**Minutes
Unitarian Church of Edmonton board meeting
March 20, 2024, 7:15 pm on Zoom**

**Opening Words, Chalice Lighting:** Rev. Morrison
**Approval of Agenda**: Moved by Mike Keast, seconded by Lynn Wolff, and approved.
**Minutes:** The Feb. 21, 2024, minutes were approved by email on Feb. 22, 2024, moved by Andrew Mills, seconded by Mike Keast, approved by Lynn Wolf, Brandie Moller-Reid, Marilyn Gaa and Gerard Hayduk.

**New Business**

1. Budget for 2024-25 – Andrew Mills ran through his draft budget for 2024-25, which has a zero deficit. Andrew explained that it’s crucial that we don’t run a deficit because much of our savings is being spent on the new roof. Moved by Andrew, seconded by Susan, that the board accept the draft budget as presented. CARRIED. An updated budget will be presented to the board at its next meeting, and will be sent to the Annual General Meeting for approval on Mary 5.
2. CUC annual meeting: Susan Ruttan, who will be a UCE delegate to the annual general meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council, explained the issues around the proposal by Vancouver Unitarians that Canadian congregations encourage their members to withdraw their savings from Canada’s five big banks. These banks handle 93% of banking in Canada, and are the banks that Canada’s oil and gas industry use. Moved by Susan, seconded by Mike, that the UCE board does not support the proposed Vancouver motion. Carried. **Ongoing Business**
3. Roof repairs update. – Andrew Mills reported on plans for roof repair. He said any leaks in the roof in coming weeks, as we wait for the roofers to arrive, will likely not require volunteers to monitor the leaks.
4. The big weekend, May 17-20 -- Installation of Rev. Rosemary in Sunday service; we host teenagers from across the country in our church; UU ministers from across the country are in town. Rev. Rosemary said that plans for the various events seem to be in hand. Marilyn Gaa explained her plan for a big lunch after the Installation service. The CUC will provide a budget to cover food costs of the CanUUdle teenagers.
Rev. Rosemary was reminded that she is responsible for a budget for the Installation weekend that will keep UCE costs under the budgeted $2,500.
5. Rev. Rosemary and Brandie will look at how to deal with all the furniture etc. stored in Keeler Hall, because of the roof leak issue. The hall is needed for the garage sale.

Reports:

1. Finance report – Printed copy
2. Minister’s Report – Printed copy
3. Church Services Committee report – Susan Ruttan said the committee plans to wrap up in late June, and it will be replaced by a Worship Advisory Team which would meet several times a year.
4. Building staffing plans – report from Lynne Turvey
5. Alexander and Potter awards – Susan will put announcement in the April newsletter seeking nominations.
6. New members/resignation: none

**Adjourn.**
**Next meeting**: April 17, 2024, on Zoom