Minutes: First Unitarian Board Meeting

January 17, 2026 - 10AM-12PM

LOCATION: LIBRARY, Fishbowl. Virtual Option.

Schedule: 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10-12. In Person, hybrid.

Board Members: Rev. Stacey Mitchell (ex-officio member), EmmaLia Mariner (President), Donna Collins (VP), Michael McDonald (Treasurer), Raymond Wolfgang (Secretary), Andrea Lee, Chris Mayo, Bill Miller, Gale Borkenhagen, Elaine Edmonds

Guest: Bryan Hackett (Finance Director), Jake Morrill

Absent: Rev. Beth Elliot

Church Activities Material:

- Broadsheets:
  - 01.08.2026 The Weekly eBroadsheet.pdf
  - 01.15.2026 The Weekly eBroadsheet.pdf
- Messengers:
  - Special: Annual Meeting Notice
- Upcoming dates/events:
  - February 7th: Mardi Gras all church potluck with rad gen!

CHALICE LIGHTING

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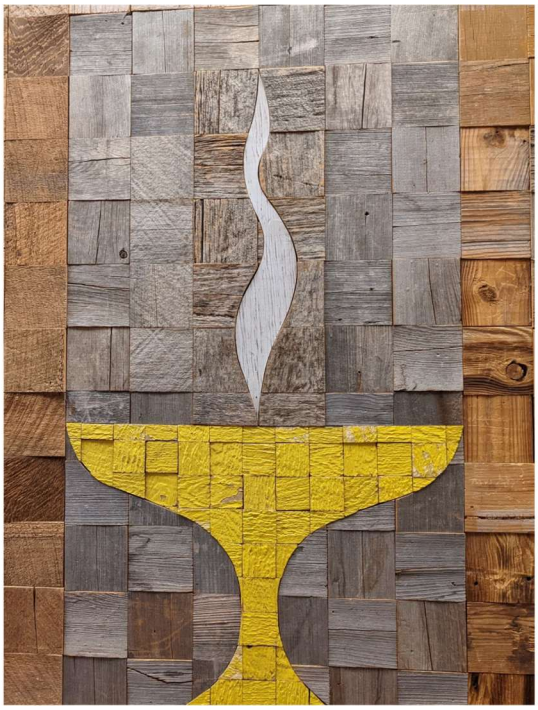
Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that. Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Check-In

What is on your mind and heart that affects who you are right now?

Covenant

Church covenant, adopted 2025.
Board Covenant

1. **Guest: Jake Morrill (Generation to Generation leadership coaching)**
    a. **Jake Morrill - Next Steps for Possible Consultant Support.pdf**
2. **Approving minutes:**
    a. **December Board Meeting Minutes Minutes: December Board Meeting 12-20-2025**
        i. Motion 1: Bill
        ii. Second: Elaine

iii. Vote: all in favor.

3. **Consent Agenda:**
    a. Executive Staff Report:
        i. Executive: Rev. Stacey Mitchell January 17 BOARD REPORT.docx,
            1. Rad gen dinners? Complement pledging thank yous… another way to connect.
            2. Motion to vote on and cohost the ordination of Ron Ahnen, former Intern Minister of 2024-2025.
                a. Motion: Elaine
                b. Second: Bill
                c. Vote: all in favor.
        ii. Associate: Rev. Beth Elliot [no report January 26]
        iii. Dir. of Finance: Bryan
            1. Director of Finance and Operations Report.docx
                a. woodsEnd Edgewood property woodsEnd Lease Market Comparison.pdf woodsEnd Sale Market Position.pdf
            2. Motion: Accept the donation of the woodsEnd campus in Edgewood.
                a. Move: Michael
                b. 2nd: Elaine
                c. Vote: all in favor.

4. **Budget Report:**
    a. Treasurer: Michael McDonald
        i. 1. DEC 2025 Financial Dashboard.pdf
        ii. 2026 Budget Summary.pdf
        iii. 2026 Budget Detail.pdf

5. **Annual Meeting details- January 25th**
    a. Folder link: 2026 Annual Meeting
    b. DJ: William Baker DJ questions_Zooming annual meeting.pdf
    c. Moderator: Mikaela Renz-Whitmore
    d. Secretary: Raymond Wolfgang
    e. President: EmmaLia Mariner [President's Report]
    f. Voting Assistance (?):
    g. Zoom assistance (?):
    h. Skit from Rad Gen about the Feb7th potluck? Christina Yovovich_ Possible Rad Gen Skit at the Annual Meeting_.pdf
        i. Sent info to Laira and others in the Annual Meeting thread.

6. **Interim Topics:**
    a. Transitions Team
        i. 8th Principal Fund Balance: $5,512.15. Motion to reassign these funds to transition effort. Re_ 8th Principle Fund Balance.pdf
            1. **Motion:** Create a directed fund for transition with these funds. For example: Transitions/Interim Team, Search, Consultancy.
                a. 1st: Michael
                b. 2nd: Donna
                c. Vote: all in favor.
    b. Consultants
        i. Jake Morrill Jake Morrill - Following Up.pdf
        ii. Steven Goodwin (Turning West) - See December minutes.

7. **Committee business**
    a. HCC - Resignation of Chair - No current clear next chair.
        i. Board Committee- so Board responsibility.
        ii. Could the Leadership Success Committee assist? Ask Marilyn O'Boyle, and then the next chair of the LSC for guidance.
        iii. Cheri Plavnic - does not want to be acting chair, but communication.
        iv. Temporary: Acting Chair?
        v. Could a Board Member be chair? **Unclear**. Probably a bad idea; Should vs. Could? Should not, may still be allowed.

b. Update from Transition Team

i. Have a covenant, engaged members, article in messenger.

Completed initial scan of the organization for areas of opportunities.

Meeting this week. (From Donna)

8. Closed Session:

a. Committee concern:

i. Action: Raymond to develop a draft letter, for EmmaLia to send to the lawyer for approval - after which the letter is to be sent.

ii. Action: Rev. Stacey to consult UUA during institute meetings in ABQ, and report any insights or other options**.**

9. **Recognitions:**

a. **Cindy and Dorothea** - Thank you for Rad Gen dinner potluck. Pantry every week. Cindy: coffee crews lined up, consistency! (Donna will write.)

10. Closing Chalice Words

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"…social progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of dedicated Individuals" *(Rev. MLK, Jr)*

Beloved, may we persist with the ways we can help ease suffering, mitigate the burdens of strangers-neighbors, and love more boldly every day

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