

**Minutes**  
**Unitarian Church of Edmonton**  
**Board meeting, Sept. 18, 7:15 pm. On Zoom**

**Board members present:** president Lynne Turvey, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, trustees Wendy Smith, Gerard Hayduk, Marilyn Gaa, Rev. Rosemary Morrison (ex officio)

Absent: Art Breier, Brandie Moller-Reid.

**Opening Words, Chalice Lighting:** Rev. Morrison

**Approval of Agenda:** -- with the addition of description of the three planning retreat outcomes, and with two applications for church membership. Moved by Susan, seconded by Andrew, and approved.

**Minutes:** August 21, 2024, minutes were approved by email on Aug. 23

**New Business**

1. Planning Retreat Outcomes – Lynne  
Three board goals for the year ahead:
  - Enhance financial sustainability by supporting increased fundraising initiatives.
  - Advance membership growth by supporting increased opportunities for engagement and hospitality.
  - Revitalize both internal and external communication and marketing of UCE's many positive attributes.The three goals above were approved by consensus.
2. Service honouring Rev. Brian Kiely as minister emeritus – Moved by Susan, seconded by Gerard, that our gift to Rev. Kiely at the service be a \$60 gift certificate from Audrey's Books. Approved.
3. Congregational Input on Three Policies – Lynne stressed the importance of reading the policies and encouraged attending the two Sunday sessions (Sept. 22 and 29) to discuss the new policies with the congregation.

**Reports:**

1. Finance – Andrew Mills said the last fiscal year ended on June 30 with an operating deficit well below what was predicted in the budget.

**New members/resignations:** Moved by Marilyn, seconded by Wendy, that we approve Eryn Petracek and Sarah Elliott as new members. Approved. Rev. Rosemary knows both women.

**Closing words:** Rev. Morrison

**Adjourn.**

**Next meeting:** Oct. 16 on Zoom

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