

Minutes of Marquette Unitarian Universalist Board of Trustees Meeting
February 17, 2108
Dandelion Cottage Room, Peter White Public Library

The meeting was called to Order by President Kathy Klos Campbell at 10.27 a.m.

Present: BOT members Kathy Klos Campbell, Anne Stark and g.g. gordon
Administrative Assistant Heidi Gould
Member Mary Maki
BOT member Dave Stensaas was excused

Public Comment:

Mary Maki presented a number of ideas for reducing the Congregation's expenses, including reducing the frequency we pay someone to clean the facility and no longer renting the dumpster.

Budget Issues:

The shortfall in the Congregation's operating budget was discussed because we currently do not have enough money in our checking account to cover expenses we know we will have. A discussion ensued about the purposes of our four funds, Vision, Operating, Joan's Bequest, and Building and which of these, if any, could be tapped into for operating costs.

It was moved and seconded that \$2000 be taken from the Vision Fund in order to cover the current shortfall.

The motion was discussed and concern was expressed that the Vision Fund has been earmarked for recruiting and hiring a minister, pursuant to the Congregation's decision at an annual meeting. Because funds are not to be taken from the Vision Fund for other purposes, per Congregation decision, the BOT decided that if the motion to remove \$2000 to cover operating expenses passed, the President would send a letter to each member of the Congregation explaining the necessity and urgency for removing any funds from the Vision Fund, which does consist entirely of unspent operating funds from prior years.

The motion to move \$2000 from Vision to Operating passed.

Programming & Outreach:

The BOT decided that the Congregation would benefit from an overall integrated plan of programming for the remainder of this fiscal year and the entire next fiscal year, in other words, from April 2018 through June 2019. We have already subscribed to a service that provides us with the materials for services for an entire year [informally referred to as "church in a box", and using those materials to fill in around our usual annual events, e.g. flower service, water service, holidays, Susan & Phil, it should be possible to map out an entire year+ of Sunday programs.

The BOT's plan it to call a meeting with Tom Sullivan, Program Chair, Jamie Kuehnl, RE Director, and volunteers to set this plan in motion. Everyone will be invited to participate. Anne Stark, Kathy K. Campbell and g.g. gordon all expressed interest in being involved in this planning. The hope is that, with a Sunday programming map in place, we can then crank up our outreach and advertising, because we will have concrete plans to promote.

Because "church in a box" [the materials are actually accessed on line] allows people to take on all or part of leading a service without having to select a theme or find all of the content themselves, the BOT hopes that more people will give service participation a try. The plan is to have some teach-ins on how to use "church in a box", in order to recruit more people to conduct Sunday services.

Congregational Meeting:

May 6, 2018 has been selected as the date for our annual Congregational Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

g.g. gordon
Secretary