

Unitarian Church of Edmonton Board of Trustees

Minutes, June 21, 2025

In person, at UCE, with brunch. Incoming and outgoing members invited. New members assume office on June 15.

2025-26 Board members present: president Lynne Turvey, vice president Sue Lynch, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, trustees Wendy Smith, Gerard Hayduk and Declan Kiely.

Rev. Rosemary Morrison, ex officio

Outgoing members attending: Brandie Moller-Reid, Marilyn Gaa.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Susan R., seconded by Gerard, that the agenda be approved. CARRIED

Minutes:

June 2025 minutes were approved by email June 26.

New Business:

1. Working with Children and Youth Policy – Lynne Turvey briefed the board on the new policy. Moved by Sue Lynch, seconded by Gerard, that the new policy be approved. Church members will be informed of the new policy in a brief statement in the monthly newsletter. CARRIED.
2. Pride Parade – Declan and Gerard proposed that UCE sign up to be part of the Pride Parade on Saturday 23 August. Members discussed whether the church should also have a booth as part of that Pride event. Moved by Sue L., seconded by Wendy, that UCE participate in the Pride Parade of Aug. 23 and explore the idea of participating in other events. CARRIED.
Declan, Gerard and Rev. Rosemary will follow up on getting UCE prepared for the parade and possible other things.
3. Meeting Dates for New Church Year – Moved by Andrew and seconded by Sue L., that the 2025-26 meeting schedule for the UCE finance committee be approved, with one change – the board has no meeting in July. APPROVED.
4. Sharing Our Abundance Schedule – Andrew presented the list of charities that will receive half of the monthly collection plate money for the coming fiscal year. Moved by Andrew, seconded by Declan, that the list be approved. CARRIED.
The list is the same as the current one.

Reports:

1. Finance: Andrew provided a chart ending May 31 showing that church expenses and spending have tracked close to each other all year. As of May 31, there was a \$12,133 surplus.

Moved by Lynne, seconded by Susan, that the church continue to donate \$400 a year to the Edmonton Interfaith Centre. CARRIED.

2. Minister: Rev. Rosemary commented on her written report.
3. Rentals: Rentals chair Susan briefed members on a recent decision regarding a proposed Sunday afternoon rental.

Membership changes: The board noted with regret the death of two members, Maurice Bourgoin and Starr Curry.

Adjourn.

Next meeting: August 20, 7:15 pm, on ZOOM.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. **2025-26 Board Meeting Schedule:** Wednesdays at 7:15. Aug 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17 (if held), Jan 21, Feb. 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, June 17. The board does not meet in July.
 2. **Sharing Our Abundance charities for 2025-26:**
 - Sept:* Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society (provides support for indigenous children, youth and families in the Edmonton area)
 - Oct:* Camp Fyrefly (leadership retreat for queer and trans youth)
 - Nov:* Edmonton's Food Bank
 - Dec.:* Minister's Discretionary Fund
 - Jan:* Change for Children (helps the poor in Central America)
 - Feb:* Canadian Unitarian Council (our national organization)
 - Mar:* Wings of Providence (local charity helps women and children escaping abuse)
 - Apr:* Child Haven International (helps women and children in India and nearby countries)
 - May:* YESS Youth Empowerment and Support Services (provides help to Edmonton youth 15 to 21 who are in crisis)
 - June:* George Spady Society (provides help to local people with addictions and homelessness)
 - July:* iHuman (helps local at-risk youth)
 - Aug:* Boyle Street Coop (major agency helping homeless and addicted people in Edmonton's downtown)
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