

Unitarian Church of Edmonton

Board Meeting of 15 March 2023

MINUTES

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

Absent: Gerard Hayduk

Agenda: Moved by Lynn, seconded by Zoe, that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Minutes: The Feb. 2023 minutes were approved by email on Feb. 23, 2023, moved by Andrew and seconded by Lynn.

TASK LIST:

1. Thank-you card, gift etc. for Jan McMillan re garage sale. No action yet by Susan and Lynn. Possible date, in April.
2. Bylaws - Work ongoing. Goal is approval at the annual meeting.

New Business

1. Rental update - Susan reported that a five-year lease for the entire front commercial space of the church building, including the former AWWOA space, will soon be signed by Open Doors Learning Services, which has been a UCE tenant since 2016. The lease will start May 1 and provide \$108,000 a year in revenue.
2. Discussion of a 2023-24 operating budget. The board agreed to meet in person at the church on Monday, March 27, at 7 pm to work on budget decisions.
3. Renaming the Religious Exploration Director title to Spiritual Exploration is proposed by RE director Oksana Atwood. The board agreed that such naming isn't for the board to decide. Moved by Brandie, seconded by Marilyn, that the board endorse the travel of Oksana to the CUC national symposium in Ottawa this May, followed by Our Whole Lives training. Approved.
3. The CUC annual meeting on Friday, 17 May. Susan reported that UCE is entitled to three delegates, who can attend by Zoom. The one big vote will be on this motion: *That the Canadian Unitarian Council and its member congregations formally repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.*
Possible delegates: Maida Zederayko, Sylvia Krogh. The board will recommend three people as delegates at its April meeting. These delegates will register on the CUC website before the May 1 deadline, then be endorsed at the UCE annual meeting on May 7.

Standing Items

No new or resigned members.

Reports

- o Finance - report by Andrew
- 1.

- o Minister's report – report by Rev. Rosemary
 - o Director of Religious Exploration report -- a written report by Oksana Atwood
- Governance Team report: GIT submits a draft policy on Individual Posting of Materials on UCE's Property. Andrew advised that expecting people wanting to post something get prior approval from the church administrator or minister isn't going to work. Instead, he said, the church should simply create and post the guidelines. Let people handle it, not ask the minister. Board member agreed that the policy should be simply the guidelines, not orders about prior approval. Mike will report this back to GIT.
- The board adjourned at 8:45 pm

**Next Board Meeting:
IN PERSON on Monday March 27 at 7 pm in the church.
This will be a budget meeting.**

Next Monthly Board Meeting: Wednesday April 19, 2022 7:15 pm