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**MINUTES, Unitarian Church of Edmonton Board of Trustees
May 20, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – on Zoom**

Board members: president Lynne Turvey, vice president Sue Lynch, treasurer Andrew Mills, secretary Susan Ruttan, trustees Wendy Smith and Declan Kiely.
Rev. Rosemary Morrison, ex officio

Opening Words, Chalice Lighting: Rev. Morrison

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

Minutes: May 2026 board minutes were approved by email on May 25, 2026.

New Business:

1. Kim Pizzey Proposal – Moved by Lynne, seconded by Andrew, that the proposal to form a Gay Straight Alliance group at UCE, under the direction of Kim Pizzey of Dragging Youth Series, be approved. CARRIED.

Ongoing Business:

Reports:

1. Finance – The process to approve credit card charges will be discussed further at the June meeting. The accountant would like to get the approved credit card reports earlier.
2. Minister – Rev. Rosemary Morrison said she will have a written final report on her ministry for the June meeting.

Membership Changes:

Three membership applications, one member resignation. Moved by Susan, seconded by Wendy, that the following new members be approved: Deborah Alessi, Harold Grell, and Chips Reid. CARRIED.

Moved by Declan, seconded by Wendy, that the resignation of member Anna Allen be accepted. CARRIED.

In Camera: Finding a new minister. Available board members will have a Zoom meeting with Rev. Anne Barker, the CUC Congregational Life Lead for the BC and Western region, to talk about our church planning for the departure of Rev. Rosemary Morrison. Date and time to be determined by separate email.

Adjourn.

Next meeting: Incoming and Outgoing Board Members – possibly a 6 pm supper meeting on June 17. Will be confirmed.

AGENDA ATTACHMENT

Kim Pizzey (Dragging Youth Series) Proposal:

A Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) for all youth that would meet at our church, using the upstairs loft area that is currently unused.

Kim, who won the UCE Potter award this year, is the key organizer of the Dragging Youth Shows that happen at UCE once a month. Her new idea is to provide a meeting space for queer and straight youth, once a month to start with. Southminster Steinhauer United Church, now called Spiritual Seekers United in Community, has such a GSA, Kim says, as does Spirit of Hope United Church. A former trans UCE member, Evelyn Porter, is now an active member of Spirit of Hope.

Kim says the group would meet weekly in the upstairs loft that is currently not used. She suggests DYS could purchase a bifold door that would hide the tech equipment on that level. The door would be closed only when the club was there; the rest of the time it would be folded back and out of the way.

The group would be called The Future is Fierce youth group, related to Dragging Youth but run separately. Kim said the group would pay \$50 a month for use of the space, which is what Alcoholics Anonymous groups pay the church for renting space. The group would do activities organized by the volunteers. There might be snacks, but no use of the kitchen. There would not be loud music or disruptions. Any youth attending would be asked to provide their name and an emergency contact number, same as Dragging Youth participants.

Kim suggests that if approved, the Future volunteers will start preparing for the group in mid-August to early September. The loft is currently full of clutter, much of which needs to be thrown away. She said her volunteers would handle that and clean the space and the staircase leading to the space.

To begin with, the group would meet monthly and be for all ages. If it grew in time, the group might be split in two, with weekly gatherings for the different age groups.



transition Interview Questions for the Board: *(to think about ahead of time)*

1. What went well during this shared ministry?
2. What were the biggest challenges during this shared ministry?
3. What did you learn during this shared ministry?
4. Why did this ministry end?
5. How was conflict handled during the ministry?

Related Youth Group:

On May 20, 2026, the church board approved a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) for all youth that would meet at our church, using the upstairs loft area. Heading this project is church member Kim Pizzey, the key organizer of the Dragging Youth Shows. Her new idea is a meeting space for queer and straight youth, once a month to start with.

The group will be called The Future is Fierce youth group, related to Dragging Youth but run separately. The group will pay \$50 a month for use of the space, and will do activities organized by the volunteers. Volunteers will have appropriate qualifications for working with youth, including a police records check. There may be snacks, but no use of the kitchen. There will not be loud music or disruptions. Any youth attending would be asked to provide their name and an emergency contact number, same as Dragging Youth participants.

The Future volunteers will start preparing for the group in mid-August to early September 2026. Volunteers will remove clutter in the loft and clean the space and the staircase leading to the space. To begin with, the group will meet monthly and be for all ages. If it grows in time, the group might be split in two, with weekly gatherings for the different age groups.

6. How was the ministry shared between the minister, staff, and lay people?
7. Were there any cultural shifts in the congregation during this ministry?
8. What are your hopes for the future of this congregation's ministry? Concerns?
9. Anything else you want the CUC/UUA to know