



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

Uplift Office

Presiding: President, **Carrie Drown**

Recording Secretary Pro Tem: **Linda Stimpson** (acting for Jennifer Nicholas)

Parliamentarian: **Carol Coulter**

Carrie Drown: Welcome and Call to Order

Recording Secretary Pro Tem: **Linda Stimpson**

MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting held at the Uplift Community Alliance office.

PASSED

Officers' Reports

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

- Carrie asked members to take a few minutes to complete written entries for the time capsule. She provided a handout that provided ideas to get started.
- The new member luncheon was held on April 13 and was well attended.
- The winner of the of the “Wind Beneath My Wings” monthly award is Mimi Green.

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

3. **1st VP, Philanthropic Programs, Debbie Smith – Reporting**

- Debbie named several programs needing help: one in Book Bank, one in Uplift School Kids, one in Uplift Teens, two in Uplift Shoes, and Associates' positions – one Baby Bundles Coordinator, four back up drivers and two Refugee Connection positions requiring lifting.
- Debbie also invited members to support the Uplift Teens program, either by serving as a coordinator/supervisor and/or providing dinner on a one-time or more frequent basis.

4. **2nd VP, Community Relations, Kim Shemwell – Reporting**

- Kim introduced a “Run for the Roses” video showing photos taken by member Sarah Baltz of the MLD fundraiser on April 16, 2026.

- Carrie Drown displayed the Community Partner Award developed by the Marketing and Branding committee. This award will be presented to two community partners this year: MLD for their support since 2009 and WCF for their support of our programs this year.
5. **3rd VP, Member Services, Linda Stimpson – Reporting**
- Dues are due on the website. Checks or cash needs to be identified as “dues” when mailed or placed in the Treasurer’s mailbox.
 - Annual Meeting registration went live on April 15, and forms for payment by check or cash were available on the tables. Be sure to note “Annual Meeting” on any payment.
 - An Uplift Community Alliance canvas logo bag available for purchase at \$20 was shown. Additional bags are available for purchase in the office. Be sure payment notes “Tote Bags.”
 - A new member newsletter will be published this month.

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Total YTD Ordinary Revenue through 03/31/26	\$1,159,077	\$1,143,361
Total YTD Expense through 03/31/26	\$1,257,774	\$1,311,423
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (98,696)	\$ (168,063)
Total Net Income Including Investment Income	\$ 45,085	\$ (130,397)
Thrift Shop Revenue 06/1/25 – 03/31/26	\$ 838,209	\$ 799,417
Total Cash in Bank Accounts as of 03/31/26	\$1,112,313	\$1,042,346
Total Invested Assets as of 03/31/26	\$ 747,830	\$ 596,583
Total Cash plus Invested Assets	\$1,860,143	\$1,638,929

Return to the community percentage for the period ending March 31, 2026, is **80.57%**.

7. **Bylaws, Val Mercer – No Report**

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

9. **Technology, Barb Engen – No Report**

10. **Thrift Shop, Stephanie Hatton-Ward – Reporting**

- Additional help is needed with the Sunday team to organize clothing and with linens for the next six months to cover a member’s extended vacation.

- Uplift Thrift is one of three finalists for the Best of SLC award. The winner will be announced at a May 5 awards ceremony being attended by Austin Robertson, Stephanie Hatton-Ward and Emily Hatton-Ward. If you are interested in attending at a cost of \$95, contact Stephanie Hatton-Ward.
- Uplift Thrift will extend its Saturday hours to 10:00 a.m. on a soft opening basis. Three – four members will be needed for a two-hour shift, and the Donation Attendant will accept donations during these extended hours. An official start date depends on Volgistics changes and staffing.

11. **Uplift Teens, Barb Slater** – No Report

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

Unfinished Business:

From the Finance Committee:

MOTION: I move to approve the 2026-2027 Operating Budget of \$1,477,000.

PASSED

RATIONALE: Establish a balanced operating budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

MOTION: I move to approve the 2026-2027 Capital Budget of \$105,000.

PASSED

RATIONALE: Establish a capital budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

From the Nominating Committee: Jean Buckley, Chair

MOTION: In accordance with Article 5 – Nominations and Elections, Sections 5.02 (Slate) and 5.03 (Notice) of the Bylaws of Uplift Community Alliance, I move that the slate of nominees for the 2026-2027 Board of Officers and Directors be approved:

PASSED

RATIONALE: To elect officers for fiscal year 2026-27.

Slate of Nominees:

President:	Merilynn Kessi
President-Elect:	Trish Oba
1st VP Philanthropic:	Debbie Smith
2nd VP Community Relations:	Linda Hilton
3rd VP Member Services:	Jeannette Shaffer
Recording Secretary:	Liz Quealy
Treasurer:	Wendy Holloway
Bylaws Chair:	Margo Simmons
Strategic Planning Chair:	Billie Tolman
Technology Chair:	Ann Plantin
Uplift Thrift Chair:	Stephanie Hatton-Ward
Uplift Associates Chair:	Chris Mezek
Parliamentarian:	Linda Stimpson (Appointed by the President)

New Business:

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD
Board Passed April 16, 2026
No Member Vote Needed

From the Human Resources Committee:

MOTION: I move to increase Emily Hatton-Ward's salary with a 3.7% increase, effective June 1, 2026.

Rationale: This is in keeping with local market data and is included in the 2026-2027 budget.

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



Carrie Drown, President



Linda Stimpson, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

2025-2026 Calendar

May 2026

May 11	Board Reports Due
May 14	Joint Board Meeting, Hidden Valley Country Club 10:30 am
May 18	Annual Meeting & Luncheon, University Park Marriott 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
May 20	Uplift Associates, Office 5:00 pm
May 28	Board Orientation, Cottonwood Country Club, 10:00 am – 2:00 p