UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HINSDALE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - Time: 7:00 PM Central Time

Meeting Conducted Virtually

APPROVED AT 2/19/2026 MEETING

Per our bylaws: ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
Meetings of the Members and meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
We are going to be using the tenth edition of Robert's Rules at this meeting.

In attendance: In Person: David Mrazek (President), Karen McDowell (Vice President), Dave May (Treasurer), Marian Honel-Wilson (Secretary) and Trustees-at-Large Susan Stephens, Eric Haas and Karin Janowski, plus Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson (Minister), Swamini Adityananda Saraswati (Intern Minister) and Pam Fodor (Director of Programs)

A. Call to Order/Welcome Visitors

David called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. Feathers/Check In

C. Minutes

Minutes from the 12/18/25 meeting were approved by consensus.

D. Finance Discussion

a. Dave gave the treasurer's report highlights:
- Deb emailed pledge end-of-year reports to the congregation;
- Dave submitted a six-month financial report for publication in News & Notes;
- Dave Lloyd reported investment numbers for Fidelity;
- As of 12/31/25, the Endowment plus Perpetual Pledge Funds total ~$700K.

E. Staff Reports

a. Minister's Report – highlights:
- Rev. Beth expressed gratitude for the congregation's support for her travel to Minneapolis to support the immigrant community there.
- Rev. Beth gave an update on the repairs of the heating system and the drain by the Alice Warren room door.
- Chris Haney is heading up the pledge process and Rev. Beth will assist.

b. Director of Programs Report – Nothing to highlight.

F. New Business

a. Strategic Discussion Update: David reported that about 13 people attended the last Sunday session, while just one person attended the Zoom session. There is another session scheduled for this Sunday with eight people signed up.
b. The Board discussed the minister's budget for professional development in light of Rev. Beth's planned travel to Minneapolis. Dave made a motion and Susan seconded to authorized expenditures of up to $3,000.00 in excess of the amount budgeted, if needed. Motion carried. It was mentioned that congregation members have expressed a desire to support Rev. Beth's travel to Minneapolis. Donations can be accepted by check with "minister's professional expenses" in the memo line.
c. Board Learning: Karin and Susan attended the January 14 meeting of the MidAmerica Congregational Board Member's Gathering and gave their summaries and take-aways from the session. The topic was board relationships, both internal and external. Marian and Eric will attend the February session (and possibly Susan).

G. Write Ins

a. Several ideas were suggested to increase visibility of board members. Rev. Beth floated the idea of board members giving a welcome during the service. Several board members expressed interest. Rev. Beth will discuss it with the worship team. Karen said she would work on getting board member photos on the wall. It was suggested that News and Notes list the board members and/or one of the board members could write up a short summary of the board meeting.
b. In response to a question, Rev. Beth indicated she wasn't sure what to expect from her trip to Minneapolis.

H. Executive Session - none

I. Motion to Adjourn

Karin motioned and Dave seconded; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.