

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

September 13, 2017

Present: Catherine Branch, Rev. Nancy Talbot, Barry Fenton, Dilys Sostad, Mary Sparks, Kim Branch, Meg Clarke, Roger Brain, Sharon Stevens, Michelle Coulombe

Regrets: Frank Luba, Katherine Querns, Steve Wellenbrink

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

1. Opening

Rev. Nancy opened with a reading.

2. Approve February Council Meeting Minutes

The August 30, 2017 Council minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

3. Committee Reports – no questions arising.

4. Updates

a. Ministers' update

- Rev. Wade Lifton is currently undertaking a gradual return to work.
- MSUC will be participating in the Truth and Reconciliation walk on September 24th (Rev. Wade).
- Roof campaign launch will be October 22nd with a talent show.
- Reviewed fall worship calendar. No morning worship service will be held on Sunday, December 24th. Regular Christmas Eve services will be held at 4pm and 7pm.
- Photo directory is being organized. Need a volunteer to organize
- MSUC has been named in a will. Details to follow.

5. New Business

a. Discussion from M&P

- Addressed in the Minister's update.

b. Roof Campaign

- Talent show will serve as the launch (October 22)
- Marc Coulombe and Ward Branch to be contacted regarding MC and organizer duties.
- M. Clarke will prepare Powerpoint slides outlining the maintenance needs of the building.

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- The campaign goal is \$250,000, which will cover the roof and HVAC systems. It is hoped that sanctuary painting could also be included.
- Pledge drive will take place over the course of the five Sundays in October.
- An invitation letter will be prepared and shared with building users (Thrift Store volunteers, rental organizations).

c. Introduction of teams

- As part of the roof campaign, a team will be introduced each Sunday, using the theme "What's Happening Under the Roof"
- A weekly item will be added to the e-newsletter to introduce the team.

d. Money for handyman through December

- Payment for handyman will be continued for a further three months, as per approved 2017-2018 budget.

e. Thrift Store resolution regarding payment of a staff member

- A job description will be prepared for a new part time position to assist with the heavy lifting needs of the Thrift Store. The position will be posted publicly.
- Due to increased donations, the DDA has been making three trips per week. Each trip requires help with loading the truck.

The following resolution was passed by Council. **M/S (M. Clarke/B. Fenton). Carried.**

Be it resolved that Council allocate up to a maximum of \$7,500 for the employment of an individual to lift and haul items at 10 hours a week until the end of May 2017).

f. Retreat topics (September 30, 8:30 to 2:30)

- Creating a social enterprise incubator to support entrepreneurs with a social conscience
- Café space
- Review outreach mission
- Thrift Store check-in

g. Review communication items from May/August

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6. Council Priorities

- Discussed throughout.

7. Communications

- Truth and Reconciliation walk to be promoted to congregation
- Rev. Talbot and M. Clarke to seek out volunteer to manage the photo directory scheduling.
- C. Branch and Rev. Talbot to confirm MC and organizer duties for the Talent Show.
- Roof campaign invitation letter will be prepared and distributed to building users (M. Clarke).
- A team will be introduced each week. A summary needs to be prepared and inserted in the e-newsletter.
- A thank you letter to the summer student will be prepared.
- Parkgate Day was successful. It was agreed that MSUC should have representation at this event.
- Add MSUC office hours and service times to Google Maps (Thrift Store is already represented).

9. Closing

C. Branch called meeting to close at 8:30pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
6:30 pm

Minutes Approved on October 11, 2017

Catherine Branch, Council Chair

Kim Branch, Secretary