

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board meeting, Feb. 21 2024, 7:15 pm

Present: president Brandie Moller-Reid, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, board members Lynn Wolff, Marilyn Gaa, Gerard Hayduk, Rev. Rosemary Morrison.

Guest: Karen Bilida

Agenda: Moved by Susan Ruttan, seconded by Mike Keast, that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

Minutes: The January 24, 2024 minutes were approved by email on Jan. 25, 2024, moved by Andrew Mills, seconded by Lynn Wolff

New Business

1. **Communication** – Karen Bilida proposed that the monthly church newsletter contain information about our renters, and their events that happen in the church. In particular, she hopes to publicize several fund-raising events of Dragging Youth. Members agreed that Rev. Rosemary talk to administrator Janet Polkovsky about the idea. Susan offered to be the person who would take any submissions and create a short newsletter item from them. Marilyn Gaa suggested the item be titled Community Partners, and that such news items be also put on the church calendar. That suggestion will be passed over to Rev. Rosemary and Janet.
2. **Vacancies** -- The current board now has two vacancies – the vice-president role, and the trustee role of Zoe Larsen. At the end of this year, our president Brandie Moller-Reid will leave the board (she has done the maximum six years), as will past-president Mike Keast. Susan’s two-year term as secretary ends this year, but she will stand again. Lynn Wolff has been filling a one-year term. Andrew, Gerard and Marilyn are continuing.
Susan Ruttan said she would like people to give her names of those who might be willing to serve on the board. She will share any names with the Leadership Committee.

Ongoing Business

1. **Roof Repairs** – Andrew Mills reported on plans for hiring a roofer for the leaking roof. Two companies are being considered. Andrew, Mike Keast and John Turvey will meet on Sunday 25 February to pick a roofing company. Andrew said either company could start in the next couple of weeks. Until then, he said, volunteers will be needed to spend afternoons in the church watching for leaks.

Reports:

1. **Finance report** – Treasurer Andrew Mills is preparing information about the annual canvass, which will be in the March newsletter, and will also feature personal talks each Sunday. He said a push for special one-time donations for the roof project will happen after the canvass is over.
2. **Minister's Report** – Rev. Rosemary said Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet is the UCE liaison for the CanUUdle weekend which will happen May 17-19. CanUUdle is a weekend event for youth from Canadian UU congregations. She said Rev. Brian Kiely has agreed to head up the meal preparation for the CanUUdle teenagers.
Rev. Rosemary said the Installation Service to honour her position at UCE will now happen at 11 am on May 19. Marilyn Gaa will head a team preparing a small meal to follow the service. Teenagers from CanUUdle will be part of the service, plus a number of UU ministers from across the country.
3. **Human Resources** report on caretaker issue. – Board members agreed to endorse the direction the HR Committee is taking in finding a caretaker, in particular that the person not be an employee, but hired as needed. Mike Keast suggested that the position would be supplemental to the regular cleaning person.

New members/resignation: Moved by Susan, seconded by Lynn, that the board accepts with regret the decision of Zoe Larsen to resign from the board and church membership. CARRIED.

Closing words: Rev. Morrison

Adjourn.

Next meeting: March 20, 2024 on Zoom

