

Prairie UU Board Minutes 9/16/2025

Present: Diane McMahan, Jan Spooner, Patty Wright, Leslie Wright. Rev. Rousch

Absent: Tom Hielser

Guest: Claudia Van Buren

- Financial Report from Jan Spooner:
 - Sing Out Love Digital Hymnal subscription for one year was authorized.
 - Corey Leddy contributed \$1000 which the Board agreed will be deposited in Endowment funds
- Discussed start-up of Social Justice Committee and decided to set January 2026 as the official date to start meeting. The Board supported the idea that the committee will identify a limited list of activities to support given the size of the congregation.
- The board voted unanimously to support the October 18th No Kings Protest. Non-violent protest is supported by the UUA under their statement “ Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism, a Call to Action: Reaffirming Our Covenant for Democracy and Freedom2025 Action of Immediate Witness” (<https://www.uua.org/action/statements/2025-aiw-reaffirming-our-covenant-democracy-and-freedom>) . Kathy Hallahan will inform the congregation of local plans for this protest.
- Patty Wright will arrange for a presentation from the League of Women Voters about the Colorado election.
- Diane McMahan will talk with Susan Readon to be a Service Moderator.
- Diane McMahan report on potential OWL (Our Whole Lives) sessions working with the Church of Christ. The training is for 2 people and costs \$750 for on-line training. However, only \$500 is available in the budget. Further research will be done to fund the difference. Diane McMahan will begin collecting names of children in the 4th-6th grade ages to participate.
- A suggestion was made for youth camp at WOLFF in June 2026. Research on cost and what funds are already available to support this.

- Rev. Chip and Rich Wallover will start a series of discussion groups called “The Big Questions” starting October 5th after church.
- Claudia Van Buren reported A-V system is working better. In order to provide better ZOOM views of the service, the choir will always stand on the left of the speaker and will have a microphone. The piano will be moved to that side also. It is underdetermined if having the piano in that location will work with ZOOM needs. This will be tested.
- Claudia Van Buren requested that the Board determine the status and needs for the following licenses: Sing Out Love, MusicScore
- Moving the Announcements to Welcome at services was discussed again. It was decided that announcements about the Pledge Drive and the Service Auction will be announced as needed.
- next year.
- Discussed request for pianist for choir practice. Further discussion is needed.

Action Items.

1. Diane McMahan will contact a T-shirt Vendor and get quotes and a mockup
2. Discussed need for Directory of Members/Friends for the congregation to have access to. We will follow up with Admin.