

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING



Date: Nov 18, 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 Co-Chair	Joyce Madsen	x	
Ministry & Personnel Co-Chair	Harry Pauls	X	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	x	
Property Maintenance	Karen Henderson	X	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	X	
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall		X
Affirm	Eliana Parrado		X
Trustees	Pam Boutilier	X	
Guest			

CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 PM

Welcomed by Maie

Land Acknowledgement

Maureen mentioned something interesting while listening to CBC: Nathan Obed, the president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, gave a very thoughtful interview. The name “Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami” means “Inuit will be United,” and the organization was founded in 1971. Although the segment was brief, Obed spoke very well about the cooperation between the current federal government and the Inuit. He emphasized efforts to preserve the environment, create business opportunities, and protect the ice and land that are so important to Inuit communities.

MISSION MOMENT

Offering gratitude to everyone that was involved with arranging the 100th Anniversary, it was a wonderful event that was held on Sunday

Minute taker for the meeting

Blair agreed to do so

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of, Graham Construction, The resignation of Karen as chair of Property and Maintenance Committee, Fundraising Idea Heather McPherson,
Moved By Karen
Second by Maureen,
All in Favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to accept Sept 16, 2025, Minutes as written
Moved By Jacob
Second By Pam
All In favor

Motion to Accept Oct 21, 2025, Minutes
Moved by Joyce
Second by Karen
All in favor

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS

1. Petition Request from Jude Chaytors and Gord Young

They both want to use SSUC as a location to canvass for a petition. The petition asks: **“Do you agree that the Alberta government should end its current practice of allocating public funds to accredited, independent (private) schools?”**

They've requested permission to set up after Sunday gatherings, while Gord is considering evening use of the facility. Gord promises not to harass anyone—he will only speak with those who approach and simply collect signatures.

There was conversation about whether the United Church or SSUC has policy on this matter. This was deferred, Maie to speak with Jude and Gord to see if there could be an information sheet put together, to be presented to the board and allow time for one or both to come and offer an information session about this matter. Also looking into the Policy on Petitions

Action Item Maie to request information from Jude and Gord and provide to the board background, research, and possible interest in offering an information session to the congregation in the new year (outside of Sunday gathering time)

2. Property and Maintenance

Please see the attached report.

Karen has submitted her resignation to the board, explaining that the workload has become too much for one person. She noted that historically, teams handled much of the Property and Maintenance (P\&M) responsibilities, but now only a few individuals are involved, with the majority of the work falling on the committee chair.

Karen suggested creating an outline of how tasks could be divided to make the process more manageable.

Additionally, there was a recommendation to include added cleaning costs of the kitchen in the Property and Maintenance budget for 2026.

Action Item:

Karen will prepare an outline detailing how she believes the Property and Maintenance committee could function more effectively.

3. Graham Construction

There was a discussion on how they were going to pay us: they will deposit the money into our account or provide us with a check for the use of the parking lot.

Action Item has the monies been deposited

4. Earth Charter

They are an independent group, they are currently not meeting, they do not have a chair of the committee, there are many individuals that are interested in the project.

5. Congregational Care

Please see attached report provided by Maureen. There were no questions for Maureen she was thanked for providing her report in a timely manner

6. Financial

Please see the attached financial report.

We are currently short about **\$30,000** from this year's budget. The recent fundraiser helped significantly, so thank you to everyone for your support.

All budget items must be submitted to Jacob by **mid-December** so he can prepare a draft budget for the January meeting.

The Evergreens account has approximately **\$2,000** remaining. There has been discussion about reclaiming these funds in next year's budget since they were not spent this year.

There is still some confusion regarding how program funds are tracked. Currently, all monies are in one account, making it difficult to separate program-specific funds. Accounting remains a work in progress as we work toward bringing everything up to date and gaining a clear understanding of where all funds stand.

7. Discussion about the Program and Affirming Animator

After much discussion and discernment at both the October and November meetings, the board was ready for official action on the staff position of Program and Affirming Animator.

First Motion Presented by M and P is that the Board agree to discontinue the position of Program and Affirming Animator as of February 15, 2026

Moved by Joyce, Second by Blair

All in Favor

Second Motion that they M and P Committee have a job description ready to be presented to the board in January so that it can be presented at the AGM on March 15, 2026. Moved by Joyce. Second Karen.

All in favor

The M&P Committee will work with Chris and Dara to determine the best choices for the congregation to celebrate Dara's work with us and thank him publicly.

ADJOURN –

8PM meeting adjourned

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Jan 20, 2026

6:30pm