

MINUTES, meeting of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton Board of Trustees
Oct. 15, 2025 – 7:15 p.m. – on Zoom

Board members: 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

Approval of Agenda: Move by Gerard; seconded by Declan; carried.

Minutes: September 2025 minutes were approved by email on Sept. 22. One adjustment: clarifying Treasurer's report as submitted by Andrew with his verbal input

New Business:

1. Soul Matters and Movie Night

Guest – Pauline Atwood joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Pauline explained the difficulties in setting up the movie night technology. She and Declan find that they encounter significant start-up delays and need tech trouble shooting expertise that is not usually at hand. Andrew commented that the Sunday service tech team is working on improving the "glitches" but that a temporary solution may be for one person to use their personal computer to achieve a successful movie start up. Declan said he would be willing to try that method. Meanwhile, this month's movie night will be cancelled. Possibly recruiting someone with the needed tech expertise to be paid for monthly could be tried, but funding would need to be found.

2. Pest Update (Andrew Mills): Andrew reported on discovering cockroaches in the church, primarily in the kitchen area. Through the expertise and experience of Eric DeMoyne (a member of Choreal), Andrew was able to secure fumigators to help with the extermination of the vermin. With several ups and downs (renters using the kitchen may need to be apprised of the presence of traps so they do not remove them again!), the actions seem to have been largely successful. Monitoring will continue to make sure that the cockroaches are gone for good.

3. Advancing into the Future: A Vision for UCE – Members discussed the GAT report and Lynne Turvey's suggestions about next steps. At issue: whether finding a new name instead of "church" be a first step, or one that follows the other discussion.

MOVED by Lynne, seconded by Declan: That the Governance Advisory Team be asked to consult with the UCE membership to re-evaluate and redefine the UCE operational model and community engagement wishes, firstly to drop the term "church" from our operating name, and secondly to create a roadmap for advancing an unfolding vision for the future in keeping with the board's goal of medium- to long-term planning.

Amendment by Andrew, seconded by Susan: That we removed the words "firstly to drop the term "church" from our operating name, and secondly". APPROVED

UNANIMOUSLY.

Vote on the amended motion was unanimous. It now reads: That the Governance Advisory Team be asked to consult with the UCE membership to re-evaluate and redefine the UCE operational model and community engagement wishes, to create a roadmap for advancing an unfolding vision for the future in keeping with the board's goal of medium- to long-term planning.

4. **Keeler Hall Rentals** – The Communications and Marketing Team suggested ways that Keeler Hall could be more user friendly and marketable. Rev. Rosemary said it would help if the room looked nicer when possible renters see it.

Ongoing Business:

1. **Proposal to house Genocide Memorial Garden stones** – Sue Lynch gave a detailed report on work she has done on the issue. She and board members Gerard Hayduk and Wendy Smith hope to meet with Audrey Brooks on the matter. Audrey, who has the garden in her front yard, is recently out of hospital. Sue suggests there are two issues here, not one: a) fixing the front garden of the church so it is more manageable and less attractive to homeless people who use it at night. b) how to honour Audrey's Genocide Memorial Garden so church people will remember it – possibly a mosaic of photos of garden features, plus plaques from the stones. Such a mosaic could be displayed in the church.
2. **Fundraising Proposal** - UCE 50/50 Raffle – Lynne reported that the raffle is set for November. Other such fundraisers are possible.

Reports:

1. Finance – Andrew Mills reported a small budget deficit.
2. Minister – Rev. Rosemary Morrison's report was distributed to board members.

Adjourn

Next meeting: Nov. 19, 2025