

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board Meeting Minutes - January 30, 2021

Present: President Karen Bilida, Vice-President Brandie Moller-Reid, Past President Karen Mills, secretary Gloria Krenbrenk, treasurer Doug Eastwell, trustee Jennifer Askey

Call to Order: 1:00 p.m. Meeting conducted via Zoom

NEW BUSINESS

This special board meeting was called to reach a decision on renewal of the contract with Rev. Lee Anne Washington. Rev. Lee Anne has indicated that due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 border restrictions, she may not be willing to relocate to Edmonton anytime in the upcoming 2021-22 church year. As well, the COVID-19 situation has made the interim transition process extremely difficult and we have been unable to proceed in the planned timeframe.

Moved by Jennifer Askey, **seconded** by Brandie Moller-Reid, that the UCE board not renew the contract with Rev. Lee Anne Washington, and the contract will end at the termination date of August 31, 2021. **CARRIED**

Moved by Karen Mills, **seconded** by Jennifer Askey, that UCE undertake a search for a contract minister, offering a contract term of a minimum of 4 years, with option to review and renew annually. **CARRIED**

Karen Bilida, Brandie Moller-Reid, Jennifer Askey and Karen Mills will meet in the near future to formulate plans for the application process for a contract minister.

Karen Bilida will meet with Rev. Lee Anne Washington, along with a member of the HR Committee (hopefully Lynn Wolff) to advise of the board decision.

Karen Bilida will inform members of the Interim Transition Team of the board decisions.

Instead of the usual breakout rooms, a coffee hour will be held after Sunday service on February 14, 2021, to provide information to the congregation and respond to questions. Karen Mills will work on a draft notice.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **February 10**, 2021 via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. Members of the Application Group are asked to appear at 6:45 p.m.
Opening and closing words to be provided by Brandie Moller-Reid

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.


Gloria Krenbrenk, Secretary