

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary (Carla Wilks took minutes for this meeting)