MINUTES

**Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Board meeting, August 21, 7:15 pm. On Zoom**

**Board members attending:** president Lynne Turvey, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, past president Brandie Moller-Reid, trustees Wendy Smith, Gerard Hayduk, and Art Breier. Ex officio, Rev. Rosemary Morrison.
**Absent:** Marilyn Gaa
**Guest:** Erica Deneve
**Opening Words, Chalice Lighting:** Rev. Morrison

**Approval of Agenda**: -- Moved by Susan Ruttan, seconded by Brandie Moller-Reid. Carried.
**Minutes:** June 2024 minutes were approved by email on June 19, as amended by Lynne Turvey.

**New Business**

1. Erica Deneve discussed her proposal re a permanent ancestor altar/memorial table for the sanctuary, and answered board questions. At the end of the discussion, she withdrew her proposal and said she was quitting the church.
2. Board Planning Retreat: Members agreed to attend the retreat on Saturday 14 September from 1 pm to 4 pm. Tentative location: the church sanctuary.

**Ongoing Business**

1. Building maintenance/Janitorial Update: Andrew brief board members on work done by the small maintenance team. Lynne updated the board on the health of our caretaker Todd Vahey, who is recovering from a stroke.
2. Sharing Our Abundance: Wendy Smith presented two possible women’s shelter charities that could receive our Sharing Our Abundance money next March. Members picked the second-stage shelter group WINGS, but asked Wendy to check any religious affiliation of that charity. WINGS stands for Women in Need Growing Stronger.

**Reports:**
 1. Finance—written report presented by Andrew Mills.
 2. Rentals – a written rentals report from administrator Janet Polkovsky.
 3. Minister’s Report – written report has been circulated.

**New members/resignations**: none

**Closing words**: Rev. Morrison
**Adjourn.**
**Next meeting**: Sept. 18 (plus retreat on Saturday, 14 Sept.)