

UUCP Board Minutes– Feb. 23 2026, 7:00 pm, Zoom

Chime and Chalice lighting – Suzanne Seigneur

Opening words – Alexandra Broughton

As we begin, we set a chair for all those not present in this space, reminding us our decisions ripple through individual lives, our community, and beyond. May our hearts and minds be open to those beyond this circle, whose voices and needs are part of our work.

1. Review of tonight's agenda, additions, modifications – Suzanne Seigneur
2. Approval of minutes from 1/22/26 Board Meeting – Suzanne Seigneur

Donald moved, Pam seconded

3. Thank yous – Suzanne Seigneur

Gifts- can pay through church donate link or paypal to Suzanne, gift for Judy- donations, Michael- restaurants

Ryan Urie- service on Sunday

4. Reports

- a. Treasurer – Sue Engels- *January always looks very positive due to mass pledge payments and lower costs*
- b. Minister – Elizabeth Stevens - *Aging workshop is going well.*
- c. Faith Formation and Covenant – Ginger Yoder - *Covenanting is going well, in person and zoom sessions were held. RE is very busy.*

5. Updates and Previous Business Items

- a. Social Justice Committee Report – Ash Anderson *Ignite Grant dates are not yet announced.*

b. Policies Review and Approval – Information and Documentation: Suzanne Seigneur representing the changes to 4 policies that Mark Willis, Donald Stanziano and Judy Meuth suggested, attached to the Agenda email- *Donald and Suzanne will bring draft changes*

c. Next Policies Review – Suzanne Seigneur -*Personnel is next, who is the most appropriate team to work on this? Sherry and Rev. Elizabeth*

d. Mortgage Payoff Committee Update and Approval – David Nelson *The board moves to pay off the mortgage using capital campaign funds, a bequest, the building fund, cash reserves and ACORN fund. Motion by David Nelson, seconded by Donald Stanziano. Motion passed unanimously.*

e. Large Gifts Policy Committee Update – *David Nelson Meeting again to come back to board with a recommendation for a new finance policy and gifts policy*

f. Nimiipuu MOU Proposals and Approval – Rodney Frey

Report goes to UUCP and NPTEC, goal is to develop relationships beyond the written page. Currently reaching out to Moscow Interfaith Council, working on fundraising endeavors- this is a list of possibilities to share with NPTEC and get their feedback and input. Motion to accept the Nimiipuu MOU Report Attachment A (report) - by Barbara Hellier, 2nded by Pam Arborgreen- unanimously approved

6. New Business

a. UUCP Web Presence – Joe Pallen: *currently updating website, calendar and announcements (usually from newsletter and weekly updates) Joe noted that he doesn't always know about everything. Idea- an email list for all communicators that they can then spread the information- Suzanne is planning to figure out who that list of communicators should be- Summer, Ginger, Ryan, Rev. Elizabeth, Joe, a YA discord admin. Google Drive for board packets, board drive already exists- but not yet accessible to the congregation. Bylaws say that members can attend meetings, so the minutes are not private. The board agreed. Suzanne will put packets together and the board will be given access to the google drive. Notify Joe Pallen when minutes are approved. Board Notes are added from the newsletter, maybe he can be part of the newsletter publishing to put things directly on the website. Group Photo next Sunday, March 1 right after church*

b. Nimiipuu Relations Committee Charter Proposal Approval – Rodney Frey

Ken Faunce, Nancy Nelson, Diane Prorak are other members. Goal to increase to 6-7. Fundraising would be considered a social justice initiative. This is an attempt to ensure there is a foundation within our church.

The board moved to approve the Nimiipuu Relations Committee Charter- Barbara Hellier, Seconded by Donald Stanziano- passed unanimously

c. Board Retreat Summary and Approval of Board Direction/Items for 2026 – Suzanne Seigneur

1. *Policy Updates*
2. *Education on Board, Governance, and Committee Structures*
3. *Financial Stewardship*

d. Committee on Ministry requesting 3/22 Congregational Meeting for revised Covenant (may also include Mortgage Party) – Elizabeth Stevens *Notice 2 weeks in advance, has to be called by the board Moved by David Nelson, Seconded by Ash Anderson.*

e. Announcement – Buildings and Grounds Committee determined the UUCP Spring Clean Up will be mid-March, with actual date TBD.

7. Next meeting – reminder March 23, 7:00 pm, in 3rd Floor Meeting Room

- a. Opening and Closing words for March Board Mtg: Donald Stanziano
- b. March newsletter due by Feb 20 – *Pam Arborgreen, Sherry Caisely*
- c. April newsletter due by March 20 – *Sue Engels and David Nelson about mortgage payoff*

Closing words – Alexandra Broughton

Moment of Silence, Extinguish Chalice – Suzanne Seigneur

*Policies for Review

Documentation Policy - Church structure and governance, committees, etc. and their responsibilities for documentation <https://palouseuu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Documentation-Policy.pdf>

Document Destruction and Record Retention Policy – <https://palouseuu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Document-Destruction-and-Record-Retention-Policy.pdf>

Information Management Policy - <https://palouseuu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Information-Mangement-Policy.pdf>

Website Privacy Policy - <https://palouseuu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Website-Privacy-Policy.pdf>