

UUCWI Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting October 9, 2025

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All board members were present: Clara Beier, Don Winebrinner, Toyan Copeland, Lynn Wenzel, Linda Freeburg, Dee Marion

We reviewed the minutes of Sept 11th. Approved by consensus.

Report on Financials: Lynn presented several financial reports, including walking us through her Treasurer's Report. She is talking to Stephanie to get additional transaction details from some unresolved funds several years ago. She showed us the "Honor Congregation" certificate for our support for and funding of UUA. She told us about additional funds we invested in a CD because we had considerably more in checking than was recommended as a percentage of average operating expenses.

Auction: Clara gave us an update on Auction planning. She wants to be sure we get the word out on how to sign up, donate, reserve an extra "event" ticket, etc. She will communicate some of this at the Leadership Council meeting on Saturday. She is also tracking expenses. In thinking about next year, she'd like us to consider how the proceeds might go to "outreach" rather than for staffing or other operational expenses (as UUA recommends). Don is looking for a bartender for this event.

Dee: from membership, there will be a New to UU class on October 25th. She showed us materials from UU in Woodinville that we'd like to emulate as a handout here at UUCWI. She needs authors to write pieces for our own version. Linda offered to write one.

Toyan: There is some concern about how to reference our facility. The designation of "meeting house" seems to have evolved recently and was more widely used without sanction or a decision process for that change. We have asked those who were using it to revert to UUCWI, and we will "leave it at that" until /unless we take it up again.

Toyan also talked about **safety concerns** and a recent Safety Assessment walk-through from the Island County Sheriff. We agreed to form a group to dig in on this topic of improving the safety of our congregation and invite selected others to participate.

Outreach: Linda described this past month's efforts to conduct outreach and the experience of making more progress. She's finding a good balance between social media

and other kinds of outreach and keeps a log to track what she's doing every week. Other board members appreciated this work.

Leadership Council: This week's meeting, the first of the year, is focused on embracing our recognition of the congregation wide responsibility for expanding membership. We have carefully worked on the objectives and the agenda to grow our congregation while we break down silos, and to create work product that includes implementation strategies. Linda asked board members to 1) read all the prep materials that Toyon emailed out in advance of the meeting and 2) help their groups avoid getting stuck in idea generation, but rather to move from the idea phase to strategies for implementation and a commitment to specific concrete actions to get their work done. Board members are encouraged to bring copies of the budget so they can tell small group members about funds available for their work.

Signage: We have a plan for this next phase of upgrading our signage and are soliciting input from the congregation on what we want the sign to project about us.

Next Meeting: November 13th pm Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 3:34.