

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Church

Board Meeting - June 23, 2026

Attending: Reverend Chip Roush, Diane McMahan (President), Jan Spooner (Treasurer), Tom Heisler (Trustee), Patty Wright (Trustee), Katy Upperman (Administrator)

Minutes Recorded: Katy Upperman

- **Opening/Blessing:** Reverend Chip

- **Minutes Review/Approval:** May 20, 2026 Minutes Approved Unanimously

- **Old Business**

- Baby Eva Fund will go to the Ukrainian family currently residing in Hawaii. Jan will close the account once the check has been written and cleared. The family's address is needed from Deena. Otherwise, Ukrainian support is closed on all fronts.
- Deferred revenue of \$4272.86 will be moved to the Minister Search account.
- Bill Barr reports that Jefferson UU has been renamed: Common Flame UU Church. Bill is working to connect local UU congregations to brainstorm how to handle disruptions during service.
- New Member Ceremony was a success! Four people signed the book and will be contacted by Tom (Finance Committee) regarding pledging in the near future. Two other folks are considering membership at this time.
- Reverend Chip presented at General Assembly, participating on a panel that focused on remote ministry. He stated that Prairie UU is a "success story" in this regard.
- AV coverage for July: Brian is still helping. Tristan and Lilli are training.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- Banking has changed over to PNC Bank. There is a discrepancy between the address PNC has (PO Box) and where they send things. Jan is investigating.
- Diane (President) is the second signer on the account.
- Tom will discuss pledging with those Members who've fallen behind.
- Recommendation from Finance Committee regarding which accounts to put specific donations in.

- **New Business**

- The Board will engage in a Master Plan Review on August 12th rather than in July to allow for adequate preparation.
- The next Board meeting will be July 22nd.
- Possible pros and cons of adjusting the Minister's schedule were discussed, with the Board considering having Rev. Chip coming to Parker, CO one long weekend per month rather than two weeks approximately every other month. The Board will continue to research/consider this option, along with Rev. Chip.

- A change to childcare during services was discussed, as many Sundays there are no children in attendance. Agreed that a backup plan for when families with children arrive unexpectedly is needed, and acknowledged the current low participation makes it difficult to justify maintaining a dedicated childcare system. The Board agreed to table this discussion until August.
- Possible summer/autumn service ideas were brainstormed including: property (SOL) clean-up, a gentle hike, and a return of Service Sundays including activities such as Habitat For Humanity, library volunteering, local home repair, Urban Peak, and a Veterans Affairs organization. Patty will take these suggestions to Claudia, Worship Planning Committee Chair.
- Patty has agreed to continue to serve as Board Trustee for another fiscal Year.
- Discussed health issues experienced by a longtime congregant and how to best support the family.

• **Next Meeting:** July 22, 2026 @ SOL or on Zoom

Action Items

- DIANE: Consider/research the idea of sending RE activity packages to families.
- DIANE: Check with Claudia about her availability for AV on the 5th of July.
- JAN: Move money from endowment to building fund through general fund.
- JAN: Get the address for Hawaiian Ukrainians from Deena and send the \$75 check.
- JAN: Finalize the verbiage for pledge status notices and inform Renee when to send them.
- PATTY: Present service ideas to Claudia.
- KATY: Consider updates to the website re: childcare.
- KATY: Update calendar with the master plan review meeting to August 12th.
- KATY: Make sure Board Members can access the "Sundays" shared drive.
- REV. CHIP: Send new fiscal year travel dates to Katy to be added to the calendar.

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Committees Status Report July 2026

Audio/Visual: Brian here this Sunday 7/19, and Tristan will be 7/26. Liliana can set up and tear down but needs a ride. Diane will provide.

Book Club: No book club meeting 7/19/26. Will review the quarterly plan of reads. Still meeting third Sundays after the service.

August: *Braiding Sweet Grass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

September: *Caste - The Origins of our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson

October: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

Building Construction: Waiting on landscape plan for plan submittal to Douglas County.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast club met at The Perfect Time Cafe 08:30 on 7/15/26. The next scheduled event is September 30th at the Stonegate Cafe when Rev. Roush is in town.

Caring Circle: ongoing support underway

Circle Lunch/Suppers: Sandie Smith is our new coordinator starting in September. Brenda P will organize August.

CUUPS Update: no news

Endowment: Contributions coming in but not being posted to investment firm.

Auction: gearing up! Looking for donations!

Sent reminders once again for remaining balances from last year!! almost \$2000 still owed.

Hospitality: no news

Marketing: Mailers are waiting for postage purchase by Treasurer.

Membership: Welcome email sent to Tristan, Iris, Ladd and Sandie. I'll be working to touch base with some of our other regular visitors, some who were out of town for the last Membership Sunday.

Checking on Breeze access for the 4 new members. Each has a selected volunteer task and is being queried about their pledge.

Cindy Quan would like to be a greeter.

Music: no news

Pledge Drive: New members being queried about their pledge for 2027.

Youth Religious Education: no news

Adult Religious Education: no news

Social Justice: Another Food Drive is ramping up in August.

Habitat Interfaith alliance had another service date this past weekend.

Considering the League of Women Voters presentation request in August.

Service Sunday update. Douglas County Libraries and Humane Colorado were contacted about service projects. Stay tuned!

Reviewing Colorado Together for possible service events.

Worship: We will substitute GA service for Ladd May's service. Bailey Holm has agreed to speak 8/2, 8/9.