



CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2025

Chapter House

Presiding: President-Elect, **Carrie Drown**

Recording Secretary: **Billie Tolman**

Parliamentarian: **Carol Coulter**

Carrie Drown: Welcome and Call to Order

Speakers: **Dr. James Mackin and Diane Mackin**

Recording Secretary: **Billie Tolman**

MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025, Regular Meeting held at the Chapter House.

PASSED

Officers' Reports

1. President, Liz Quealy – Reporting

- On February 11, 2025, the state of Utah officially approved our name change from Assistance League of Salt Lake City to Uplift Community Alliance.
- Our new logo was unveiled, and Liz explained how the logo represents who we are. Green symbolizes growth, renewal, and compassion. Blue represents trust, stability, and unity. The triangle signifies strength, stability, growth, aspiration, collaboration, and connection. Together, these elements visually communicate our mission of trust, growth, and community empowerment while reinforcing our role as a stable and forward-moving organization.
- With our new identity in place, the real work begins. At last count, there are 118 items on a to-do list. The Board and Standing Committee Chairs are actively planning the updates needed for a seamless transition. Our goal is to complete this process by May 15, 2025, when we officially step into our new identity as Uplift Community Alliance. Vendors, donors and grantors will be notified of the name change on April 15, 2025.
- As part of the transition, some of our program names have changed to reflect our new brand while respecting trademark restrictions from National Assistance League:
 - Operation School Bell will become Uplift School Kids;
 - Assisteens will become Uplift Teens; and
 - Assault Survivor Kits will become Uplift Comfort Kits.All other program names will remain the same.

2. President- Elect, Carrie Drown – No Report

3. **1st VP, Philanthropic Programs, Merilynn Kessi – [Geri Mineau Reporting](#)**

- Scholarships have been awarded to students in need at both the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College in various fields of study. Preference is given to *non-traditional students*, including students who are single parents or who are children of a single parent, those who have experienced homelessness, refugees/migrants, or those who would be the first in their family to attend college. Scholarship funds may be used for in-state tuition, fees, books, or other educational supplies. The recipients were very grateful for the financial support.

4. **2nd VP, Community Relations, MaryAnn Mackley – [Lu Anne Lewis Reporting](#)**

- Registration for the Mountain Land fundraising event, scheduled for March 20, 2025, will open on February 26, 2025. Early bird pricing of \$75 per person is available only until February 28, 2025, after which the price will be \$85 per person. It's a fun event, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

5. **3rd VP, Member Services, Linda Stimpson – [Reporting](#)**

- Member Services is seeking nominations for the Ada Edwards Laughlin Award. The award will be given, if appropriate, to recognize a member that consistently makes an exceptional, behind-the-scenes contribution to the organization. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a paragraph to Linda by March 4, 2025, explaining why the person deserves to receive the award. Member Services will determine who, if anyone, will receive the award. If a recipient is selected, they will receive the award at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2025.

6. **Treasurer, Peggy Carpenter – [Reporting with Debra Wilkerson](#)**

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Total YTD Ordinary Revenue through 1/31/25	\$ 944,514	\$ 907,293
Total YTD Expense through 1/31/25	\$ 1,151,416	\$1,178,834
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (206,901)	\$ (271,541)
Total Net Income Including Investment Income	\$ (157,464)	\$ (209,689)
Thrift Shop Revenue 6/1/24 – 1/31/25	\$ 650,386	\$ 599,769
Total Cash in Bank Accounts as of 1/31/25	\$ 1,013,114	\$ 1,100,016
Total Invested Assets as of 1/31/25	\$ 609,860	\$ 540,590
Total Cash plus Invested Assets	\$ 1,622,974	\$ 1,640,606

Presentation of the 2025-26 Budget

- Although we have had a deficit in the budget for the last two years, our goal is to have a balanced budget for 2025-2026. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget amounts submitted by each Officer or Chair and made the adjustments necessary to create a balanced budget.

MOTION: I move to approve the 2025-2026 Operating Budget of \$1,377,000.

The Motion was placed on the floor and will be voted on by the membership at the regular meeting on March 17, 2025.

Rationale: Establish a balanced operating budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion: I move to approve the 2025-2026 Capital Budget of \$110,000

The Motion was placed on the floor and will be voted on by the membership at the regular meeting on March 17, 2025.

Rationale: Establish a capital budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Standing Committee Reports

7. Bylaws, Val Mercer – No Report

8. Strategic Planning, Heidi Makowski – Reporting

- Strategic Planning is exploring options to address the space constraints in the Thrift Shop and chapter house. It was determined that adding a second floor to the Thrift Shop is not feasible. At the June regular meeting, members will meet in small groups to discuss long-term goals for the facilities. Identifying the best scenario is a multi-year project.

9. Technology, Ann Staples – No Report

10. Thrift Shop, Susan Erickson – Abby Robinson Reporting

- Shopping at the Thrift Shop on Thursday nights has slowed down, possibly due to inclement weather the last two weeks. Please spread the word about the extended hours on Thursdays.
- An expert is needed in the Collectibles area to assess the value of coins and stamps.
- More volunteers are needed at the Thrift Shop, especially cashiers. Abby will provide training.

11. Assisteens, Barb Slater – No Report

12. **Consociates, Debbie Smith – No Report**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Ranae Pierce proposed that the Finance Committee make a motion to purchase two AED defibrillator machines – one for the Thrift Shop and one for the chapter house. Ranae's proposal was referred to the Finance Committee to determine if funds are available for this purchase.

Adjourned.



Carrie Drown, President-Elect



Billie Tolman, Recording Secretary

Actions of the Board

Motions Passed February 10, 2025, and February 20, 2025

No Member Vote Needed

Motions

Liz Quealy

MOTION: I move to amend the Articles of Incorporation to approve a name change from Assistance League of Salt Lake City to Uplift Community Alliance. This change shall become effective on February 11, 2025, or as soon thereafter as legally permissible and necessary filings are completed.

PASSED

Philanthropic Programs

MOTION: I move to rename Operation School Bell to Uplift School Kids.

PASSED

Rationale: To discontinue the name Operation School Bell following the disaffiliation from National Assistance League.

Assisteens

Motion: I move to rename Assisteens to Uplift Teens.

PASSED

Rationale: To discontinue the name Assisteens following the disaffiliation from National Assistance League.

Heidi Makowski

Motion: I move to award YESCO the contract to replace our outdoor signage.

Rationale: YESCO is the firm that created the infrastructure and installed our existing signs and provided ongoing maintenance. The signs must be replaced before the end of May due to disaffiliation from NAL. The “single sourcing” is supported by the pressing need to design and install new sign fronts by June 1, 2025.

Other Actions

The Board was presented with possible taglines for use with the new organization name. The Board voted to adopt the tagline “Where Giving Lifts Us All”.

The Board was presented with possible taglines for use with the Thrift Shop. The Board voted to adopt “Reuse, Renew, Uplift”.

2024-2025 Chapter Calendar

February 2025

February 12	Assisteens, Chapter House 6:00 pm
February 17	Board Reports Due
February 20	Board Meeting, Chapter House 9:30 am
February 24	Regular Chapter Meeting, 9:30 am
February 26	Consociates, Chapter House 5:00 pm

March 2025

March 10	Board Reports Due
March 12	Assisteens, Utah Food Bank 6:00 pm
March 13	Board Meeting, Chapter House 9:30 am
March 17	Regular Chapter Meeting, 9:30 am
March 20	Mountain Land Design Fundraiser, MLD showroom, 5:30 pm
March 26	Consociates, Chapter House 5:00 pm

April 2025

April 14	Board Reports Due
April 16	Assisteens, Chapter House 6:00 pm
April 17	Board Meeting, Chapter House 9:30 am
April 21	Regular Chapter Meeting, 9:30 am
April 23	Consociates, Chapter House 5:00 pm

May 2025

May 12	Board Reports Due
May 15	Joint Board Meeting, Caffe' Molise, 11:30 am
May 19	Annual Meeting, SLC Marriott University Park Hotel, 10:00 am
May 28	New Board Orientation, Hidden Valley Country Club, 10:00 am
May 28	Consociates, Chapter House 5:00 pm