



East Shore UU  
 January 11, 2026 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
 To decide the status of the house next door

**Board of Trustees Attendance Plus 54 others**

Majorie Loring	x	Jared Hammond	x
Julia Kotowski	x	Jan Hurwitz	x
JT Hillen	x	Dick Hurwitz	x
Erik Stout	x	Marten Schreiber	x
Kristine Burkwood	x		

**Attending**

Rev Will Humphrey	x		
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[Call to Order and Declare a quorum present 12:02 PM](#) by Kristine Burkwood, President of the Board of Trustees. A quorum was declared with a count of 64 members.

Words read by Kristine Burkwood. Welcoming all to the meeting on this precipice of change, sitting in this now and making choices of who we are now, and where we go from here.

Words read by Marjie Loring, Vice Chair of the Board. She said words encouraging acceptance of differences in opinions and moving forward in unity.

Marjie began presenting the talk she gave in 4 previous sessions over the past two months at 12:07 PM.

**Motion**

**-- Motion made by Jerry Huelsenbeck to accept the results of ballot voted today, January 11, 2026. Seconded by Minna Zelch. Discussion held. Vote taken. Passed unanimously.**

**The Ballot**

Kristine stated the main ballot conditions and referred to the ballot each member received.

East Shore UU Church - January 11th, 2026

Special Congregational Meeting to vote on next steps for the House Next Door (HND)

LOVE IT!

I want East Shore UU to maintain ownership of the House Next Door (HND) and to prioritize our building and grounds budget and capital campaign money toward its renovation in order to address the following liabilities:

- Rodent infestation and mold remediation
- Air quality concerns and electrical exposure
- Water and sewer issues
- Structural safety issues

LIST IT!

I want us to sell the House Next Door (HND) and I give the Board of Trustees the authority to accept an offer no lower than \$100,000.00, and to earmark the money from the sale to address the following:

- Required: build or purchase a storage garage for the church's grounds maintenance equipment and other large items currently kept at the HND location
- Required: fund the moving of the Memorial Garden to a newly landscaped location to be overseen by the Memorial Garden Trustees and the Building and Grounds Team.
- The remaining monies will go into a high interest account that will seed a Capital Campaign, whose funds will be used for church building improvements (not operating budget fund).

## Discussion--

Bill Pastor wanted to hear the cost of tearing the house down completely and hauling it away.. He feels the property in Kirtland would be worth \$100,000

Dan Bond feels it is not worth putting more money in despite all the hours he's spent working on it.

Mary Stewart McGovern says it is a cemetery

Minna would like to know whereabouts of future memorial garden

Clark Waite stated his late wife's ashes are in the garden and it is alright with the moving of the memorial garden

Bill Butler feels the only worth is the property -the house isn't valuable

Patrick McGovern feels having the memorial garden was a covenant made with the folks who have ashes there.

Eric Waldman commended the folks who did the work to bring us to this point.

Ben Kotowski- thanked those for showing up, and hope we can move forward in beloved community.

Says the Memorial Garden is not a Cemetery in the eyes of the state of Ohio.

Mae Kowalke-wonders about the assessed value of the property, feels we need more human resources to keep our church going as it is.

Nolly Byrd— she originally felt the house should be kept but now feels times have changed and feels we don't have the money to keep it.

Dan Waite—wanted to know what the board felt. Kristine said she is not speaking for anyone and gave her opinion.

Ruth Troup—capital campaign coming in the fall.

Dan Bond—he was on the committee that investigated and advised the board on the sale of the property

Bill Pastor—feels land is an asset of \$100,000 if house demolished

Marten Schreiber-would cost \$30,000 to destroy the HND

Erik Stout---Believes the cost of \$30,000 is nominal.

Marten says we would have had to request cemetery status from the state if it was to be a cemetery

Rickie Beck—we can sell the house as is and the land wouldn't be worth \$100,000

Clark Waite called the question.

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## Vote

The vote results are:

Love it—6

List it---57

Abstain--1

Kristine thanked all for attending. Meeting ended 1:22 PM