

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Church

Nurturing Spirituality, Building Connections, Supporting Justice

Congregational Meeting

May 3, 2026

Minutes

Welcome - Call to Order

Quorum: 12 people which is 25% of our current list of members

A prayer from Rev. Roush was received

Minutes - approve/amend - none provided from last year to approve

Attendees: Deena Lawrence, Clark Huff, Diane McMahan, Tom Heisler, Lily Ekdahl, Kristina McMahan, Claudia Van Buren, Teague Van Buren, Rich Wallower, Susan Reardon, Jan Spooner, Shirley McAthie. Paul Scott, Supporter

Congregational Meeting

1. New Board Member Elections: VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-large positions were available. Jan Spooner was renewed for a Treasurer 2-year term by paper ballot. Lilliana Ekdahl volunteered for the At-Large position but is ineligible due to her family relationship with the Treasurer and is encouraged to apply in the future

2. Endowment Fund Trustees approved by hand vote:

Deena Lawrence

Diane McMahan

Michael Rodman

3. The Year in Review

A living Long term plan is underway and stored on the Google Shared drive for edification.

More congregants - 10% growth

More pledges - 10% growth

Endowment reconstitution from memorial contributions: Cory Leddy and Jane Magers

Building Fund increased to \$30,000 from memorial contributions, friends and supporters

OWL 4-6th graders with Columbine was successful. Brett Barber volunteered to work the weekend. Our kids backed out but those that attended had fun and were educated.

WUULF campers - 7 this year

Game Nights have moved to nights when Rev. Roush is in town

Xmas program for those wanting traditional service was well-attended.

Circle Lunches - may move back to evenings during the Summer hours.

Board Minutes are available online via the homepage: PRAIRIE UU RESOURCES

Advertising - new slogan, direct mail, and new shirts

Hymnal words being typed into a database on the Prairie UU Resources page. In this way, the choir, congregation and worship screen all present the same words

Half a year of Music Director Jen Winters was productive.

Cory Leddy's Good-bye party

Consistent online services via Zoom.

Food Bank Collection Days - we did our job so well the collection point was overloaded. Go Team!

Habitat Interfaith Alliance had a large presence at the annual fundraiser and at the "build" day

We supported Bridgehouse, Douglas County Pride, and Project Worthmore, and the MARCH effort with donations.

4. Futures:

Conducting an OWL class for 7-9 graders

Coming of Age for middle schoolers

More non-traditional services like Soundbaths, hikes, Dances of Universal Peace, Community Service

A return of Service Sundays is under review.

A sponsorship for the Elizabeth Celtic Festival was presented.

5. 2027 Budget Presentation from Tom Heisler

The 2027 Budget was approved by a show of hands. Annual rent is going up to \$1,000 per month. The original plan was that the rent of Spirit Of Life would increase in year three so that the business could show a profit. This is year 3. Luckily, a member will be covering that expense via their pledge.

Closing - Rev. Chip Roush

