

Westwood Unitarian Society
Annual General Meeting
Sunday May 25, 2025 - Edmonton
12:30 - 2:00 PM (In Person and Online)
MINUTES

Attendees (* denotes Member)

In Person

Jacqueline Willette*
Lorian Kennedy*
Richard Hoblak
Pamela Bunge*
Margret Schubert*
Leigh Bornn*
Susan Anderson*
Alfred Falk*
Sara McEwan*
Lindsay McWhirter*
Kathrine Steppke*
Carmen Loiselle
Mitch Waldon*
Carl Ulrich*
Ralph Robinson
Dawn Hunter*
Edda Loomes*
Ahmui Cheong
Hannah Dixon
Elaine Jeong

Online

Dennis Foth*
Bill Lee*
Jen Pollock*

Note: Current Membership number is 50. 17 members in attendance.

1. Invocation and Chalice Lighting - Lorian Kennedy, President. Dawn Hunter lit the chalice.
2. Call to Order. Recognition of meeting on traditional territories of indigenous peoples.
3. Introduction of meeting procedures. Quorum has been met.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Mitch Waldon moves to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Leigh Bornn. All in favour, motion carried.

5. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes

MOTION: Dawn Hunter moved to approve the minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting, as corrected. Seconded by Carl Ulrich. All in favour, motion was carried.

6. Annual Reports:

a. President's Report

Lorian spoke about items in the President's Report and acknowledged, with gratitude, all the many people and groups who work so hard to make Westwood the vital place that it is.

b. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jacqueline Willette invited questions from the floor. She noted that casino funds provide Westwood with a strong financial position.

c. Other reports and questions arising from documents distributed.

Lindsay McWhirter added that the Endowment Fund received a donation from the Unitarian Universalist Minister and Partners Association in honour of Paula Ulrich.

d. Motion to receive 2024-25 Annual Reports

MOTION: Leigh Bornn moved to accept the 2024-25 Annual Reports. Seconded by Alfred Falk. All in favour, motion carried.

7. Approval of the Financial Review Committee Report

MOTION: Jacqueline Willette moved to approve the Financial Review Committee Report. Seconded by Pamela Bunge. All in favour, motion carried.

8. Approval of the Financial Statements for the 2023-2024 year

MOTION: Rebecca Patterson moved to approve the Financial Statements for the 2023-2024 year. Seconded by Lindsay McWhirter. All in favour, motion carried.

9. Approval of the Budget for 2025-26 fiscal year

MOTION: Jacqueline Willette moved to approve the Budget for the 2025-2026 year. Seconded by Lindsay McWhirter. All in favour, motion carried.

Jacqueline highlighted some items from the budget and opened up the floor to questions from those present.

The fitness of the photocopier was questioned - it still functions, but can be 'quirky' for some.

10. Proposed bylaw change from the board.
Concern was expressed about people feeling obligated to stay for three terms.
There should be sensitivity about not pressuring people to stay longer than they would actually like.

Special Resolution

MOTION: The Board moved to increase the number of consecutive terms that a person would be allowed to remain on the Board of Trustees from two 2-year terms to three 2-year terms.

15 in favour, motion is carried.

11. Election of Trustees (please see Supporting Documents)

Standing for Election:

Margret Schubert
Pamela Bunge
Kathrine Steppke

Lorian opened the floor for anyone wanting to stand for the position of trustee.

Called three times.

No additional nominees identified

All three listed above were elected by acclamation.

12. Elections for Executive positions

Standing for Election:

President - Lorian Kennedy
Vice-President - Margret Schubert
Secretary - Mitch Waldon
Treasurer - Jacqueline Willette

All four listed above were elected by acclamation.

Sara McEwan expressed her gratitude to and trust in this board and previous Westwood boards.

13. Notice about Financial Review Committee

Last year, an admin error meant that Sylvia van Loveren served on the Financial Review Committee and that Alfred did not serve his year.

Standing for Election:

Alfred Falk
Larry Charach
Dennis Foth

All three listed above were elected by acclamation.

14. Election of Endowment Committee members

Standing for Election:

Margaret (Maggie) Davidson

Sylvia van Loveren

Leigh Bornn

All three listed above were elected by acclamation.

15. Community discussion about some ideas for the future

- There are plans for new outdoor signage & lighting
- There are plans to engage a marketing person
- Lindsay acknowledged the help of our neighbour Paul from Stripped Electrical who has done electrical work and replaced light fixtures for free.
- *Food Not Bombs* food cabinet will be installed over the summer on a trial basis to provide food for those experiencing food insecurity.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Alfred Falk moved to adjourn the Annual General Meeting. All in favour.
Meeting ended at 1:35pm.

Minutes taken by Elaine Jeong.

Pamela Bunge

Margret Schubert

Lorian Kennedy

Kathrine Steppke

Brenda Niska-Aro

Mitch Waldon

Rebecca Patterson

Jacqueline Willette