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Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 3-21-23, 6:00 pm EST Via Zoom

1. Call to Order: 6:23 p.m.
 - a. Attending: Jill Malin (joined late by phone due to Internet malfunction), Martin Steindler, Susan Urban, Christie Jean Wagner
 - b. Absent: None
 - c. Others Attending: Mary Maki
2. Opening words and chalice lighting
3. Open Forum: No items
4. Approval of Agenda: Martin moved to approve, Christie seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Approval of 2/21/23 minutes Christie moved to approve, Martin seconded, approved unanimously.
6. Spiritual Exploration Reports: SE and OWL - Sarah
 - a. Review emailed report from Sarah
 - b. OWL is going well, no kids on some Sundays, few on others.
7. Treasurer's Report - Jill
 - a. Review emailed report from Jill
 - b. Review/change of newspaper ad, Jill will follow up.
 - c. Review of Internet connection – Christie will look into an upgrade, there has been no upgrade at this point. Susan though she saw a bill from Spectrum on mqtuuadassist email, no one was sure what that might have been. Jill can possibly look into this?
 - d. Credits, Debits and Balances for this month
Incoming \$1,425,11, Outgoing \$1,634.41.
Balances: Checking Account \$2,371.94, Building Fund \$14,840.96.
 - e. Heating system repairs and costs: Feb 03, 2023, \$180.00 to Semco. With Jill communication issues, not certain that final repairs have been made.
 - f. Status of Correction of employee Social Security Data, no progress
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Munroe Husbands UUA Grant for Lay Led Congregations, Christie will make a proposal. Christie and Sara offered to write it. No progress
 - b. June Annual meeting notes from Mary - Mary said she would send to Susan before next Board meeting. Susan will send her a reminder.

- c. Website review and updates - Susan/Christie: Susan updated the Treasurer Reports and upcoming services/events, and removed Soup Dinner info from top banner.
- d. Use and organization of the Google Drive – Christie, No change.
- e. Monthly board meeting schedule: Next meeting Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m. EST via Zoom.
- f. Services Schedule: Service Leader, Topic, zoom host
 - i. Using the spreadsheet & calendar for planning and documenting
 - ii. 3/26/23: No service
 - iii. 4/2/23: Dan Young, Photography, February Sky music, Susan will be Zoom host.
 - iv. 4/9/23: Easter Triangle Service with Petoskey and Bay de Noc, Jill Zoom host?
 - v. 4/16/23: February Sky, “Falling In Love with Being Together,” Christie Zoom host.
 - vi. 4/23/23: Earth Month service or forum, possibly with John Forslin, Christie will contact him, Christie Zoom host.
 - vii. 4/30/23: Activity with Petoskey for fifth Sunday, Zoom host TBD.
- g. Upcoming Events
 - i. Social Justice Forums? April is Earth Month, Christie will contact John Forslin for service and/or a forum.
 - ii. Martin and Christie will work on a forum on nuclear energy.
 - iii. Sober Dances? Jill has something tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 20.
- h. UUA annual certification for congregations due 2/1/23 – Christie, no change.
 - i. Advertising on Google – Christie, no change.
 - j. Email discussion list – Christie, no charge.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pledge Campaign for 2023

Query membership for pledges, change pledge form to include survey results. Susan will put link to survey in TNT this week and next. Tentative deadline for results is April 1st. Susan will put in TNT that people should check spam folder.
- b. Our goals, future, and strategic plan
 - i. Martin recommended discussion of activities/conditions for a successful future - Martin sent a follow up email.

1. Priority per Martin, find people for board, need to figure out where to go next by querying existing and previous members and friends on 10 or so items to consider. Christie has already developed and sent out the survey.
2. Susan mentioned that we have to move quickly on a possible change to shared governance.
 - ii. Martin recommended we develop MUUC positions on local non-political issues. - Martin sent a follow up email, including reminder about using the UUA website as a resource for topics.
 - iii. Discussions and working with Paul Lund about Possible governance by a committee of the whole
 1. Bylaw changes
 - iv. Hiring a part time minister?
 1. Description of duties
 2. Recruiting and advertising
 - v. Hiring an Administrative Assistant?
 1. Description of duties
 2. Recruiting and advertising
 - vi. All members meeting? ALL ABOVE TABLED PENDING SURVEY RESULTS.
- c. Gmail access for Martin - Martin/Christie: No progress. Remove from agenda.
- d. Habitat for Humanity letter request for help with lunches. Susan will put a notice in TNT.
- e. Episcopal church suicide prevention letter. Jill will send pictures of both letters to Susan for inclusion in TNT,
- f. Bay de Noc UU sent an email to mqtuuadassist proposing sharing a table at Pridefest, this is OK with all. Question as to which Pridefest, what date. Susan will send a reply to this email.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.