

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

October 10, 2018

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Carla Wilks (supervised ministry experience), Barry Fenton, Mary Sparks, Kim Branch, Michelle Coulombe, Katherine Querns, Meg Clarke, Frank Luba, Steve Wellenbrink

Regrets: Roger Brain, Dilys Sostad

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

1. Opening

Theological reflection led by Rev. Talbot.

2. Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

The September 10, 2018 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended by emails. (M/S K. Querns /F. Luba)

3. Committee Reports

M & P Report

- M. Coulombe provided an update of M&P contract activities. Contracts have been signed with Julian Pattison, Marcus Mosely, Sean Sallis-Lyon (with a new job description). Dominique Hogan's contract is awaiting her signing.
- Anne Ellis is now an employee as of September 1, 2018.
- D. Sostad is working on the cleaning contract with Sheldhan Simons.

4. Updates

a. Ministers' update

- C. Wilks provided an overview of a letter prepared by Christian ministry personnel of a variety denominations to the provincial Minister of Education in support of SOGI 123 curriculum in BC schools. A link to the petition will be shared by C.Wilks to the Council and in this week's newsletter. It was agreed that any publicity deemed appropriate by Rev. Talbot is supported by Council.
- C. Wilks' midterm evaluation has been submitted.
- Rev. Talbot expressed gratitude for Council's support of her gradual return to work and C. Wilks' support..

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5. New Business

- a. C. Branch shared that the Council retreat has been scheduled for October 20 in the sanctuary.

b. Thrift Shop Status and Manager Position

- M. Clarke provided an update of Thrift Shop activities. Council support is appreciated by the Management Team
 - Posting for a Thrift Shop manager has been distributed widely.
 - Nancy Stonkus has taken over volunteer recruitment and training.
 - The possibility of high school student volunteers is being considered, working with school counselors.
- c. District of North Vancouver has distributed notice of development in the area. No concerns expressed by council.
- d. The Kerr Bequest will be discussed at the Council retreat.
- e. B. Fenton are looking in to alternatives for sandwich ministry with other community group.
- f. Turkey lunch will be held on December 2 for the congregation and community, with the Thrift Shop open.
- g. A call-out for Congregational Life committee and M&O committee will be made during Sunday announcements.

6. Closing

- C. Branch called meeting to close at 8:40pm.

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Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on *November 14, 2018*

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary