

**OLYMPIC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2026**

1. Meeting call to order 12:10PM
2. Roll Call
  - Emily Beals – At-large
  - Brian Berardo – At-large
  - Joan Cotta – President
  - Ken Nielson – At-Large
  - Dave Large – At-large
  - Nels Peterson – Finance Director
  - Diane Whitaker – Vice President
  
  - Guest: Mike Shonsey
  
  - Elinor Tennyson – Minute Taker

**3. Lighting of the Chalice**

**4. Agenda Approval –**

**Motion to approve the April 12, 2026 agenda.  
PASSED**

**5. Minutes Approval –**

**Motion to approve the March 8, 2026 Board Minutes.  
PASSED**

6. **Finance Report** – Nels P. See Finance Director Dashboard and Pie Chart Working with the Endowment Committee to reallocate investment funds discussed.

**Motion to approve the April 12, 2026 financial report as presented.  
PASSED**

7. **President’s Message** – Joan C.

8. **Monthly Reports** (All written reports ~~attached~~; additional comments noted below.)

- Administrator – Elinor Tennyson **RECEIVED**
- Communications & Music Director – Harmony Rutter
- Capital Improvements Committee – Dave L
- Care Team – Dianne B **RECEIVED**
- CRE & Family Outreach – Rose P. **RECEIVED**
- Kitchen Crew – Rose Prestipino
- Landscape – Lou F **RECEIVED**
- Little Free Pantry – Vicki S.
- Social Action Committee – Emily B. **RECEIVED**

- Sunday Services – Bob N.
- Website Committee – Brian B. **RECEIVED**
- Welcoming and Membership – Emily B. **RECEIVED**

## 9. Old Business

### 9.1 OUFF bylaw revisions – Dianne W.

Bylaw revisions were not all approved at the 2025 Congregational Meeting. Discussed the sections that were not passed and further revisions were suggested to be presented at the next Congregational Meeting.

**Motion to approve the modified revisions to the bylaws to be presented for vote at the next congregational meeting  
PASSED**

### 9.2 Prairie Remnants Discussion – Nels P.

I think people who have taken an interest in local "Prairie Environments" should be the people who organize and execute development plans for the project collaboratively, together. That would be Cyndi Ross, Susan Harris, Ida D. And myself collaborating to put the prairie plan together.

## 10. New Business

### 10.1 Approve Kristi Queen as an OUFF member – Emily B

**Motion: Approve Kristi Queen as an OUFF member  
PASSED**

### 10.2 For the record: **Email vote conducted March 14, 2026 – sent to all Trustees**

Re: CRE and Family Program Lead Teacher Hire

Email:

Rose Prestipino requested a Board vote to hire Kristi Queen as Lead Teacher before the next Board meeting. The applicant was referred by Candace Bower and interviewed by Rose Prestipino and Dianne Whitaker. References were checked and a background check was completed; all information was positive. The following motion was voted on:

**Motion: To hire Kristi Queen as the CRE and Family Program Lead [Portion removed – executive session content], effective March 22, 2026. Vote: 5 votes in favor, 0 opposed.  
PASSED**

### 10.3 Board moved into **Executive Session**

CRE & Family Outreach Supervisor/Chair – ~~see attached document~~

Background: Rose Prestipino has resigned as Chair of the CRE & Family Outreach program effective May 1, 2026.

**Motion: To offer Kristi Queen the duties and responsibilities of the CRE & Family Outreach Supervisor/Chair as described in the Supervision/Chair Description effective April 12, 2026.  
PASSED**

10.4 Discussion: Board of Trustee Meetings: Attendance by friends and others – Joan C.  
———See attached

**Motion that both Members and Friends may attend board meetings as observers. Members and Friends who wish to address the board of a particular issue must send a detailed written statement to the OUIF Administrator at least a week in advance. The Board President will determine if the item is appropriate for the Agenda.  
PASSED**

**Motion that Friends may join committees as members but not as a Chair.  
PASSED**

10.5 Discussion of photo directory; parameter; permission to take photos; suggestions for finished product. – Emily B.

Due to many issues to be discussed and handled, it was suggested to form a committee. Need to find someone with the skill, time and desire to look into this project, perhaps a newsletter post?

10.6 Discussion of Share-the-Plate – Emily B. and Mike Shonsey  
See attached document

SAN would suggest the receiving agency for the month to the Board.  
A newsletter post would announce the agency to receive the donation.  
Sunday as collection plate will be passed, the chosen agency will be announced.

**Motion to adopt Share-the-Plate which is a 50% split to an agency of the Board's choosing for the monthly plate donations at the Sunday service.  
PASSED**

**Future Agenda Item:**

Discussion of how to remove someone from the Friend designation.

Adjourned – Time: 1:45PM