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Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Sunday,10-16-22, 1 pm

1. Call to Order: 1:04 p.m.
 - a. Attending: Jill Malin, Martin Steindler, Susan Urban, Christie Jean Wagner
 - b. Absent: None
 - c. Others Attending: Mary Maki
2. Opening words and chalice lighting
3. Open Forum - Mary suggested that in person attendance should be taken by someone at the meeting house. There was a discussion of various ways to do this, as well as how to handle basket contributions, but it was agreed that those would be more useful when in person attendance becomes larger. It was agreed that the Board member or Zoom host on site on any given Sunday could do this.
4. Approval of Agenda: Jill moved to approve, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Approval of Sep 25, 2022 minutes: Martin moved to approve, Jill seconded, approved unanimously.
6. Spiritual Exploration Reports: SE and OWL – Sarah
 - a. Sarah reported that OWL limit of 12 participants has been reached, she also said that the first day today went well. OWL will take place from 10:45 – 12:15 each Sunday, except for some retreats. We have four children under 5 for SE. This means that curriculum will be somewhat different. The annual MUUC Soup dinner has traditionally been at the beginning of December, but Sarah has a child with a birthday then, so we will shift to February. Saturday, February 11 or Saturday, February 18 are the dates in mind for now. The event will be a buffet. Christine suggested setting February 11 as the date with February 18 as a backup in case of weather. Christie moved to approve, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.
Sarah's expenses for the month are \$69.05, Christie moved to approve payment, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.

- b. Genderless bathrooms have been achieved, Christie mentioned that there could be another modification. Christie and Sarah will send announcement language to Susan for TNT.
7. Treasurer's Report - Jill
- a. Credits, Debits and Balances for this month
Incoming funds \$5,227.56, outgoing \$3547.42
Balances are substantially the same as last month.
 - b. Status of Correction of employee Social Security Data: No change.
 - c. Status of payment for 3 way services \$400 paid last month, will pay \$300 every 3 months on an ongoing basis.
 - d. Jill is keeping the MUUC directory, Martin mentioned that he noticed a discrepancy, Jill will look into this.
 - e. Jill suggested that we put a line in the Mining Journal every week got \$1 a line, we could put in six or seven dollars a week to add up to about \$100 for three months. This was approved last month.
 - f. Spreadsheet for attendance and contributions drafted by Christie on Google Drive. It lists the Order of Service Schedule, Offering Contributions and Attendance. Jill suggested columns for who counted offerings, and how much was received. Mary suggested that names of attendees should also be noted to see who is coming. Christie suggested that we have a column for names of attendees (this would be optional since sometimes we don't have all the names). Martin suggested that we keep this document as simple as possible. Susan agreed. Christie suggested that we start where we are and add more data as time goes on.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Munroe Husbands UUA Grant for Lay Led Congregations, Sara offered to write it. Christie offered to look at the sound system with Jill to see what updates might be needed. She also wants to look at the Toshiba laptop to see if it can be used in any way to broadcast services over the Internet.
- b. Status of Codensed History of the MUUC, Size of congregation – Review. No change.
- c. Fund Raising -
 - i. Draft of letter for RV parking at the MUUC, Mary & Christie DONE. We have not had word of anyone using it as yet.

- ii. Econo Foods receipts – will not be ready until February per Jill.
 - iii. Review of sound system for sober dances as a fundraiser. Christie and Jill will look into this. Jill said there was some interest in a holiday formal.
- d. Password and Access Updates
 - i. Internet accounts: Christie will try access to MailChimp, she now has access as an MUUC website administrator.
- e. June Annual meeting notes from Mary: No change.
- f. Martin recommended discussion of activities/conditions for a successful future. Martin will write up his ideas and send to the rest of the Board.
- g. Martin recommended we develop MUUC positions on local non-political issues. Martin will write up his ideas and send to the rest of the Board before the next meeting.
- h. Website review and updates – Susan will remove grant language and update pledge info. Susan will send a list of the email addresses on MailChimp to Martin and rest of Board.
- i. Use and organization of the Google Drive –The new spreadsheet will be helpful in getting comfortable with using the drive. Susan will put Sunday services schedule on Google Calendar, Christie will also put events on it as needed.
- j. Notifications: - Christie
 - i. Martin out of the area September to April(?)
 - ii. Christie out of the area early December to early April
Noted. Christie and Jill will ask different people to be Zoom hosts

Ideas gleaned from Phil Lund's visit and how we will implement. Christie will send Susan her notes from the meeting.

Discussions with Phil Lund, our goals, future and strategic plan. Christie suggested that we might want to have meetings on this specific topic rather than have this discussion at Board meetings. Martin suggested that we have a meeting in person with all members. There would be email communication prior to this with questions as to what may be done to ensure the future of the congregation. Christie will draft an initial communication as to what should be in the email. This draft should be ready by the next Board meeting. Mary suggested that we need a list of all current members and their correct email addresses, it was affirmed that this already exists.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Monthly board meeting schedule: November 20th after service at 1:00 p.m.
 - b. Services Schedule: Service Leader, Topic, zoom host
Services schedule through November 20th is on the This N That newsletter. The consensus on Zoom host assignments was that since the current hosts are somewhat uncertain of their schedules, they will work it out on a week to week basis.
 - c. Upcoming Events
See paper agenda
 - i. Music & Myth Mondays starts October 17, Keith Glendon hosting.
 - ii. Soup Dinners - See above
 - iii. Social justice forums – Documentaries with people we know is one idea, this should probably be part of our strategic plan.
 - iv. Sober dances – see above.
 - d. Removal of concrete in playground - DONE
 - e. Ad free YouTube for music and hymns during services: Various suggestions were made as to how to get this. Jill will sign up for a one month trial at mqtuadassist email account. The cost after the trial is low, so we will most likely pay for an ad free account.
 - f. Room at the Inn has inquired as to whether we want to work with them. Christie suggested a weekday meeting with someone from RATI. Jill suggested that we do this on Sunday when people are already here. Christie suggested we have the person speak for 15 minutes after a service, plus questions and answers. Susan will coordinate with the person who contacted us and see what they want to do as far as a presentation goes – entire service or just a short talk at the end of a service. They are looking for volunteers and funds as well.
10. Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.