

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Trustees Minutes, Monday, 6-19-23, 6:00 pm EST
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.
 - a. Attending: Jill Malin, Martin Steindler, Susan Urban, Christie Jean Wagner
 - b. Absent: None.
 - c. Others Attending: Mary Maki, Phil Lund
2. Opening words and chalice lighting.
3. Open Forum - Mary asked about information for finances that was shared at the 6/18 forum. She also asked about pledges for 23-24. She pointed out that if there are very few pledges, that may affect our future.

Phil asked what constitutes a quorum in our congregation. Board answered that we will almost certainly have one at the Annual Meeting. Phil said that the deadline was February 1, 2024 to do something for MUUC to become affiliated with the UUA in another status. He said that it was clear to him when he visited last September that our building is not realistic for a congregation of our size. He recommended that we get the word out about selling the building to the entire membership. He also talked about how to appropriately dispose of MUUC's asset, and that MUUC would keep its assets if it became a covenanting community. He gave an example of a community that became a covenanting community and only meets once a month to serve at the local food pantry. He also shared some ways that a covenanting community may meet with its members. Christie noted that we have presented our possible options to the congregations at the forums we held on Sundays, May 21 and June 18. We discussed different scenarios for moving forward as a group.
4. Approval of Agenda - Christie moved to approve, Susan seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Approval of 6-13-23 minutes - Martin moved to approve, Christie seconded, approved unanimously.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Janitorial services - Laura has indicated that she had some issues, but she plans to continue cleaning, although she has missed some cleanings recently. We need to tell her how often we want her to clean in light of the fact that the building may not be open often during the summer.
 - b. Pledge Campaign for 2023-2024 – Jill reported that there are currently nine pledging members, she needs to follow up with those one autopay.
 - c. DISCUSSION OF 6-18-23 FORUM - Our goals, future, and strategic plan - related handouts available at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Jc41Fpd26BeB8bpWxR74nKDGsAwhAYhz?usp=share_link

- i. What further information did we get from the 6-18-23 forum?
 - a. Budget details - see above.
 - b. Board and committee candidates - there are currently no new ones.
 - c. Commonly Agreed Recommendations from this board for the MUUC membership. These were discussed.
 - d. Jill asked about meeting at another place or places to meet before selling the building. A discussion ensued about the possibility of alternative spaces available for free.
 - e. A discussion took place about the possibility of takeover by strangers joining us. It was agreed that we would be vigilant in this regard.
- d. What do we anticipate needing for the 6-25-23 annual meeting and vote and what outcomes do we anticipate for the 6-25-23 annual meeting and vote?
 - 1. Draft 6-25-23 annual meeting Agenda:
 - a. Do we have a quorum?
 - b. Budget Report: Christie asked Jill to send her the info below.
 - i. The budget for 22-23
 - ii. The actual income and expenditures
 - iii. Balances of the mortgage and accounts
 - iv. The proposed budget for 23-24
 - v. Vote on the proposed budget after discussion
 - c. State of the Congregation
 - i. Leadership
 - 1. Which current trustees are willing to stay on for 23-24?
 - 2. Committees
 - 3. Service Committee
 - 4. SE
 - 5. OWL
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. Attendance
 - d. Nominations and Election of the Board of Trustees
 - e. Any motion from membership based on the current board recommendations:
 - i. Sell the property
 - ii. Rent space in Marquette as needed
 - iii. Continue as a congregation (i.e. any motions for)
 - 1. Self Governance
 - 2. Becoming a Covenanting Community
 - 3. Dissolution
 - 4. Make a motion to the membership to sell the building and start taking action for that to happen.
 - f. Discussion on the summer and fall service schedule
 - i. 7/2/23 Fourth of July 'weekend', no service.
 - ii. 7/9/23 Triangle Service with Petoskey & Bay de Noc. Gather at homes or other spaces to watch together.

- iii. 7/16/23 Pending results of annual meeting, possibly provide links to services at other churches. Potluck or Forum with conversation at meeting house or another location?
 - iv. Thursday, July 20, possible potluck at 5pm?
 - v. 7/23/23 Pending results of annual meeting, possibly provide links to services at other churches. Potluck or Forum with conversation at meeting house or another location?
 - vi. 7/30/23 Fifth Sunday Fellowship with Petoskey UU? Gather at homes or other spaces to watch together.
 - g. Any other motions from the membership
2. A discussion on the above 6-25-23 annual meeting Agenda took place, and it was agreed upon as modified.
 3. Adjournment: 8:26 p.m.