

**Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE)**  
**MINUTES, Annual General Meeting (AGM) May 5, 2024**

Chair: board president Brandie Moller-Reid. Minutes: board secretary Susan Ruttan

1. President Brandie Moller-Reid called the annual meeting to order about noon.
2. **Rules of Procedure:** Moved by Art Breier, seconded by Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet, that the rules be approved. CARRIED.
3. **Agenda:** Moved by Dorothy Keeler, seconded by Jennifer Hinchcliffe, that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.
4. **AGM 2023 Minutes:** Moved by Dorothy Keeler, seconded by Karen Mills, that the minutes be approved. CARRIED.
5. **Annual Reports** (President's Report, Human Resources Report, Endowment Report, Governance Advisory Team report, Caring Connections report): Moved by Mike Keast, seconded by Yvonne Mireau, that the reports be accepted. CARRIED.
6. **Minister's Report:** Moved by Lynne Turvey, seconded by Maria Jenkins, that the Minister's Report be accepted and approved. CARRIED.
7. **Minister Emeritus Motion:** The board recommends that the church give the honorary title of Minister Emeritus to our former minister of 22 years, Rev. Brian Kiely. Board secretary Susan Ruttan introduced the motion on behalf of the board. Rev. Rosemary Morrison spoke in favour of the motion. CARRIED.
8. **Financial Report:**
  - a) **Auditor's Report:** Moved by Dorothy Keeler, seconded by Lynn Wolff, that the annual report of auditor Doug Eastwell be accepted. CARRIED.
  - b) Treasurer Andrew Mills reported on a successful 2024 canvass of church members. For the fiscal year starting July 1, pledges of \$153,071 have been made, which is within one per cent of the previous year's pledges.
  - c) Andrew Mills gave the audience an update on church finances in the fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24 and outlined the draft budget for 2024-25.
  - d) **Budget:** Andrew Mills presented a draft budget of \$327,500, with no

deficit. Moved by Andrew Mills, seconded by Sylvia Krogh, that the UCE 2024-25 operating and capital spending budget be approved. CARRIED.

9. **Leadership Committee Report:** Jennifer Hinchcliffe of the Leadership Committee presented the slate of candidates recruited to serve on the UCE board. They are Lynne Turvey for president, Susan Ruttan for secretary, Wendy Smith and Art Breier for two vacant board trustee positions. No other nominations were presented, so the positions were filled by acclamation.

Treasurer Andrew Mills and trustees Marilyn Gaa and Gerard Hayduk have another year in their two-year terms. The vice-president position remains vacant.

10. **UCE Delegates for the CUC Annual Meeting:** Susan Ruttan will be the delegate. No other candidates were found.

11. **UCE Auditor** for 2024-25: Doug Eastwell will remain auditor, by acclamation.

12. **Awards:** The Alexander Award for dedicated volunteer service to our congregation went to Louise Charach. Louise is currently chair of the Governance Advisory Team, and has served the church in many other ways. The Potter Award for outstanding volunteer work with non-profit groups outside the church went to Rosemary Falconer. Rosemary has been active in many groups, such as the Welcome Home program befriending and settling former homeless clients in apartments.

13. **Special Thanks:** The meeting gave a standing ovation and a card to Andrew Mills, who has done heroic work dealing with our leaky roof and other building issues this year. They sang For He's a Jolly Good Fellow to him.

14. Meeting adjourned.