

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation FINAL

Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 12-26-23. 6:00 PM Via Zoom

1. Called to order at 6:06 pm by Susan Urban

Attending: Susan Urban, Jill Malin, Martin Steindler, Andrea Stader

Absent: None

Others Attending: Mary Maki, Christie Jean

2. Opening words and Chalice Lighting by Susan Urban

3. Open Forum: no comments

4. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Andrea Stader, seconded by Jill Malin.
Motion approved.

5. Approval of 11-23-23 BOT Meeting Moved by Susan Urban and
seconded by Martin Steindler. Motion approved.

6. Treasurer's Report given by Jill Malin

Credits, Debits, and Balances for November

Incoming: \$2,271.62 Outgoing: \$2,136.22

Balances: \$1,459.77, Checking

Status of Janitorial Services: Jill reported that there is no need to hire
a cleaning person at this time. The building is supposed to be inspected
next week.

Pledge Campaign: Nothing at this time.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Martin Steindler made a motion to
approve, seconded by Susan Urban, Motion approved.

7. Old Business:

Susan continues to review and update the Website adding the approved
minutes for the BOT meeting and newest Treasurer's Report. Susan
also adds basic updates to events and upcoming Worship sessions.
Christie Wagner previously said she would work on the Website trying
to increase membership and community involvement. There was no
report this month. Christie also created a new Facebook page for MUUC
that is being actively used. It is encouraged that members do not need
to be a page Administrator to invite friends.

The next regular Monthly BOT meeting will be Jan. 30, 2024, 6:00 pm EST via Zoom.

Service Schedule:

12-31-23- 10:30 AM Link to Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Led by Carol Grafford, on Buddhism.

1-07-24 Link to Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County with Katie Dahl, on Eleanor's passionate relationship with Lorena Hickock.

12-12-24 Triangle Service with Petoskey and Bay de Noc UU's with Service, with Rev. Alice Diebal, on Martin Luther King Jr, and a return to nonviolence

1-19-24-Our first 2024 Service with Rev. Denise Tracy, the topic is "Goodbye 2023". There will be a potluck brunch at 10:15 AM at the building before the service.

Still looking into a place in Marquette for a small gathering once a month. It was suggested that we might look into the Women's Federated Clubhouse 104 W. Ridge St. across the street from the Peter White Library. The cost is unknown.

Jill reported that the Yooper Pagan Alliance met at the MUUC building on 12-2-23. The donations totaled \$57.00.

The Yooper Pagan Alliance has been approved to schedule a ritual for Feb. 3, 2024 to honor the Goddess Brigid.

It was suggested that the Rental Fee Structure should be updated. Christie said she would look into this as well as look into putting an Email Discussion List Group and put a link on the Website.

Jill Malin gave a report on from the Building Committee regarding the selling of the property. There is a buyer that put down earnest money and the building will be inspected next week. The price offered is \$399,000. Jill had a plumber look into the two broken parts on the water pump and that had been fixed. The building is in good shape for an inspection. The closeout date on the Purchase Agreement is April 21, 2024.

The Meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals of Chocolay Twp. is scheduled for Jan. 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

8. New Business

The UUA Annual Program Fund Request FY25 for \$2,662.00 that will begin July 1, 2024 has been tabled.

Goals for the future and strategic plan.

Rev. Denise Tracy has agreed to preach for us on January 21, Feb. 18, March 31, April 28, and May 3 for \$150.00.

Jill Malin proposed having a Potluck Brunch at the building at 10:15 AM followed by the Service by Rev. Denise Tracy on January 21st. It was noted that attendance has doubled when Rev. Tracy conducts the service.

A brief discussion ensued in regarding our goals, future, and strategic plans of the MUUC and how to promote our ZOOM services.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm EST. Motion was made by Susan Urban, and seconded by Martin Steindler.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Stader