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Minutes of the meeting of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Executive held at West Vancouver UC, West Vancouver, beginning at 2:30 pm, with a quorum present, and duly called under the authority of the Acting Chair, Sandra Severs

Present: Carol Acton (Recording Secretary), Syd Lewis, Sue Parker, Sandra Severs (Chair), Val Taylor, Linda Gunn, Simone Carrodus, David Ewart, Sally Harris

Regrets: Barry Morris

Opening worship: Led by Sandra Severs

Minutes: Moved by Simone Carrodus that the Executive minutes of Nov 13, 2007 be adopted with the correction of the spelling of Wade Lifton's name. **Carried**

Correspondence: We received a thank you letter from Shirley Jackson for the donation from the Conference Support Funds for the Youth Conference

Budget: Dues paid to date \$147,697.46 of the \$164,304.03 due.

Conference Support Funds: There is \$7069.37 remaining to be allocated. Moved by Sally Harris that we support the consultation prepared for the Long Range Planning Committee and Oversight Board of First United Church with \$5000; that we support the Geography of Wonder Workshop with \$1569 and that we support the Children's Retreat with \$500. **Carried**

Moved by Sally Harris that the treasurer include a letter with the allocation letter to educate the congregations about the existence of the Conference Support Funds. **Carried**

Faithful Public Witness:

1. The Annual Vigil for the Silenced will be held Dec 19.
2. The Committee is discussing the effects of the cuts at General Council especially those to Global and Local Justice work.
3. Barry and Susan are representing "Faith Communities in Solidarity with the Poor". They met recently with Senior Management people of City Hall around the current move to force churches to apply for permits to serve the poor.
4. The Committee is presently looking at the possibility of hosting Naomi Klein and Rabbi Michael Lerner in partnership with VST.

Long Range Planning: Syd Lewis reported on some of the valuable information that is available from the Environics research and suggested that we consider supporting a study of the East Side

Pastoral Relations: The Executive asked the Committee to examine the new policy re marriage and bring recommendations to the Executive.

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St John's Westend: Moved by David Ewart that Sandra Severs, Acting Chair, write to Janet Cawley on behalf of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery thanking her for her work with the St John's JANAC committee and ending her appointment to the JANAC as of Dec 11, 2007.

Congregational Relations: Oversight Training has taken place, teams are up and running, and we have a team for visiting St. Andrew's-Wesley: Simone Carrodus, Linda Gunn, Dan Chambers, and Brenda Wilkinson.

Education and Students: no report

Meeting adjourned: at 5:10pm

Covenant Service for Sandra Severs January 30th at First United Church

Next Executive Meeting: January 8, 2008 at **1:30** at St Andrew's-Wesley Church

Next Presbytery Meeting; January 22 at Highlands

Sandra Severs, Acting chair

Carol Acton, recording secretary