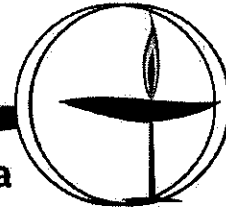


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**Present:** President Karen Mills, VP Karen Bilida, treasurer Doug Eastwell, Rev. Brian Kiely, trustees David Rae, Marilyn Gaa, Robert Begg, DRE Will Adair,

**Regrets:** Gloria Krenbrenk, Yvonne Mireau,

**Call to Order:** 7:10 p.m.

**Opening:** Doug Eastwell

**Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by David seconded by Doug CARRIED.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Robert, seconded by David, that the Agenda be approved. CARRIED.

### NEW BUSINESS

Social Justice Motion, Social Justice is allowed to use the UCE charity # in requests for donations of goods: **Moved** by Marilyn Gaa, **seconded** by Robert, that the motion be approved. **CARRIED.**

Sharing Our Faith Grant applications - Table the discussion of the summer camps, need more detailed plan to discuss at the February meeting.

CUC general meeting. UCE can have up to 4 delegates. Deadline of February 27. Karen Mills will send Karen Bilida an announcement for the newsletter in regards to the CUC delegates.

UCE AGM - board members to do a mini speech (1-3 minutes) of what being on the board means to them / what they have learned. Suggest that ministerial relations and leadership committees do similar "mini speeches".

Karen Mills will send to Karen Bilida an article in the newsletter regarding the awards at the Fellowship dinner.

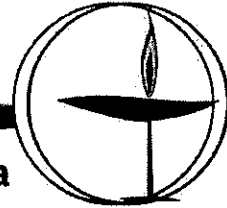
Doug will work the finance committee on the 2019-2020 budget. Doug is proposing a zero line based budget.

There will be an announcement in regards to Brian's retirement at the Feb 3 service.

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### REPORTS

#### Minister's Report, January, 2019 Brian Kiely

##### Accomplishments:

\* Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve and three Sunday services \* Organized Building Bienvenue fundraiser with Brenda Jackson of Westwood \* hosted TWO Religion on Tap evenings \* helped with food management for Debt Free celebration \*delivered mitten tree collection to Boyle Street \* had 11 pastoral care visits \*performed and coordinated memorial service for Joanne Olafson \*chaired several staff meetings

##### Building Bienvenue

Tickets sales have gone pretty well for the fundraiser this Friday. There is still room. It has been a pleasure to work alongside folks from Westwood in planning and carrying this off.

##### Western Fall Gathering

The first on-line meeting with CUC staff took place this month. We are just at the start of planning. Will and I have been tasked with looking for a suitable venue for the Saturday events. The youth will be using our building through out the weekend for activities and sleeping. Our space will also accommodate the Opening Ceremonies, the Saturday Banquet and Entertainment and the Sunday service and networking sessions. But we need to find an off site venue nearby for Saturday adult workshops, lunch and theme speech. We require one large meeting area, a dining set-up and several break out rooms (probably five or six) for workshops. Suggestions welcome.

##### Ministerial relations

The MRC is recommending that they defer surveying the congregation until September, 2019 as they are finding the creation of the survey somewhat complex for the timeline available. They intend to reshape the survey into a forward thinking document, and evaluation of what members like about the community and what they would like to add or change as we go forward. I offer this for the Board's information as it touches on Board plans as well.

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### Problem Solvers

I will be attending this workshop at Westwood:

AN ARMY OF PROBLEM SOLVERS: Social Enterprise Workshop  
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Sat. Feb 2, 2019 Looking for a way to make a difference? To embrace the Solutions Economy?  
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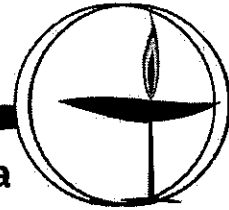
### Minister's Retreat

The western Canadian minister's retreat will be held over the weekend of Feb 22-25. I will be attending as usual. Social Justice will handle that Sunday service.

### Treasurer's Report –

1. Finance Committee met on January 6.
2. Treasurer recently met with the Audit committee to get some background on the upcoming audit.
3. Bev has provided January month-end financial information.
4. The December financials look good - Actual YTD Revenue exceeds Budget by \$91K and Actual Expenses are \$2,000 less than Budget. The \$91K includes \$38K of deferred Casino revenue and the \$50K one-time donation.
5. Current priority issues are:
  - a. Finding a replacement book-keeper/accountant – requires a detailed position description and deliverables list
  - b. Preparing the 2019/2020 budget with a consideration of multi-year financial planning – establishing a building maintenance fund, capital improvements, programming
  - c. The 2019/2020 canvass

Respectfully submitted Doug Eastwell



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### DRE –

Will Adair and Maria Jenkins attended OWL training (junior high and senior high levels) in Vancouver

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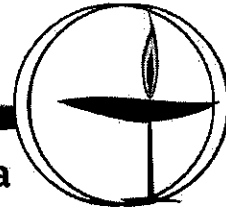
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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### From the Glow getters

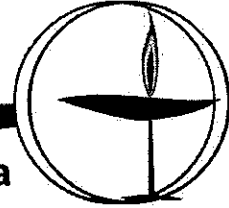
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#### From Ways and Means

We are identifying a list of Things/items people want in UCE

#### Building and Grounds

-We have put up temporary lighting in the south parking lot, since an outside light seems to have failed completely. Our Electrician will be back in March and we will look at replacing all the outside lighting with NEW LED to get it up and working properly. We will provide more info once we have a cost. -The sanctuary, Keeler Hall, hallways and bathrooms all need to be painted. We would like board permission to hire Mahamad Adam to paint it all, We already have the paint for the Hallways and Sanctuary. The paint for the Bathrooms and Keeler hall will need to be purchased, but should be accommodated from our budget. Knowing the Adam family is struggling right now this might be a great



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opportunity to help them out and get our church looking all clean and spiffy. -A blower motor went in the furnace in AWWOA this week and was repaired the same day, I do not have a total cost yet but it should have been under \$1000. It has been proposed by a few members that the Tampon dispenser in the womens bathroom be changed so that the items are free instead of requiring payment. We would appreciate board direction on this matter. We do not know if it is even ever used or if anyone has paid for items, as we cannot find the key to check it out. We would also appreciate any feedback from the board as to any items you wish us to look into.

- ⊕ **Motion that up to \$500 for painting at \$25/hour. By Marilyn seconded by David. Approved.**
- ⊕ **Motion tampon dispenser be opened and usage be monitored for 2 months. By Marilyn seconded by David. Approved.**

### **Phone system switchover**

The phone system has been switched over to the new IP phones. IT went relatively well (as far as those change overs go) I have not heard any complaints so far, however I have seen our Telus bill and it is around 35 dollar a month now. I have posted the old system and phones on a couple of used phone groups, for parts and am waiting to hear what we can recover from the cost

### **New Members:**

Dale Askey, Jennifer Askey - motion to accept by David, seconded by Marilynn. Carried  
Alec Moorji - - motion to accept by David, seconded by Doug. Carried  
Brian will discuss mailing of new welcome letter with Janet.

February Opening and closing words: David Rae

**Next Meeting: Wed, February 27, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.**

Closing Words: Doug Eastwell

ADJOURNED at 9:10pm p.m.

**1. Requests from Social Justice**

*Request 1*

January 14th, 2018

To: Edmonton Unitarian Church board  
From: UCE Social Justice Committee  
Re: operating funds

Dear Friends,

I am writing to request an increase in operating funds in the 2019-2020 budget for the Social Justice Committee. I believe the amount is currently set at \$100.00 per year. I am requesting that this amount be increased to \$500.00 per year.

Currently, the SJC is responsible for presenting four services each year. We try to focus our services on topics related to current social issues; consequently, we often invite community members (musicians, presenters, etc.) to participate, to help increase our knowledge and understanding of the issues. An increase in operating funds could be used to pay honoraria to musicians and presenters at these services. It could also serve as "seed money" for projects involving engagement of the larger community. The Social Justice Committee has had a very small budget for a very long time, and this modest funding boost would enable us to increase our effectiveness in addressing the social justice issues that are so important to us all. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely  
Ali Hammington  
Co-chair, Social Justice Committee

*Request 2*

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Re: charitable number

Dear Friends,

The social Justice Committee wishes to acquire a folding table, insulated drink cooler, and a tablecloth with the Unitarian Church logo to be used by us at charitable and other events to make us more visible when reaching out to the larger community.

We plan to request the donation of an insulated beverage container from a local Home Depot store, and we are asking to use the UCE's charitable number when requesting the donation. Thank you very much for considering our request.

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January	Susan Ruttan	
February (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Social Justice	Karen
March	Gordon, Jennifer, Dale	Karen
April	Gerard, Stephen, Michelle	David
May	Pagan Group	Yvonne
June	Picnic and outdoor games	
July	Neighbourhood craft fair	
August		
September	Welcome party	

### **For reference - Committee Liaisons**

Aesthetics – Yvonne Mireau  
Buildings and Grounds – David Rae  
Chaplaincy – Tabled  
Church Services – Tabled  
Communications – Karen Bilida  
Endowment – Doug Eastwell  
Finance – Doug Eastwell  
Human Resources – David Rae  
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