

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board Minutes
September 14, 2020

I. Call to Order: 19:05

A. Attendance: Attendance: Teri Rockwood, President; Jill Malin, Trustee; Desi Mims, Secretary; Mary Maki, Vice President

B. Absent: none

C. Other attendance: none

II. Opening words and chalice lighting

III. Open Forum: none

IV. Approval of Agenda: Amended to add "Clear Communication on Building Use" to Old Business. Jill moved to approve as amended. Mari seconded. Approved unanimously.

V. Approval of August 10, 2020 Minutes: Amended for clarification in language that Julie Williams and Simone Chiodini were "each" paid \$50. Jill moved to approve as amended. Mari seconded. Approved unanimously.

VI. Treasurer Report: Report retaining format of recent use. Treasurer intends to improve reports as she familiarizes herself with the format the prior data is in on the laptop. Nothing unusual to report. Discussion on clarification of pledge versus non-pledge donations when received via paypal and tracking of individual donations received via Paypal. Treasurer to gain access to Paypal records.

VII. Spiritual Exploration Reports: OWL is the only SE program currently taking place. Most recent information in email from Sarah Johnson 9/13/2020. Relevant excerpt:

"Just want to share updates that I have on owl. We hosted a parent orientation today and 4 families attended. Two are definitely committed and one filled out paperwork and paid \$100 donation which I will submit ASAP. We have five other families interested and will hold another parent orientation soon. We hope to begin OWL around October 16, possibly with a youth bonfire. I need to understand UU space usage in order to come up with schedule. We started the orientation by the bonfire pit but it was too loud and we needed to move inside."

VIII. Old Business

A. 2020-21 Budget Approved: Update Board Binder: Handled last month

B. OWL: Update: See above.

C. Internet Service at Meeting House: Internet functioning correctly now. Worked fine 9/13/2020. Spectrum representative visited earlier in week and fixed problem.

D. Painting at Meeting House: SE Space done. What's next?: Discussion of whether to rehang things that were up in the area. Decision agreed on to put them away until a future date. Discussion of what to return to space: hard surfaces. Other locations suggested for painting:

men's restroom and playground (stain). Playground deemed higher priority. Jill offers to scrape playground if to be stained. Temperature is a potential problem, requiring possible postponement until Spring. Jill will check condition of playground.

E. Small Group Offerings in person of 10 or less: No participants. Teri will attempt event 9/24. Topic: renewal. Discussion of traffic noise disrupting outdoor activities.

F. Clear Communication on Building Use: Discussion of performing Zoom services from meeting house without congregation present in-person. Board supports proposed Sunday service concept of vow renewal/wedding. Discussion of possible RSVP process for in-person congregants to open in-person services while keeping safe numbers. This Sunday to be both in-person and via Zoom.

IX. New Business

A. RATI: Week of October 4-11; Covid Safety Measures/Cleaning Needs: Waiting for reply from RATI to clarify cleaning needs

B. Webmaster Needed: Currently locked out of Wordpress. Need password reset. Potentially need a webmaster. Desi will ask Will if he might be able to help, preferably with a long-term solution to this kind of confusion.

C. Help with other Administrative Tasks: Discussion of what is needed/expected of administrative assistant.

D. Garbage Dumped on Property: People were seen leaving garbage on the property. Jill spoke to police. Board does not intend to press charges, but would like garbage removed. Concerns discussed of whether any of the contents of the garbage may be evidence of another crime and potential legal ramifications. Jill offered to remove if need be.

E. Visibility of Board on Sundays: Sep. 20: Desi; Sep 27: Teri; Oct. 4: Mari; Oct 11: Jill

X. Any Other Business

Climate Justice, MUUSJN, Marquette Interfaith Forum, Social Justice for Us, and Democratic Party seeking contacts for UU community. Jill offered to reach out to Interfaith Forum.

XI. Adjournment: 20:53 Next Meeting: October 15, 2020 19:00