

MINUTES, Unitarian Church of Edmonton Board of Trustees

April 23, 2025 – 7:15 p.m. – on Zoom

Board members: president Lynne Turvey, vice president Sue Lynch, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, past president Brandie Moller-Reid, trustees Wendy Smith, Gerard Hayduk, Marilyn Gaa and Art Breier
Rev. Rosemary Morrison, ex officio

Absent: Gerard Hayduk, Art Breier

Opening Words, Chalice Lighting: Rev. Morrison

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Susan, seconded by Wendy. CARRIED.

Minutes: March 19, 2025, minutes were approved by email on March 23.

New Business

1. Communications and Marketing Team (CaM) Report – Team members are Karen Mills, Karen Bilida, John Pater, Jon Littlefield, Lorne Pendleton and Louise Charach. Louise Charach and Karen Mills updated the board on work the team has been doing and some plans ahead. They include advertising on Facebook and a makeover of the UCE website. The team will have clear roles and responsibilities for anyone providing content in the project. It will update the board on its work when it feels it has news to share.
2. W.H. Alexander Award Nominee – Moved by Susan, seconded by Sue, that the board approve Alex Polkovsky as this year's recipient. CARRIED.
APRIL 30 additional motion (Susan/Brandie): That the board approve Lynn Wolff as this year's Potter Award recipient. CARRIED.
Members talked about other ways to share with the congregation the things that our members are doing, besides these awards. TASK: Sue Lynch will talk to the Membership Committee about celebrating a member occasionally at a church service, possibly as they light the chalice during the service.
3. Annual General Meeting. Lynne Turvey reported to the board as follows:
 - a. Board members: Marilyn Gaa and Art Breier are leaving the board, as is past president Brandie Moller-Reid. President Lynne Turvey, vice-president Sue Lynch, treasurer Andrew Mills and secretary Susan Ruttan will continue on the board. Board members Wendy Smith and Gerard Hayduk will continue on the board. Declan Kiely will stand for a seat on the board.
 - b. Doug Eastwell will serve another year as our auditor.
 - c. Our delegates to the CUC annual meeting will be Rev. Rosemary Morrison, Sue Lynch and Louise Charach.
 - d. Rules of Procedure: Lynne said we must clarify to members how they may propose new agenda items. TASK: Lynne and Susan will draft a notice to run in the April 25 mailout to members, explaining how they may submit a proposed motion before the meeting.

- e. Leadership (Nominating) Committee: We have had no such committee this year; Susan and Lynne have looked for people to sit on the board. Lynne will announce this lack of committee at the Annual General Meeting.

Ongoing Business:

1. Casino – Casino chair Brandie reported that the April 21-22 event went well.
2. Garage sale – Garage sale lead Andrew said things are going well, but we need more things to sell.

Reports:

1. Finance – Andrew Mills said the loss of two major donors will reduce our revenue, but his budget has planned for that. He said 84% of our members have made a pledge this year. He hopes in the coming fiscal year we can use the \$30,000 capital budget for a new furnace in the Open Doors space, a new heater in Keeler Hall, new audio-visual equipment, and maybe some new chairs for the sanctuary.
2. Minister – Rev. Rosemary Morrison spoke to her written report.

Membership: Moved by Andrew, seconded by Wendy, that we change the status of the following members to inactive: **REDACTED** - CARRIED. The board also noted with regret the death of longtime member Barbara Forbes.

Adjourn.

Next meeting: May 21, 2025
