

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Trustees Meeting
Dandelion Room, Peter White Public Library
June 4, 2018

Called to order: 6:52pm

BoT Members Present: Anne Stark, Dave Rockwood

Other Attendees: Mary Maki (BoT 18-19), Sari Embley (BoT 18-19), Jamie Kuehnl,
Heidi Gould

Opening words: Anne said the 4H pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Approved as submitted

Treasurer Report:

The 17/18 transfer of \$9149 from Joan's bequest has been divided by 12 and added to the monthly budget for \$762.40 per month. Heidi provided the details of all checking account transactions for the previous month for the Board's information.

We have changed from paying our mortgage four times a month which included \$200 extra towards principle to paying once a month \$606.

The 18/19 budgetary transfer from Joan's bequest has NOT actually been moved to the operations checking account. Heidi recommends that we continue to leave that money in the Joan's Bequest fund. Moneys will only be transferred from the Joan's Bequest fund to operations checking as needed with \$8660 as the budgeted limit to how much will be transferred.

Mary suggested we get our utilities added to a budget plan to alleviate ups and downs in gas and electricity. Semco bill was paid on May 1st and May 31st.

There are still issues going on with the thermostats/furnace turning on and off quickly. We had a discussion about what to do with the thermostats over the summer. Sometimes we have 40-degree days in the summer, so we may not want to completely turn off the heat. Sari said she had turned them to 50 degrees in the summer in the past.

Room at the Inn guests had complained about the temperature and the drafty doors in the RE space.

Community Care

Kathy Campbell is in the hospital and Fred's health is also a concern. We signed a card for Lindsay and Gail Griffith for the loss of Tom Griffith.

Dave asked if we had anyone designated as a point person during member crises. Jamie said she'd step up and help more with RE/kids outreach. Sari has had her finger on the pulse of the community, and she agreed to continue to send cards.

Board Business

1. Assign Board Positions – This is the transition meeting. Anne volunteered to be president if other board members help with between-meeting tasks. Dave said he (and the rest of us)

are overburdened with work and stress. We will work to take on fewer tasks and assign more tasks to Heidi.

Heidi volunteered to take minutes if a Board member will be the office-holding Secretary. Mary Maki agreed to serve a two year term and Sari will fulfill the second half of the two year term vacated by gg. Dave Stensaas agreed to stay on as Vice President. Kathy Campbell remains on the board as a trustee.

2. MBank account – Nancy Sullivan and gg Gordon are to be removed from MBank accounts by unanimous consent. Sari Embly is to be added to MBank accounts by unanimous consent.
3. Ad Campaign – Anne presented the member recruitment campaign and will launch a Google and Facebook campaign for the Flea Market over the summer.

4. Building and Grounds

- Painting – Marquette Wallpaper and Paint can donate up to 10 gallons of recycled paint. It will be beige. They're willing to give us enough to do the sanctuary. We're going to need some supplies like rollers and brushes. Ray may have a line on scaffold or ladders. We're thinking of the first weekend of August. Jamie proposed the kids could paint the exterior of the RE Doors a Superior Blue. Motion passed. Painting the posts on the front entry was also discussed. This would be done this summer.
- Studio RAD suggested crown molding in the sanctuary. We may have a line on donated or inexpensive molding this summer.
- Re-doing the stage. Ray is looking for donated lumber. We would follow the plans from Studio RAD. It's a long shot that we could do it this summer, but it's something we might be able to accomplish with Ray's help.
- Door sweeps, weather stripping on RE-space doors will be completed this summer.
- Sari will contact Gerald Kippola to repair the hearing devices and maybe a microphone upgrade. Dave will talk to Jeff Krebs.
- Heidi really would like to upgrade AV system. It was one of the top three issues on the member survey. A monitor in the RE space would be added to the AV renovations.
- Milli and Mike White are looking to donate outdoor playground equipment. We will do a walk-around after an upcoming service to look at options. Heidi will call our insurance agent for liability concerns.
- A topic for upcoming discussion will be splitting the land past the parking lot, about 1.25 acres. If we tore up the parking lot, we might be able to sell even more. Dave will talk to a Realtor about options. He said our county assessor said it would be OK with the county. The assessed value on the land is \$10,000 per acre, but the market price may be different.

5. July services & Guest UU Ministers

Emmy Lou Belcher – October 2018, tentatively scheduled

Mark James Worth - April 21, 2019, may bring wife Mickey. Asking \$175 a service, would like to stay a week and deliver two sermons and a workshop for \$350.

Jane Shoup – Subjects Darwin and Robert Ingersoll, would charge \$200

Keys – Mary Maki will get one from the building on Sunday.

Next meeting will be after church on Sunday, July 15, 2018.