

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 5:30 pm EST  
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order: 5:50 p.m.
  - a. Attending: Jill Malin, Martin Steindler, Susan Urban, Christie Jean Wagner
  - b. Absent: None
  - c. Others Attending: None
2. Opening words and chalice lighting
3. Open Forum - None
4. Approval of Agenda—Susan moved to approve, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Approval of 12/20/22 minutes – Jill moved to approve, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.
6. Spiritual Exploration Reports: SE and OWL – Sarah  
OWL is going well, virtually no SE. Planning for soup dinner is going well, Christie will contact Sarah about concerns about enough soup. Sarah needed color printing, Jill will help her use the printer in the MUUC office.
7. Treasurer's Report – Jill: Martin moved to approve, Christie seconded, approved unanimously.
  - a. Credits, Debits and Balances for this month  
Incoming \$2,736.57, Outgoing \$2,365.47, paid P.O. Box charge, paid for new MUUC computer. Plowing bill coming up, also some SE expenses.
  - b. Status of Correction of employee Social Security Data - the U.P. Tax people have not yet delivered our documents to Jill. Jill will follow up again.
  - c. Status of payment for 3 way services - we are up to date on payments.
8. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Munroe Husbands UUA Grant for Lay Led Congregations - Christie will make a proposal. Christie and Sara offered to write it.  
Christie made a draft list of what we should ask for, it comes to around \$1,000. Susan brought up maybe a new router, Christie mentioned that she was told by Spectrum that we have an old plan. Jill suggested that we might want to get a newer plan. Board will review the draft and will get back to discussion next month.
  - b. Status of Condensed History of the MUUC, Size of congregation –OK, Susan will print some out to put in the MUUC lobby. DONE.
  - c. Fund Raising
    - i. Econofoods receipt turn in expected in February – Jill will check on status.
    - ii. Review of sound system for sober dances – Jill will look into this for spring.  
DONE
  - d. June Annual meeting notes from Mary – no status change.

- e. Martin recommended discussion of activities/conditions for a successful future – see Paul Lund notes. Jill will send Martin a directory, Martin will send an email to current nominal members asking how they might contribute to MUUC's operations.
- f. Martin recommended that we develop MUUC positions on local non-political issues—such as homelessness, poverty, etc. without identifying a political party. Martin suggested that we could consult with a lawyer on this issue. He and Christie agreed that the UUA is supporting social justice issues, and we might follow their lead.
- g. Website review and updates - Susan/Christie, Christie will look into updating the newsletter section of the MUUC website.
- h. Use and organization of the Google Drive –Christie wants to put this off until next month, or until she is back in Marquette.
- i. Discussions with Phil Lund, our goals, future, and strategic plan with an all members meeting and an email discussion list. Board members sent emails to the rest of the Board with takeaways from the September meeting with Phil, but agreed that there are not enough people available to implement them. See below discussion on meetings with Phil Lund on governing as a committee of the whole.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Monthly board meeting schedule: Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm Eastern time.
- b. Services Schedule: Service Leader, Topic, zoom host
  - i. Zoom host for 1/22 - Jill
  - ii. 1/29 - Jill
  - iii. 2/05 - Kathryn & Caitlin - Susan
  - iv. 2/12 - Triangle Service – Jill, will try to recruit someone else
  - v. 2/19 – Bishop Spong service – Jill, will try to recruit someone else
- c. Using the spreadsheet & calendar for planning and documenting – Jill found it on Google Drive, will work with it, Christie is editing.
- d. Upcoming Events
  - i. Soup Dinner February 18, 2023 - See above.
  - ii. Music and Myth Mondays ?? – Keith. Susan will contact him.
  - iii. Social Justice Forums? Christie, may depend on survey results. Table until next month.
- e. Organizing records and the office (was tabled from this summer).
- f. Active recruitment of a new Marquette based Board member and new Zoom hosts. Table until after 1/24 meeting with Phil Lund.
- g. UUA annual certification for congregations due 2/1/23 – Christie and Jill will work on this, with Jill's assistance on financial info.

- h. Advertising on Google – Christie suggested that we spend some money on advertising to make MUUC appear more frequently in searches. Christie will find out costs before next board meeting. Susan will put on the website that people can use Maps for directions to the meeting house if they have an iPhone.
  - i. Working with Paul Lund about possibly switching MUUC to governance by a committee of the whole-a meeting with Phil Lund is set for Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. EST to discuss this..
  - j. Jill brought up the idea of getting a minister. Susan noted that Phil Lund said that there were not many people available, but we could advertise through the UUA. We will also discuss this with Phil Lund at the 1/24 meeting.
  - k. Martin brought up the idea that we need to focus on who we want to attract to the congregation - another item for the Phil Lund meeting.
10. Adjournment: 7:24 p.m.