

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Board of Trustees Minutes - Tuesday, 02-21-23, 6:00 pm EST

1. Call to Order 5:59 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 noted that the Mining Journal has listed the same information on services at MUUC for the last three weeks. Also, our website was not listed. Jill will contact them about this. Mary suggested that maybe using a standard blurb each week might be a good idea. She also wondered why we were listed in Harvey instead of Marquette.
4. Approval of Agenda: Susan moved to approve, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Approval of 1/17/23 minutes Martin moved to approve, Christie seconded, approved unanimously.
6. Spiritual Exploration Reports: SE and OWL - per email from Sarah
  - a. Review of Soup Dinner event on 2/18/22:

The event was very successful, lots of money was taken in for JJ Parks. Susan mentioned the person Sarah talked to who wanted us to meet later for services, and suggested that maybe we should put her in charge of later activities, since 11 a.m. is the closest thing to afternoon that we can get, and also mentioned that some folks might prefer an earlier service time.
7. Treasurer's Report - Jill
  - a. Expenses for the soup dinner and SE: 25 bowls that we will keep, \$281.88. This is within our budget. Stipends for OWL instructors need to be paid as well. This should come out of the OWL funds paid by the parents. Martin moved to approve, Susan seconded, approved unanimously.
  - b. There is another bill for ploughing that needs to be paid, \$400 for the month of January.
  - c. Credits, Debits and Balances for this month -
    - i. Incoming \$1,332.53, Outgoing \$2,508.08
    - ii. Balances: Checking Account \$2,916.29, Building Fund \$14,840.96.
  - d. Heating system repairs and costs – still no heat in back room, Semco Energy has to inspect the furnace, and the state needs to do an inspection as well. Jill said we don't need to be inspected before fixing the heat. Semco comes around every year, and we are on the list for the state. There may be some cost associated with the inspections. Jill will call B&G Heating to find out when they can complete the repair. The cost for this repair will come out of the Building Fund.
  - e. Status of Correction of employee Social Security Data - No new info, U.P. Tax has still not sent anything or contacted us.

- f. Christie will look into the cost of updating our internet connection. Jill will get contact info for our Internet service provider to her.
- g. Treasurer's report approval: Martin moved to approve, Christie seconded, approved unanimously.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Munroe Husbands UUA Grant for Lay Led Congregations, Christie will make a proposal. Christie and Sarah offered to write it. No update from last month. Christie will work on this for next month.
- b. June Annual meeting notes from Mary – Mary will send to Susan.
- c. Website review and updates - Susan/Christie Jill will send Susan the monthly treasurer reports since April, and she will post on the website.
- d. Use and organization of the Google Drive – Christie asked if anyone was uncomfortable with the Google Drive. Martin does not have a gmail account, so cannot access the Google Drive. Susan suggested that Martin could be given the password for the mqtuu email. Martin said gmail does not work with Firefox on his computer. Christie will work with Martin to get Martin access.
- e. Monthly board meeting schedule: Tuesday, March 21, 6 p.m. EST
- f. Services Schedule: Service Leader, Topic, zoom host
  - i. February 26, Work party, Zoom will still be available, Jill
  - ii. March 5, Martin Steindler, "Fooling Around," Jill
  - iii. March 12, Triangle service, Rev. Alice Diebel, "Spiritual Maturity," Jill
  - iv. March 19, February Sky, "Strength, Vision and Courage: Songs by Women About Women," Jill
  - v. March 26, no ideas about activities
  - vi. Christie brought up having an MUUC YouTube channel, she will look into this.
  - vii. Using the spreadsheet & calendar for planning and documenting
- g. Upcoming Events
  - i. Music and Myth Mondays ?? - Keith - Susan will contact him.
  - ii. Social Justice Forums? Christie has not yet pursued this. She suggested that we pick one for March. Christie will contact someone from the Celebration of Women's Suffrage Movement at the 100 year anniversary of the movement. Mary also mentioned that the Women's Center in Marquette has had its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we could do a forum and/or service with someone from there.
  - iii. Sober Dances? Jill, nothing planned right now.
- h. UUA annual certification for congregations due 2/1/23 – Christie will update by next meeting.
- i. Advertising on Google – Christie, no change.
- j. Email discussion list – Christie, no change. Susan brought up adding the idea of the service time being changed.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Our goals, future, and strategic plan
  - i. Martin recommended discussion of activities/conditions for a successful future - Martin sent a follow up email on this. Today Martin brought up the idea of contacting current members and friends about serving on the Board. Susan will draft a letter to be sent out to current member and friends via email and snail mail about our need for Board members, and will email it to the rest of the Board.
  - ii. Martin recommended that we develop MUUC positions on local non-political issues - Martin sent a follow up email, Martin today said we could look at the UUA website for ideas on this. We discussed that we need to reach out to the university community, however, there were no ideas as to the best way to do this.
  - iii. Mary brought up that we need a vehicle for members to share thoughts with one another. She suggested that this could be a members only area on the website. Susan suggested an IO group.
  - iv. Discussions and working with Paul Lund about Possible governance by a committee of the whole.
    - 1. Bylaw changes – Christie will get the survey out and we will have results to discuss next month.
  - v. Hiring a part time minister? This should be a survey question. The other questions should wait until the results of the survey are in to answer this question. Christie commented that we must be very clear about what we would expect the person to do.
    - 1. Description of duties
    - 2. Recruiting and advertising
  - vi. Hiring an Administrative Assistant? Need to wait for the results of the survey for answers on the issues below. Susan brought up how we would pay for this, and there appeared to be no real answer. Christie mentioned that a wedding service coordinator who got a share of the money for having a wedding in our building might be a good idea. There would be a cleaning fee built in.
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  - vii. All members meeting for discussion of governance by a committee of the whole. Will table until after the results of the survey. Mary mentioned that we have fixed operation costs that we cannot be eliminated.

10. Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.