

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 7-18-23, 6:00 pm EST
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order: 6:11 p.m.
 - a. Attending: Jill Malin, Martin Steindler, Susan Urban, Christie Jean Wagner
 - b. Absent: None
 - c. Others Attending: Mary Maki, Andrea Stader
2. Opening words and chalice lighting
3. Open Forum

Andrea Stader introduced herself.
Mary made welcoming comments. Christie, Susan, Martin, Jill introduced themselves.
4. Approval of Agenda: Martin moved to approve, Jill seconded, approved unanimously.
5. Approval of 6-19-23 BOT minutes and 6-25-23 Annual Meeting minutes: Martin moved to approve, Christie seconded, approved unanimously.
6. Spiritual Exploration Reports: SE and OWL – No updates.
7. Treasurer's Report - Jill
 - a. Review report from Jill

Annual Program Fund bill from the UUA came in. The budget from them for 2023 shows \$300. Jill said we can afford to pay that in installments. State Farm insurance on the building is also coming due.
 - b. Credits, Debits and Balances for this month

Incoming: \$2,036.08, Outgoing: \$1,091.44. Utilities reduced due to mild summer weather and reduced building use. There will be no more bills from Patriot Software (payroll). Laura (cleaning person) is on vacation, since no one is using the building right now except the Thursday Shine dance class.
Mary commented that Jamie was being paid for OWL teaching, and that this is a violation of the policy of not paying members.
 - c. Pledge Campaign progress for 2023-2024

\$8,920.00, 14 pledges, 12 members, 2 friends, so down seven pledges. As of this date, several others had expressed an intention to pledge, but had not yet done so.
 - d. Review of Internet connection – Christie had committed to look into this, – no change yet, but she plans to get to this.
Approval of Treasurer's report: 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 Sara offered to write it. Christie proposed that we take this off the list, since without the building we will not need.
 - b. Website review and updates – Susan added approved minutes, will add those approved today and Treasurer's Reports. Christie, as a member, will work on the website with the goal of increasing membership participation and membership and community involvement. Jill will send the final budget to Susan, who will post it on the website. Jill and Christie will work together on getting an accurate final budget.

- c. Use and organization of the Google Drive – Christie, no change, Christie will work on as a member.
- d. Monthly board meeting schedule: Next meeting: August 15, 2023 at 6 p.m. Eastern time via Zoom.
- e. Services Schedule: Service Leader, Topic, zoom host
 - i. 7/23/23 Recommended online services from other UUs:
Bay de Noc UU.
 - ii. 7/30/23 Fifth Sunday Fellowship with Petoskey UU.
 - iii. 8/6/23 Forum/gathering at Martin's house.
 - iv. 8/13/23 – Triangle service with UU Petoskey.
 - v. 8/20/23 – Link to Keweenaw UU service.
 - vi. 8/27/23 – Link to Bay de Noc UU website
 - vii. 9/3/23 Labor Day Weekend – Invite people to participate in a service for people in need – maybe at the warming shelter on Washington Street? Christie proposed this idea, the consensus was that it is a good one.
 - viii. 9/10/23 - Triangle service with UU Petoskey.
- f. Events – None, no Shine Dance on July 20, will resume July 27, continuing through at least mid-August.
- g. Email discussion list – Christie – IO group, will send notices to the membership list.
- h. Wall repair near sanctuary south side exit door and behind the nursery door – Christie had originally volunteered to do this, but suggested that we get someone who does this work for a living to do this. Mary mentioned that Laura had expressed an interest in doing this on a volunteer basis. Susan said she thought we should get a professional to do this. Christie said that the Building Sale Committee should be in charge of this. There was general agreement on this last point.
- i. Implementing changes in fee structure for renting the sanctuary – Christie will work with Susan to update information on the website. Christie noted that the congregation voted for the increase at the Annual Meeting.
- j. Janitorial services – see above.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Installation of new Board of Trustees
Process to get Andrea installed – 1) Andrea must become a member (met); 2) need to put out a 10 day notice to the congregation of a special meeting to vote on the new board member. The Board agreed to set the meeting date for 6 p.m. July 31 via Zoom. Jill will start that meeting on MUUC Zoom.
- b. Election of Officers – after July 31 meeting, at next BOT meeting on August 15.
- c. Plan to sell the property: Discussion and any board action:
Dave, Teri, Jill, and Christie will be on the Building Sale Committee. There have been no meetings of this committee as yet. Jill will send a text to Teri tonight about where and when there will be a meeting. Jill will send that information to Susan, who will put it in the TNT and email the current membership as well.
- d. Discussion: Our goals, future, and strategic plan
A discussion ensued as to why we have had such severe attrition and what we plan to do to rebuild and renew the congregation. Selling the building and moving to a meeting space in the middle of Marquette were included in this discussion. Martin suggested

that we use what happened for MUUC around the year 2000 as a model for as startup of a renewed congregation.

Adjournment: 8:01 p.m.