



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

Uplift Office

Presiding: President, **Carrie Drown**  
Acting Recording Secretary: **Linda Stimpson**  
Acting Parliamentarian: **Shireen Mooers**

**Carrie Drown:** Welcome and Call to Order  
Acting Recording Secretary: **Linda Stimpson**

**MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting held at the Uplift Community Alliance office.**

**PASSED**

### Officers' Reports

1. **President, Carrie Drown – Reporting**

- Carrie and Merilynn Kessi hosted Cheri Jackson, the new Millcreek mayor, and they gave her a behind the scenes tour of Uplift Thrift and the Programs Office programs.
- Several members of the Educational Scholarship Committee attended the University of Utah scholarship meet-and-greet where they met two of our scholarship recipients.
- The winner of the “Wind Beneath My Wings” monthly award was June Foster.

2. **President- Elect, Merilynn Kessi – No Report**

3. **1<sup>st</sup> VP, Philanthropic Programs, Debbie Smith & Connie Overly – Reporting**

- Philanthropic Programs needs one member to manage the Uplift School Kids Shoes program.
- Connie Overly gave a summary of the Operation Healthy Teeth programs, its clients, its costs and successes.

4. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Community Relations, Kim Shemwell – Reporting**

- Kim Shemwell shared an Uplift Community Alliance Instagram post that has gone viral (over 700,000 views). It is a video of members and their favorite songs. Kim asked members to provide their favorite song for a Spotify list to reflect Uplift's personality.
- The MLD fundraising event to benefit Uplift is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The event will have a “Kentucky Derby” theme.
- A second “Annual Appeal” will be sent in the near future.

5. **3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Member Services, Linda Stimpson – Reporting**

- A preview dues announcement will be posted on Constant Contact after the meeting. An official announcement will be made March 1, and dues for the 2026-2027 fiscal year must be paid by May 31, 2026, or membership will lapse.

6. **Treasurer, Peggy Carpenter – Reporting**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Total YTD Ordinary Revenue through 01/31/26	\$ 956,679	\$ 944,614
Total YTD Expense through 01/31/26	\$1,035,973	\$1,151,216
Net Ordinary Income	\$ ( 79,294)	\$ (206,601)
Total Net Income Including Investment Income	\$ 13,751	\$ ( 157,164)
Thrift Shop Revenue 06/01/25 – 01/31/26	\$ 684,370	\$ 650,386
Total Cash in Bank Accounts as of 01/31/26	\$1,130,831	\$1,013,399
Total Invested Assets as of 01/31/26	\$ 799,553	\$ 609,860
Total Cash plus Invested Assets	\$1,930,394	\$1,623,199

- Our projected deficit currently is \$53,000.
- Our return to the community percentage ending January 31, 2026, was 80%.

7. **Bylaws, Shireen Mooers – Reporting**

**MOTION** From Bylaws Committee

**I move to adopt the Uplift Community Alliance Standing Rules as Revised 02-2026 (Redline attached, Final draft attached).**

**PASSED**

**Rationale**

The Revision includes deleting items that are required to be in the bylaws (RRONR); rules that are no longer applicable; and grammatical, typographical and formatting changes. The April 2025 revision and recent changes in the bylaws necessitated a review and revision of the Standing Rules.

**MOTION** From the Bylaws Committee

**I move to add an amendment to Uplift Community Alliance Bylaws Section 13, Bylaws and Amendments, authorizing the Board to approve non-substantive or housekeeping changes to the Bylaws without submission to the membership, provided that such changes do not alter member rights, Board authority, officer duties, voting thresholds or the fundamental governance structure of the organization and that all such changes shall be reported to the membership.**

**Article 13 Bylaws and Amendments** to read:

**13.03** As a limited exception to the member approval requirements set forth in these Bylaws, the Board may, by majority vote, approve non-substantive or housekeeping amendments to the Bylaws without a vote of the membership. Such Board action shall be reported to the membership at its next regular meeting.

(a) Non-substantive amendments are limited to:

- (1) Typographical, grammatical, or formatting corrections;
- (2) Internal cross-reference corrections;
- (3) Statutory citations or updates;
- (4) Clarifications that do not change intent;
- (5) Revisions that do not affect:
  - a. the fundamental governance structure of the organization,
  - b. the rights of members,
  - c. powers or composition of the Board,
  - d. officer duties,
  - e. voting requirements.

**PASSED BY THE BOARD TO BE VOTED ON BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE MARCH REGULAR MEETING.**

**8. Strategic Planning, Heidi Makowski – No Report**

**9. Technology, Barb Engen – Reporting**

- Member dues will be tracked on a program called “Join It.” If you get an email from JoinIt.org, it is legitimate.
- Google Fiber is replacing Comcast for our internet. It will provide twice the speed at a lower cost. This required a phone system replacement, so we will now be using Zoom Phone (a Cloud-based solution.)
- Our alarm systems ping from cell towers and are not a phone-based system.
- If you plan to play a video or use the TV at a meeting, contact the Technology Chair for assistance.

**10. Thrift Shop, Stephanie Hatton-Ward – No Report**

**11. Uplift Teens, Barb Slater – Reporting**

- The Teens assembled 200 Rescue Mission backpacks.
- Carrie Drown asked the Teens to write something for the time capsule, and excerpts of the Teens submission were read by Barbara Slater.

**12. Uplift Associates, Liz Hendricks – No Report**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Motion From Bylaws Committee**

**I move to delete the bylaws requirement for Board approval of the chairs as follows:**

**Article 6 Officers and Their Duties,**

**Bylaws 6.03 Philanthropic Programs Committees (b)** Appoint ~~with Board approval~~, Chairs of the Philanthropic Programs committees: Uplift Band, Book Bank, Brighter Tomorrows, Educational Scholarships, Eye on the Community, Operation Healthy Teeth and Uplift School Kids;

**Bylaws 6.04 Community Relations (b)** Appoint, ~~with Board approval~~, Chairs of the Community Relations committees; Fund Development, Special Events, Marketing and Branding; and the Donor Relations Administrator

**Bylaws 6.05 Member Services Committee (b)** Appoint, ~~with Board approval~~, Chairs of the Member Services committees: Events and Education Chair, New Member Orientation Chair, Mentor Program Chair; Corresponding Secretary; Volunteer Hours Recorder; Roster and Dues Administrator; and Newsletter Editor.

**Bylaws Article 8 Standing and Special Committees 8.01 Committee Composition.** Members of each committee shall be appointed by the Chair ~~with the approval of the Board~~ unless otherwise provided in these bylaws. The composition of the committee shall include those who serve by virtue of office as specified in the bylaws and or members deemed necessary. Ex officio members of committees are voting members of the committee. Elected Standing Committee chairs shall serve on the Board.

**PASSED**

Rationale: The Board determined the approval requirements for these positions are not necessary. These positions are appointed by an elected officer or chair.

**New Business:**

**ACTIONS OF THE BOARD**  
Board Passed February 19, 2026  
No Member Vote Needed

**MOTION:** (From Community Relations Committee)

**I move to combine the committees of Marketing and Branding and Special Events, renaming the committee Marketing and Special Events effective June 1, 2026.**

Rationale: Because Marketing and Branding and Special Events work so closely together, combining them would make a more cohesive committee and would eliminate redundancy.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:28**

  
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Carrie Drown, President

  
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Linda Stimpson, Acting Recording Secretary

## 2025-2026 Calendar

### **February 2026**

February 11 Uplift Teens, Office 6:00 pm  
February 16 Board Reports Due  
February 18 Uplift Associates, Office 5:00 pm  
February 19 Board Meeting, Office 9:30 am  
February 23 Regular Meeting, 10:00 am, 9:30 social

### **March 2026**

March 9 Board Reports Due  
March 11 Uplift Teens, Office 6:00 pm  
March 12 Board Meeting, Office 9:30 am  
March 16 Regular Meeting, 10:00 am, 9:30 social  
March 18 Uplift Associates, Office 5:00 pm

### **April 2026**

April 1 Uplift Teens, Office 6:00 pm  
April 13 Board Reports Due  
April 13 Mentor New Member Social 12:30 p.m.  
April 15 Uplift Associates, Office 5:00 pm  
April 16 Board Meeting, Office 9:30 am  
April 16 MLD Event, 5:00 p.m.  
April 20 Regular Meeting, 10:00 am, 9:30 social

### **May 2026**

May 11 Board Reports Due  
May 14 Joint Board Meeting, Hidden Valley C.C. 10:30 am  
May 18 Annual Meeting & Luncheon University Park Marriott  
May 20 Uplift Associates, Office 5:00