

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Board of Trustees

Minutes for March 8, 2020

- I. Call to Order: 12:45 p.m.
 - A. Attendance: Teri Rockwood, President; Mary Maki, VP; Anne Stark, Secretary; Desi Mims, Trustee
 - B. Absent: none
 - C. Other attendance: Michelle Harrison, Jamie Kuenl,
- II. Opening words and chalice lighting: “How to be a UU Leader”
- III. Open Forum - Jamie showed a web page at NMU where the contact for MqtUU still has Heidi as a contact. She will change it. Michelle said she is still getting retirement info for Sean Devlin and has corrected it.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Desi moved to approve. Anne seconded. Passed unanimously,
- V. Approval of February 12, 2020 Minutes. Teri moved we approve. Desi seconded.
- VI. Treasurer Report - Mary reported we transferred \$1,000 from Joan’s Bequest in February. She is working on assigning transactions to budget lines. We have \$435 in the Operations Checking account as of today. Michelle asked why we’re only transferring \$1,000 a time. Mary said it’s just clicking a button to and that she’s watching the account regularly.
- VII. Spiritual Exploration Reports - See attached. Jamie asked when the Board would like the SE budget request. Teri said to try for the end of March.

Teri asked about facilitators for OWL. Jamie said she has a contact through NMU’s Queers and Allies group, Henry Sale. Sarah Johnson and Jamie will put him through a lay training. The SE committee will meet with him this upcoming week. Mary asked if we had any MqtUU kids who will participate in OWL this year. Jamie said we will fill the session with community members. The next MqtUU youth to participate in OWL will be Ruby in 4 years. Mary asked about potential wish-list items for a potential part-time minister. Jamie and Nicole said they’ve talked about it, but it would really depend on the applicant.

Teri said that when Northwoods Learning Hub has been here to discuss some issues that have come up. The conversation will be about how the space is used and making sure both parties’ needs are being addressed. A few small items have been broken and several items have been moved from where we use them and not put back. Mary said the

conversation needs to be tactful because NLH is a valuable tenant. Nicole said she is not leaving a new rug in the story area because she's concerned it will be damaged by NLH kids.

VIII. Energy Administrator: John O'Bryan Update - John analyzed what our gas and electric costs will be for the next 20 years, using our current prices and use levels. If the Energy Innovation Act passes in 2021, this may change. If we swapped out the boiler to geothermal we'd save up to 66%. We'd need to add gas or electric heat to raise the temperature to baseboard radiators. Testing it would be difficult. And with an electric boiler, we'd need to upgrade our service to 320 amps to prevent tripping breakers. If we take advantage of grants and tax incentives (due at the end of March) a solar system would pay for itself in 20 years. With a carbon fee, it would be 14 years. The net metering system with the power company is in flux. We would need to lobby Alger-Delta Power to keep the power purchase agreement favorable for MqtUU. Mary asked when the grant windows are. John said there is one closing in October. But the 26% tax credit requires it that we'd need to have the install finished by the end of the year. It drops to 15% tax credit in 2021. A contact of John's said we should look at conservation before installing a solar electric heating system. Another consideration is the current gas boiler will need to be replaced in the relatively near future. Mary asked what conservation efforts have we done to date. John said the light bulb conversion has been the only conservation effort to date.

IX. Old Business

- A. Ministry Support Team Report/Update - Anne said she met with Sarah Johnson. They decided to contact Lisa Presly to see what resources are available from our regional UU office. She will share what Lisa says with the Ministry Support Team and the Board.
- B. Rev. Kilpatrick's withdrawal - Marlin Kilpatrick withdrew his candidacy for part-time minister on Feb. 13, 2020. The congregation was sent an email from the Board notifying members.
- C. Mid-America Regional Assembly: Possible Attendees - Anne will go. It is on April 18, in Rockford, IL. Mary moved that we pay \$100 registration out of the Community Support line item. Teri seconded. Passed unanimously. Anne will make a point of exploring stewardship and part-time minister search support.

IX. New Business

A. New to UU Event/Workshop - Mary and Anne said they'd help. Teri said her idea is to have a New Member service, perhaps on March 29 talking about Why MqtUU and an induction ceremony. We will need to welcome several new members. Hanna and John, Jill, Adam and Erin. We need to check with the Losees to see if we have welcomed them already.

B. Stewardship Service/Kick-Off Set a Date - Last year Teri and Heidi did a kind of ad hoc execution of UUA resources. Stewardship Sunday would be early in April, set the budget in early May with a congregational meeting to ratify the budget by mid-May.

Teri asked Desi if they would start a stewardship effort. The Stewardship service will be April 5. There are resources on the UUA website. Teri gave Desi some tasks to start.

C. Starting the Budget Process - April will be stewardship month. We can start the budget process before all pledges are submitted. We could give the budget line items an overhaul. SE coordinators have started their budget planning. Teri will ask committee chairs for budget requests due by the end of March.

D. Visibility of Board on Sundays

1. March 15 Mary 3. March 29 Anne

2. March 22 Teri 4. April 5 Desi

I. Any Other Business - Teri asked if we should make an announcement about COVID-19. We will add a link to the UUA notification to the next TnT. Mary said the Mining Journal notice yesterday was the wrong again. Teri has talked to Alesia who does have a calendar, but is still not submitting it accurately. Mary said she would share a paper copy of the Mining Journal so Alesia can see how it looks.

Teri said she was overwhelmed with John's proposal to heat the building with solar electricity.

Anne suggested we ask John to update his original proposal to install a smaller solar array to provide lighting and on-demand hot water and use Joan's Bequest for the installation. Anne will contact him by email today.

XI. Adjournment: Anne moved we adjourn. Teri seconded. Passed unanimously. Next Meeting: Sunday, April 5, 2020 (Stewardship Sunday)

Respectfully submitted, Anne Stark

Attach.

[SE Committee March Meeting](#)

[SE PK-6 February Report](#)

[SE Attendance Sheet](#)

MqtUU Spiritual Exploration

7th & Up BOARD REPORT

March, 2020



Attendance last month in Coming of Age (CoA) Program:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Program Topic & Activities:</u>
February 9	(5) Jazz, Bodhi, Liam, Emma Canyon	Coming of Age: Spiritual Practices & Planning an Altar
February 23	(5) Jazz, Bodhi, Liam, Emma Canyon	Coming of Age: Stillness, Silence, and Meditation with guest Brandon Young

Special CoA/ Spiritual Exploration dates for March:

March 6 th	Sledding and Snowshoeing	4-6 pm	Dragonfly Dunes
March 8 th	COA Theme: Connecting to the Natural World/Web of Interdependence & HOLI!		
March 22 nd	Crepes for Flint!	10 am	UU Meeting House
March 22 nd	COA Theme: Spirituality in Movement	with possible guest, Kristin Erdmann	

Jamie's non-reimbursed expenses/in-kind donations since July, 2019:

Feb: Check to Psi Young \$30, Check to Roxy Sprowl \$50, Coffee and Creamer \$10

Jamie's total in-kind donations since July, 2019: \$861 (see January BoT report for breakdown of previous spendings)

Updates for 7th and Up

- Final parent Session moved from March 11th to April 8th
- FLINT Trip-- April 2nd-5th, program being finalized, lodging at Flint UU, food donations,
 - Serving Breakfast March 22nd, money to donate to Flint UU
- Retreat - Navigating home, rpg with Adam
- OWL in fall, Henry from NMU Queers & Allies grp, Presbyterian, Sarah & Jamie will train, posters by Kedzie
- Haiti \$ update, Youthaiti status & Haitifest
- 2021 General Assembly June 23 - 27, 2021 in Milwaukee, WI, keep this on radar
- Some fams interested in UU Unicamp this summer
- Raised \$98.02 for Amber Afraid of Bear & kids' stroller