

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board Meeting of 17 Sept. 2022
MINUTES

Present: President Mike Keast, vice-president Brandie Moller-Reid, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, trustees Marilyn Gaa, Gerard Hayduk, Zoe Larsen and Lynn Wolff, and Rev. Rosemary Morrison.

Agenda approved, with addition of two items – set up a PayPal account, and issue of the building north of us. Moved by Brandie, seconded by Zoe. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

- Finding a new chair for the Rentals Committee: current chair Susan says she will continue, as will committee member Larry Charach, until a new chair can be found. Mike reported that it appears both of our major tenants will continue to rent from us when their leases expire next year.
Task: Susan will put something in the October newsletter about need for a rentals chair.
Task: Rosemary will see about sending out the newsletter as a separate email, not just a tab in the Friday email.
- Front yard green space: Board members agreed that we should look at making the green space more low maintenance, in keeping with the changing climate and the shortage of volunteers to maintain the garden. Members agreed that the two major tenants whose businesses face the green space should be checked to see what they would want there. No deadline for this work.
- Future Board Meetings: Members agreed that meetings from October through February will be held on Zoom. The date for the December meeting will now be Wednesday, Dec. 14.

REPORTS

- **Finance:** Moved by Andrew, seconded by Brandie, that UCE set up a PayPal business account for the purpose of receiving credit card donations. CARRIED.
TASK: Andrew and Mike will accompany Susan to our Servus Credit Union bank to have Susan signed in as a cheque signer.
- **Minister's Report:** Rosemary reported on her time off – a serious case of Covid, and then an enjoyable August.
- **DRE:** the board accepted reports on the Religious Exploration Program from RE director Oksana Atwood.
- **Neighbours:** Andrew pointed out that the building directly north of the church has installed metal storage containers that create an alley between the containers and our church wall. He said that area might cause problems, and church staff should check it

four days a week.

MOTION: Moved by Andrew, seconded by Brandie, that we install cameras and lights in this north alley, to a maximum cost of \$1,000. APPROVED.

- **Spending Limits:** A recent situation required the board to approve spending over the \$15,000 limit set by the UCE bylaws at section 15 (4). A similar situation occurred the year before.

TASK: Susan will inform the Governance Implementation Team of the issue and ask them for advice on whether to raise the limitation amount, or more clearly define which spending is affected by the bylaw.

A brief in camera meeting was held, but no votes cast.

Next board meeting: Wednesday 19 Oct. 2022 on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned. Following lunch, board members held their annual retreat.