

Unity Spiritual Center of Georgetown
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes FINAL
January 16, 2026

The meeting took place at the home of Therese and Huck Finn, and was called to order at 1:25 p.m.

Roll call: Rev. Tomas de Leon, Therese Finn, Claudia Robinson, Michele Adams. A quorum was present.

Opening prayer was shared by Therese Finn.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Ms. Finn called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting. Ms. Robinson so moved. Ms. Adams seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Mail call: Ms. Finn reported that member Ray Kresha sent an email offering to help with re-vamping the website. She'll respond and ask to see a sample of his ideas.

Reports:

Spiritual Leader: Rev. de Leon reported that our December 2025 income exceeded our expenses by a little over \$2,000.

President: Ms. Finn opened discussion about 3rd Sunday volunteer candidates. She also advised that Mr. Finn is having surgery next month and won't be available to do transport or livestream for several weeks. Rev. de Leon will ask SC activities about the cost of having them set up the room for us, and Ms. Finn will draft an announcement to the congregation asking for volunteers. Ms. Finn also reported we've received a Statement of Interest from Kathi Harrison.

Treasurer: Ms. Adams reported she transferred \$5,700.00 to the checking account after receiving donations from IRA accounts, and that the Georgetown P.O. box account is now closed. She is also working with the bookkeeper on end of year tax reporting.

Congregational Meeting Debrief:

The board was pleased with the positive response to our meeting last Sunday.

Old Business:

Board policy for Music Team scheduling and compensation

Discussed criteria to be included in the policy, and Ms. Finn will provide a draft for consideration at our next meeting.

Board policy on tithing

Reviewed and approved a draft tithing policy (attached). Agreed to donate \$200.00 to Unity Communities and Leaders and \$300.00 to the Central Texas Food Bank as our January tithe.

Membership Update Status

Ms. Adams reported 38-42 responses so far, including 2 requests for new members.

New Member Class

New member class date is set for March 1, 2026. We'll decide on format and location when we have a firm number of candidates. (Further discussion in "Annual Meeting Planning" under New Business).

New Business:

Minister petition for compensation for additional Sunday lessons

Rev. de Leon petitioned the Board for compensation in the amount of \$400.00 for the additional two Sunday lessons he did in 2025 under the terms of his contract. Ms. Adams moved to approve the compensation. Ms. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Annual minister's manse review

The Board reviewed Rev. de Leon's current manse amount of \$620.00 and salary of \$480.00 per week and confirmed it is still valid. Rev. de Leon also pointed out an accounting error that categorized the \$5,000.00 moving expenses compensation he received as salary. Ms. Finn will contact the bookkeeper and ask her to change it to a manse expense.

Music Team additional member proposal

Rev. de Leon proposed hiring Paul, Kim Polini's husband, as a regular member of the music team to play bass and guitar at services. The cost would be \$400.00 a month. The Board's consensus was to defer the decision until next month's meeting.

Board teams

Budget and Finance: Rev. Tommy moved to approve appointment of Dean Saulman to the Budget and Finance Team. Ms. Robinson seconded. Motion approved.

Bylaws Review Team: Ms. Robinson moved to approve appointment of Rosemary de Leon and Huck Finn to the Bylaws Review Team. Ms. Adams seconded. Motion approved.

Branding name for Unity of Georgetown

The Board agreed to retain "Unity Spiritual Center of Georgetown" as our official branding name, and to use that name consistently in all correspondence and marketing.

Annual Meeting Planning

The Board set the date **of March 22, 2026** for the Annual Meeting, and the following target dates:

Feb 21: Begin announcing date, time, purpose of the annual meeting via newsletter and in-service announcements.

March 1: New members' class

March 7: New member dedication.

Nominating Team report due.

Claudia Robinson was appointed as Board representative to the Nominating Team. Yolanda Repetto-Logan and Pret Diffie were appointed to the team at last year's Annual Meeting.

Closing prayer was led by Ms. Finn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Next Meeting: TBD