

Minutes of the Mount Seymour United Church Council meeting

June 8 2022

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:38 p.m.

Attendance: Nancy Talbot, Carla Wilks, Kathryn Ferriss, Steve Wellenbeink, Kirsten Harkens, Mary Sparks, Kelly Nobles, Frank Luba

Opening: Land acknowledgment followed by a reading on the Trinity and a general check-in.

Minutes from March, April, and May were reviewed.

- Frank Luba moved, Kelly Nobles seconded that the minutes from the last three meetings be approved. **Carried.**

Correspondence: Nancy read a letter from Anne Ellis, thanking all for making this church what it is.

Minister reports:

Nancy highlighted:

- a conversation with Marcus Mosely re: the coming year of Gospel choir.
- Comfort in the Cove is moving to Parkgate Community Centre because they need a larger room.
- A grant has been approved for the Cafe Space project manager (Jenn). A contractor has been hired. Some Renovations should be complete by July. Contact has been established with the Foundry re: potential employees.

Carla highlighted:

- Interviews for the summer students will be starting next week. Carla requested a .35/h wage top-up for a total of \$84 per student = \$672
- ❖ Kathryn Ferriss moved, Frank Luba seconded that Council approve students' wage top-up to \$16/hr. **Carried.**

New business

- Sacred Garden: The scope of this project encompasses a 'big picture' vision of the entire property including the buildings. The next meeting is June 27th at 6:30. The drawings should be at an intermediate stage, ready for approval before final drawings. Some measurements etc need correction.
- Playground: someone wants the equipment but is waiting for a quote on moving costs. The chain link fence needs to be removed. (Fencing can be re-sold on Craigslist.)
- Cafe space: see Nancy's report above

- Covid: coffee hour is ok now. Kathryn will host this week. Masks are now individual choice. Discussion ensued as to whether the Gospel Choir should be allowed to sing unmasked.
- Children and youth: there is no budget for the summer months. We will rely on Youth volunteers for Sunday mornings. Plans are in place to hire an hourly university student starting in the fall. Owen will continue Sanctuary Roll for a while. Carla and Nancy will continue weekly e-news. Volunteers will organize games night. In the long term we need someone to connect with youth and families and coordinate Sunday youth programmes. We need to clarify goals for the children's programme. Is 5 hours/week appropriate? Should we ask the families what they want i.e. Lectionary based? Social time or social justice focus?

Next meeting is tentatively planned for August 31 with Carla. Alternatively it could be postponed to September 14 when Nancy is back.

Retreat day is tentatively planned for October 15. Nancy and Mary will coordinate.

Closing: Nancy expressed gratitude to Frank and Steve for faithful service. Steve offered a final prayer. In honour of their legacy Council pledges to make sound available in the kitchen during services and to improve the ventilation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.