

**Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
**Board of Trustee Meeting**  
**June 25, 2017**

Board Attendance: Anne Stark, Dea Kowalczyk, Nancy Sullivan (in-coming BOT), Dave Stensaas (in-coming BOT)

Excused Absence: Gary Stark, Treasurer, Heidi Gould, Admin Assistant, Katy Klos, trustee, g.g. gordon, in-coming trustee

Other Attendance: Mary Maki, Barb Michael, Martin Steindler, Sari Embly

Called to order at 12:25 p.m.

Opening Words: #569, adapted

1. Covenant of Right Relations – Read by Dea
2. Minutes – May Minutes were submitted to Heidi on May 14, Annual Meeting Minutes still to be submitted. Heidi is at GA. She will distribute minutes and they will be approved via email.
3. Agenda approved - unanimous
4. Treasurer report. Gary and Heidi are both out of town. No report
5. Religious Exploration Coordinator Report. No Report
6. Board Liaison Reports -- No Reports
7. Old Business
  - A. Flagpole – In May, Susy Swanson volunteered to move forward. No report, so Anne will check with Susy and then with three contractors for bids and recommendations about placement/wind abatement. Dave will check with Chocolay Township for regulations/setback.
  - B. Building/Grounds Inspection – Multiple items require urgent attention. Dave will contact a carpenter/contractor to address the exterior issues with siding and fascia. For the July meeting, Dave will have an itemized and prioritized list of action items.
  - C. Parking Lot Update – In Fall 2016, Sarah Redmond organized sealing parking lot cracks. It required a second coat. Dave will look into options of resurfacing the current lot as well as procedure for reducing the size of the blacktop parking lot per Chocolay Township regulations.
  - D. Mural Update – After advising Katherin DuVernois that it would take approximately a year to determine if we will accept her offer to paint a mural in the Sanctuary, she withdrew the offer.

E. Newcomer packets update – Discussed sourcing of mugs. Unfortunately, ethically sourced mugs are prohibitively expensive at this time. Heidi had been charged with ordering imprinted mugs, imprinted pens and UU brochures. Packets will be given to first-time visitors as long as supplies last.

## 8. New Business

- A. Out-going Board/In-coming Board – Dea thanked the in-coming board for stepping up to serve the congregation. Then thanked out-going and continuing board members for their service.
- B. Exchange Board Books – Dea was the only board member who brought a book to exchange. It went to Dave Stensaas (?)
- C. Presidential Notes – Dea shared that she was reluctant to be drafted into the role of Board President, but discovered that she has pastoral care and leadership skills. She thanked us for the opportunity to grow. Even though we have our share of tumult, Dea said we are NOT anywhere near as drama-filled as other groups she has been affiliated with. ☺ Some words of advice to the new board – Echoing Ian Evison, we need to be aware of the stories we tell ourselves, to make sure we affirm our accomplishments, not wallowing in doom and gloom. She also reminded us to be open to difficult conversations, that we could have avoided a significant issue this past year if congregation members would have been open about struggles to complete obligations and with frustrations with other members.

As continuing Board member, Anne said the 2016-2017 Board had a wonderful sense of joy and play, that Dea's leadership and Dharmini's thoughtful input created an atmosphere that balanced the very UU urge to get to consensus while at the same time conducting efficient meetings. She urged the in-coming board to work for cooperation and continue to meaningfully read the Covenant.

- D. Meeting Dates – Suggested the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, will work with g.g. gordon and Kathy Klos to finalize meeting schedule.

- July 16, 2017
- August 20, 2017

## Welcome & Announcements

- July 2 – Nancy
- July 9 – Dave
- July 16 – Anne
- July 23 – Anne
- July 30 – Nancy
- Aug. 6 - Dave

Closing Words: #447

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.