

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2018

Call to Order:

BoT Member Attendance: Anne, Mary, Sari, Dave (arrived late)

Other Attendance: Heidi Gould, Martin Steindler

Chalice Lighting & Opening words:

“Communion of Heart & Soul” Bruce Southworth

Open Forum:

Approval of August Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer Report – Martin Steindler, Heidi Gould

Mary moves to keep Martin as Finance committee member. Kathy 2nds, Anne votes yes.

Martin as elder of the congregation charges the board with appointing a treasurer.

Mary Maki made the motion to remove Gary Stark from MBank accounts, Kathy Campbell seconds the motion. Anne votes yes – Unanimous to remove Gary Stark from MBank accounts.

Mary made motion to add Anne Stark, Kathy seconds, Sari votes yes.

Vote passes. Anne recused, Dave Stensaas is absent.

Clarifications on expenditures provided.

Insurance expenditure: have we shopped around? We have a pretty good deal with Rod Lizak at State Farm. **Copies of the policy will be made available to board members.**

Dave’s comments on Martin’s email...update website...Sari adds need for photos, completing the playground will provide marketing advantages...RE webpage has been updated with content from Fall Spiritual Exploration brochure...

Receipt/Expenditure Summary will be updated and excel graph will be created and disseminated.

RE Coordinator Report – Jamie Kuehnl

Kathy reports all so positive, wonderful pods of little kids.

Old Business

- **Building and Grounds**

Dave adds to agenda the previous board discussion to look into selling a portion of our property, schedule a realtor for consultation. Real property survey needed? Mary asks about options to utilize property as source of income? Zoned residential with exemption (variant) for church...what can we do with property as a church for a source of income. We pay a lot for the property and building that we do not use. There are no ideas, suggestions, options??? Vote was taken and passed to contact/consult a realtor.

 - Garbage Removal – volunteers? BoT members will do as needed.
 - Painting of the Sanctuary – DONE! How fortuitous that Anne & Sari have painted 2 sanctuaries! **Post request to remove paint supplies.**
 - A-V/Home Theater screen project update: Anne Stark
Waiting for Gerald Kippola and pricing for an 80 inch monitor
Dave inquires about Gerald Kippola responsibility...Mary M. & Tom Sullivan tested the microphones and hearing devices. The wireless mike needs to be omnidirectional and is cracked and ought be affordable to replace. Dave states mikes have XLR connections and there are at least 2 XLR outlets that do not work. Gerald K. is to check out the XLR connections...more discussion regarding inventory of equipment and required to update the AV system.
Dave does recognize the need for updates and improvements as well as the cost factor. Sari emphasizes the need for improvements to attract more people...Gerry is scheduled to come Thursday, September 6. Revisit next meeting...
- **Ad Campaign – Anne Stark - \$200 - \$250/month**
- **Flags? Mary has a USA flag that she will donate, Mary would like to see the rainbow flag given a rest after Pride Fest, and a PEACE symbol flag is preferred. Mary will forward the links to the flags for purchase. Tye Dye peace symbol and the Dove on Blue.**
- **Victory Lutheran/Sawyer transport bus for sale! – Kathy Campbell**
Cost? And cost of required repairs? – Kathy needs to contact Victory Luther for more info...
- **Sunday Services**
 - How to best utilize Emmy Lou's services – Teri Rockwood
Discussion with Teri concluded that the ideal is for the board to decide how to best utilize Emmy Lou. But suggestions would be helpful. Martin suggests the Board thinks hard on what they need, he will write up and email his thoughts. Anne will contact Emmy Lou for consult.
- **Faith in Action**
 - #TakeAKnee Protest/Demonstration – Heidi Gould

Thursday, September 6 opening of NFL Season.

New Business

- Agenda for Congregational Meeting, Sunday, September 9

Survey Results - Congregational Priorities

Budget

Find a Treasurer

Gifts & Talents Survey

Dave Stensaas – realtor consultation on sale of portion of our property

Endorse Voters Not Politicians Proposal

12th Anniversary Celebration

Purchase Date: August 31, 2016

Move in Day

Martin Notes First Sunday Film is an excellent idea if we can promote/maintain/sustain...charge for popcorn & pop. Movies with a message...

What is the board doing to grow the congregation if growth is the only mechanism of survival?? The board, as a board (not as individuals) needs a coherent answer...

Mary/Anne ask Dave about follow up with Jeff Krebs.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 7 after the service.

Closing Words: Eric Williams Blessed in the path

Adjourned: 7:50pm