

UUP Chapter Meeting for November 9, 2023, 2:30pm

By Geoffrey O'Shea, Secretary

Present: Scott Barton, Lydia Brassard (TEAMS), Diane Carlton, Shirley Clark, Rob Compton, Theresa DeSantis, Christine Edwards, Anne Everett, Mark Ferrara (TEAMS), Kathleen Feit (TEAMS), Jeri Anne Jerminario (TEAMS), Penina Kamina, Achim Köddermann, Geoffrey O'Shea, Valerie Rapson, Chris Sielaff, Nancy Simons (TEAMS), Kaleb H. Smith, Loraine Tyler, Rich Tyler, Ed Wesnofski (TEAMS), Gary Wickham, Lori Wienke (TEAMS), and Heather Van Zile (TEAMS)

I. Welcome

- A. Rob welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

II. Appointment of Secretary of the Day

- a. Geoffrey O'Shea was appointed secretary of the day.

III. Announcements

- a. UUP is sponsoring a coffee hour in Milne 102A at 3pm on November 13th.
- b. The UUP End-of-Semester/Mid-Year Mingle will be held at the O in Otego on December 20th from 11:30am-2:30pm

IV. Discussion of UUP Service Providers

- a. Rob led a discussion of the challenges faced by members attempting to secure various basic services in the area such as health care, child care, and housing. Among the challenges discussed were members needing to travel outside the area to receive health care services because there are a lack of health care providers in this area; a situation described as a "health care desert".
- b. Rob discussed developing a survey to gather members' feedback and concerns about available services in the area. These services include the areas of Child Care, Dental, Housing, and Mental Health.
- c. The surveys would be intended to evaluate the quality, availability, and accessibility of these services in this area.
- d. A subcommittee was formed to develop and administer a survey to assess members' experiences with services in the area. Christine Edwards volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Additional volunteers are needed.

