**Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board meeting October 2023**
**Present:** president Brandie Moller-Reid, secretary Susan Ruttan, past-president Mike Keast, trustees Zoe Larsen, Marilyn Gaa.
Absent: treasurer Andrew Mills, trustee Gerard Hayduk, trustee Lynn Wolff.

**Opening Words, Chalice Lighting** – Rev. Morrison
**Approval of Agenda** Moved byMike, seconded by Zoe, approved.

**Minutes**: The September minutes were approved by email on Oct. 11, 2023, moved by Andrew Mills, seconded by Zoe Larsen. Also, Brandie Moller-Reid, Mike Keast and also Susan Ruttan.

**Minutes:** The Octoberminutes were approved by email on Oct. 31, 2023, moved by Marilyn Gaa, seconded by Susan Ruttan. Also, Lynn Wolff and Mike Keast.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Participation in Sunday Services – Members agreed to create a poster with pictures of board members, to go up in the foyer of the church. Next month, we will discuss having periodic congregational meetings to allow board members and congregation to talk.
2. Board Learning – members reviewed the first part of the Unitarian Universalist Association online learning materials about Creating Meetings That Matter.
3. What does the Board need/want from the Governance (GIT) committee: Members discussed possible GIT projects.
4. Directive for the Human Resources Committee from the Board re: a third staff position. Members approved the directive written by Brandie, with the addition of requesting a timeline from HR regarding their work. (Directive is below.)
5. Hosting of CanUUdle next May. Rev. Rosemary said she’s thinking of several people who might serve the church as UCE liaison with the CUC on the planning of the CanUUdle youth gathering next May 17-20. Members discussed how to handle the fact that an AA group meets in our church on Fridays, and the CanUUdle youth will be arriving Friday, May 17 next year. **TASK:** Susan will approach our tenant Open Doors to see if the AA group could use their board room for that evening.
6. Gordon Ritchie’s health problem. Rev. Rosemary has found several pianists who can play for church services in coming weeks. Karen Mills will help once she returns from vacation.
7. Should we run a statement from the Edmonton Interfaith Centre about the Israel/Gaza disaster? The board refers this matter to Rev. Rosemary and administrator Janet Polkovsky, with the overall guidance that a) any commentary on the Israel-Gaza violence should not take sides, and b) the alterative of publishing the CUC commentary on the issue should be considered. Marilyn mentioned a planned rally on the situation, suggested it be mentioned in our newsletter.

**Closing words**: Rev. Morrison
**Adjourn.** Next meeting: Nov. 15, 2023 7:15 pm ZOOM link to be announced later. *Clarification needed as to who can open a Zoom board meeting.*