

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING



Date: Sept 16, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

### IN ATTENDANCE

Role	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Maie Kellerman	x	
Vice-Chair	Blair Anderson-Croft	X	
Secretary	Vacant		
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	x	
Minister	Christopher New	x	
Congregational Care	Maureen Andre	x	
Finance/Stewardship	Jacob Kellerman	x	
Ministry & Personnel	Joyce Madison	x	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	x	
Property Maintenance	Karen Henderson	X	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	X	
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall	x	
Affirm	<i>Eliana Parrado</i>	X	
Guest Wes		X	

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 PM**

Welcomed Joyce Madsen (co-chair of M&P Committee with Harry Pauls) to her first board meeting.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Kim shared her reflections after visiting the camp established for the search for Sammual B. She spoke about the powerful experience and emotions she encountered during her time there.

### **MISSION MOMENT**

Marilyn shared her appreciation of the congregation's response to Dara's sharing of his successful surgery – and the true community belonging that this support spoke to.

### **Minute taker for the meeting**

Blair agreed to do so

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There were a couple of additions to the agency and moving of reports around to help accommodate the presenters from Emberwood, they were moved to the first Item of New Business

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Board Meeting June 24, 2025

Moved for approval – Blair

All in favor, no one opposed or abstained.

Adopted

# NEW BUSINESS

## REPORTS

### 1. **Emberwood**

Emberwood Program Report: Growth & Success - Mentoring two new social work students, with a third student to join for research. - Expanded professional development offerings over the summer for therapists and social workers. - Last four trips since December 2024 have sold out. - On track to generate approximately \$30,000 in program fees in 2025. - Secured two grants: \$25,000 in October 2024 and \$10,000 in April 2025 for a research collaboration.

### 2. **Affirm Committee**

Restructuring the Affirming Committee for Meaningful Action - The Affirming Committee will be dissolved and restructured. - The current model burdens its predominantly 2SLGBTQIA+ members with educational labor. - A new two-part framework is proposed: 'Inhale' and 'Exhale'. - 'Exhale' events will offer exclusive, supportive spaces for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. - 'Inhale' initiatives will focus on educational opportunities organized for the broader congregation to learn. A pilot project to evaluate the tasks and goals of an affirming congregation will be explored.

### 3. **Fundraising Fall Dinner Discussion**

4. A motion was introduced and seconded to permit the serving of alcohol at the Fall Dinner. This prompted a thoughtful and extended discussion regarding the potential benefits and drawbacks of offering alcoholic beverages. Several members expressed concern that doing so might be insensitive to individuals affected by addiction. In light of these considerations, the original motion was rescinded. A new motion was subsequently proposed and carried, confirming that alcohol would not be sold at the Fall Dinner.

1 against the decision

### 5. **Congregational Care**

Some issues with the welcome team were raised involving details that could be resolved outside of the board meeting. It was noted that the welcome ministry requires a volunteer coordinator to provide organization and leadership. This ministry no longer falls under Congregational Care, but under the Spiritual Gatherings Team, and they are currently developing a brief job description for the Welcome Team Coordinator role

## **6. Financial Report**

Addressing the Operating Deficit - Projected deficit increased to \$31,000 after the Evergreens commitment. - Spending is within budget, but income is a major issue. - Rental income has recovered post-COVID and is exceeding budget targets. - Fundraising is \$7,000 behind schedule, and donations are significantly lower. - A year-end deficit of \$50,000 is projected if current trends continue. - Proposed using the maintenance reserve fund to cover a major elevator repair.

## **7. Request to use the Parking Lot during the week**

Negotiating Parking Lot Rental with Graham Construction - Graham Construction requests use of ~50 parking stalls for the two-year Tahiwini project. - Proposed usage is weekdays from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, with flexibility for church events. - Initial \$10,000 offer from Graham was rejected; a minimum of \$24,000 was countered. - The board approved renting the lot in principle and authorized continued negotiation. - Including snow removal services by Graham as part of the deal is under consideration

## **8. Solar panels**

The Board approved the formation of a small task group of 3-5 people from the congregation to investigate the feasibility of installing solar panels with the indigenous-led group Newo Global Energy with financing through Solar Power Investment Co-operative of Edmonton (SPICE). Their model is to equate as nearly as possible the monthly financing charge with the savings on electricity by going solar.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Oct 21, 2025

6:30pm

## **ADJOURN –**