

Mount Seymour United Church Council Minutes
March 2023

The meeting was **called to order** at 7 pm

In **attendance**: Nancy Talbot, Lorna Leckie, Younes Skhissi, , Kelly Nobles, Mary Sparks, Kathryn Ferriss, Catherine Branch representing M&P, Ward Branch by FaceTime

Regrets: Carla Wilks, Kirsten Harkins

Mary Sparks opened with an **acknowledgment** of the land and its peoples.

The **Minutes** from February's meeting were reviewed in three sections.

- ❖ Kathryn moved/Lorna seconded that the Public minutes be adopted. **CARRIED**
- ❖ Kathryn moved/Ward seconded that the first in camera minutes be approved. **CARRIED**
- ❖ Kathryn moved/Younes seconded that the final in camera minutes be approved. **CARRIED**

Reports:

- Finance - Ward Branch highlighted the new budget draft
 - Envelope givings for Nov/Dec are up \$14K annualized
 - Budgeted \$5K for bequests/larger donations that may come in
 - \$8K in grants is a conservative estimate
- ❖ Kathryn moved, Younes seconded that the proposed Budget be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**
- Property:
 - The wall of Nancy's office needs to be checked for dampness/mold.
 - Steve Wellenbrink has hired gardeners
 - The sound system needs an upgrade; a quote has been obtained
 - Mary suggests consulting with Coffee House about the sound system
- Minister's report as written
- Cafe project:
 - Nancy Talbot met with Jill Walker from the Foundry. Foundry will fund one barista/kitchen assistant for two days a week for three months. If successful the worker could continue to be funded by the summer student grant for another three months.
 - Wired for Success is another programme that could supply workers.
 - The project is still in early stages and it seems worth putting another year into bringing it to self-sustainability. It's life-giving and community-building.