



Minutes – USCL 11th Annual Members Meeting 3/8/2026

Board of Trustees: President Chrissie Shearer, V. P. Jeff Benoit Treas. Jane Cloos, Secretary Jill Denning, Members at Large: Tom Cody, Donnette Pinkerton, Janet Cortright Minister: Rev. Sharon Ketchum

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In Person at 2395 Washington Road, Lansing, MI 48911

Zoom: Meeting ID: 177 417 886 Passcode: 601744

12:03 Meeting Called to Order by President Chrissie Shearer

Opening Prayer Rev. Sharon Ketchum

Mission, Vision, and Core Values All Affirmed Together

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by David Otis to Approve Agenda as Amended

Second by Dan Maynard

Voted On and Approved

Explanation of Voting Methods President Chrissie Shearer

In person raise hands for all voting. If joining virtually, voting will be in Chat. Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Any member can request we take a roll call vote at any time.

Scrutineer for counting of Zoom Hand Votes – Greg Denning

Scrutineers for in Person Voters – Deb Otis and Tyson Cowles

Establish Quorum Secretary Jill Denning

- 37 Members in Person & 1 Member On-Line = 38 Total Members

Approval of 2025 Members Meeting Minutes

Minutes posted on website and not read aloud.

Motion by Greg Denning to Approve Minutes as Written/Posted

Second by LuAnne Champion

Membership Votes

Yes = 32 (includes 1 On-Line)

No = 0

Abstain = 0

Did Not Vote = 5

Financial Report

Treasurer Jane Cloos

- Presentation 2025 Financials, P&L, Balance Sheet, Actuals vs 2025 Budget
- Presentation on the 2026 Budget

Motion to Approve 2026 Budget as Written by Greg Dening

Second by Chrissie Shearer

Membership Votes

Yes = 36 (includes 1 On-Line)

No = 0

Abstain = 0

Did Not Vote = 1

Blessing the Ministry's Gifts and Assets

Rev. Sharon Ketchum

Election of Board of Trustees Members

Chair of Nominating Team presented the slate of nominees

Greg Dening

Slate of Board Nominees 2026 running for re-election to their 2nd term (alphabetically): Jeff Benoit, Jill Dening

Each nominee stepped forward to say words of introduction.

Motion to Approve the 2026 Slate of Board Nominees by Lisa Haston

Second by Chris McEnhill

Vote to approve the slate presented by the Nominating Team.

President Chrissie Shearer

Membership Votes

Yes = 36 (includes 1 On-Line)

No = 0

Abstain = 0

Did Not Vote = 1

Election of Congregational Representative and Alternate to Nominating Team 2027

Vote of Congregational Rep. & Alternate Rep. to Nominating Team.

President Chrissie Shearer

Members are encouraged to self-nominate.

Dan Maynards self-nominated as Congregational Representative and David Otis self-nominated as the Alternative Representative.

Membership Votes

Yes = 36 (includes 1 On-Line)

No = 0

Abstain = 0

President's Report

President Chrissie Shearer

Old Business

The Member's Directory was completed and distributed.

New Business**Vote to Adopt new Vision, Mission, and Core Values for Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing**

President Chrissie Shearer

Motion to Approve the new Vision, Mission, & Core Values as Written by Nan Podany.

Second by Pam Nelson

Membership Votes

Yes = 36 (includes 1 On-Line)

No = 0

Abstain = 1

Reports – Q&A on Handouts:

- Event Rental Team Update Report
- Facilities Update Report

Jeff Benoit

Jerry Podany

New Business from the Floor?

- Jim Whitaker requested a Greenhouse be considered for a future "Adopt a Project."

Closing Prayer

Rev. Sharon Ketchum

1:05 pm Motion to Adjourn by David Otis

Second by Gayle Stevens

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dening, Secretary