

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board Meeting of 19 Oct. 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: Approval moved by Brandie, seconded by Gerard. CARRIED.

September Minutes: Approval moved by Susan, seconded by Lynn. CARRIED.

TASK LIST:

1. Signing authorities—Susan and Mike will arrange to get Susan to the bank to become an authorized cheque signer.
2. Board spending limit -- The Governance team has reviewed the matter of the \$15,000 limit set in the UCE bylaws for spending approved by the board. GIT has sent their recommendation to the Finance Committee. A report to the board will come at next month's meeting, says Andrew.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Garage sale** -- Letter from Jan McMillan retiring as head of the annual garage sale.
TASK: Susan and Lynn will plan an appropriate thank you card/gift/etc. for Jan. Susan will put an announcement in the November newsletter.
2. **Sharing Our Abundance** list of charities for 2023 – List was approved by the board.
3. **Endowment Fund donation drive** – Andrew said there will be a November campaign for money to go to Endowment Fund and to ask people to put UCE in their will.
Moved by Andrew, seconded by Brandie, that the finance and endowment committees organize a special call for the Endowment Fund in November.
CARRIED.
4. **Membership** – Moved by Andrew, seconded by Zoe, that Brandie become membership person on the board, or the VP-Membership. CARRIED.
5. **Lane Update** -- The north side of our building now has a wall of shipping containers hiding it and it has become a hangout for drug users and others. Mike says there are drug users' needles on the ground. He said sharps containers are being put in several places. Two lights are going up in this area.

Mike said a camera that is needed in the area to discourage users will cost more than expected. Moved by Lynn, seconded by Brandie, that the approved budget for the camera be increased to \$1,500. CARRIED.

REPORTS

- Finance: Treasurer Andrew Mills reports that we have a small budget surplus as of the end of September 2022.
- DRE: Oksana Atwood reported on her plans for future months.
- GIT updates: the Governance team has given board members a new assessment tool to put in their binder.

NEW MEMBERS: Moved by Brandie, seconded by Gerard, that the board approve Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet and Lyn Markham as new UCE members. APPROVED.

An in-camera meeting was then held.
Decisions from the in-camera meeting:

- Moved by Lynn, seconded by Andrew, that the recommendations of the Human Resources Committee be approved. CARRIED.
- The board will hold a special congregational meeting on Sunday 6 November to create a search committee for a new settled minister. Susan will put a notice about the meeting in the November newsletter, explaining that 16 Canadian UU congregations are looking for a minister in the coming year, so there's a lot of competition for good ministers.
Our current minister, Rev. Rosemary Morrison, is on her second year of a four-year contract, but is not our settled minister. UCE members will be invited to put their name forward if they are interested in being on the search committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Next board meeting: Wednesday 16 Nov. 2022 7:15 pm on Zoom.

ATTACHMENTS

Sharing Our Abundance: Approved List for 2023

Month	Proposed for 2023	2022
January	Change for Children	Change for Children
February	iHuman Youth Society	iHuman Youth Society
March	International Convocation of UU Women (ICW)	International Convocation of UU Women (ICW)

	Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC)*	Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC)*
April	Child Haven International*	UU-United Nations Office (UU-UNO)*
May	Youth Employment and Support Services (YESS)	Youth Employment and Support Services (YESS)
June	George Spady Centre	George Spady Centre
July	Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE)	Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation CEASE)
August	Boyle Street Co-op	Boyle Street Co-op
September	Camp Fyrefly	Camp Fyrefly
October	UU-UNO*	Child Haven International*
November	CBC Make the Season Kind (Food Bank)	CBC Make the Season Kind (Food Bank)
December	Minister's Discretionary Fund	Minister's Discretionary Fund

*The timing for Child Haven International, UU-UNO, and CUC has varied in the past because of decisions made by those organizations. CUC and ICW can be moved together if a move is needed. In the past Janet has been able to determine timing for these organizations.