

UUCWI Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting July 10, 2025

Present: Toyan Copeland, Don Winebrinner, Clara Beier, Lynn Wenzel, Dee Marion, Linda Flanagan Freeburg

Toyan called the meeting to order with a short reading appropriate for today

We discussed whether we wanted to continue our plans for the retreat in August and decided to postpone the retreat at this time.

Lynn needs a copy of the minutes electing new slate of Directors signed by the outgoing and new Secretaries. Toyan will send the minutes to Lynn, she will print it and solicit Linda and John's signatures at UUCWI on Sunday.

We discussed our individual feelings and reactions to Rev Zackrie's news that he is not renewing his contract with us in September. We shared a sense of loss as well as appreciation for all he has brought to UUCWI. In recognition of the congregation wide announcement, Toyan has submitted a message from the board into E-news that will circulate tomorrow.

We recognized that the congregation may have new needs now and we as leaders need to understand them and respond to them. We will each think about what the congregation needs us to prioritize over the next 3 months and circulate those ideas with each other on Teams. This will be prep for our next board meeting. Dee will work with Opus so she can get onto Teams; Lynn is already on Teams.

We discussed 3 current issues: Leadership Council, the work of Membership/Outreach/Engagement group (MOE) and the Sign Renewal project. We are not prepared to make decisions on the sign, nor move ahead with Leadership Council work at this time. We don't envision any need for board decisions or involvement in MOE work in the immediate future.

Our next steps will be coming to consensus on our current Board priorities. We anticipate this will include providing a framework for the congregation to process the loss of our minister and envision together our future as a congregation, planning a good-bye celebration for Rev. Zackrie, prep for a possible new minister search, etc. Our next Board meeting is July 25th at 1:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Flanagan Freeburg, Secretary