

## Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 2-20-24 6:00 PM

Via Zoom

1. Called to order at 6:14 pm by Susan Urban

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

Absent: None

Others Attending: Mary Maki, Christie Wagoner

2. Opening words and Chalice Lighting by Susan Urban

3. Open Forum: Mary Maki commented on Rev. Tracy's sermon last Sunday on Zoom.

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

5. Approval of 1-30-24 BOT Meeting minutes: Moved by Jill Malin  
seconded by Susan Urban. Motion approved.

6. a. Treasurer's Report given by Jill Malin

Credits, Debits, and Balances for December

Incoming: \$1357.41 Outgoing: \$2454.03 (\$1300 due to the furnace repair).

Balances: \$1532.97 Checking

b. Pledge Campaign: Nothing has changed.

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

7. Old Business:

a. Website Review and Updates:

Susan continues to review and update the Website adding the approved minutes for the 1-30-24 BOT meeting and newest Treasurer's Report. Susan also adds basic updates to events and upcoming Worship sessions.

Christie Wagoner created a new FB page for MUUC last month on the trying to increase membership and community involvement. There are currently 17 followers on the page.

b. The next regular Monthly BOT meeting will be

March 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm EST via Zoom. A Special Membership meeting will be held to formally vote on the approval of the sale of the building on this date also. According to the By-Laws the meeting should be held 10 days before the final sale with a 40% of current members.

c. Service Schedule/Events and comments:

It was reported that 4 people attended the breakfast potluck at the building before the February 18th Zoom Service.

Sunday, February 11, 2024-Triangle Service with Petoskey, Bay de Noc, and MUUC.

Sunday, February 18, 2024-Rev. Denise Tracy Service "Lessons About Life and of Love". Music by February Sky. February Sky did a wonderful job with the live music.

Celebration of our time in the building and ritual of leaving was discussed.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024 at 10:30 members are encouraged to show up to box up items from the Congregation. It appears we will need at least another day to help pack. Saturday,

March 2, 2024 is "Saying Goodbye to the Building" Party at 6:00 pm. Susan set the agenda and will direct the service/meeting. February Sky provided music for the Event.

Sunday, March-3-2024 there will be no service as the congregation will meet one last time in the building the night before.

Sunday, March 3, 2024 the Yooper Pagan Alliance will hold at Witch Bottle Workshop at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, March 10, 2024 there will be a Triangle Service with Petoskey, Bay de Noc UU's, and MUUC on ZOOM.

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Rev. Denise Tracy will hold a Service "On Whose Church is it Anyway?" Jill will act as ZOOM Host.

Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 1:30 pm the Yooper Pagan Alliance will hold a Wiccan based Ostara Ritual in the MUUC building.

Christie reported on looking into a place in Marquette for a small gathering once a month. There were three options that Christie is looking into and they consist the following:

The Women's Federation Clubhouse.

Marquette Hope First Campus ( downtown across from the Women's Federation Clubhouse).

The Hope First Campus (close to the NMU campus).

Christie shared information regarding the space of each possible place suited to our needs. Room size, WIFI, and chair storage is factor in choosing.

The Building Committee member Jill Malin gave a report regarding the selling of the building.

Jill reported that met with the new buyers to go through the building placing stickers on items they were interested.

It was suggested that possibly the Community Women may be interested in the art supplies and toys.

There is a title objection letter from the previous owner. Discussion ensued concerning the matter. The BOT to work with the lawyer in terms of the title objection approved Jill.

## 8. New Business

a. An exit strategy for the building was discussed. The things to be done concerned storage space of the items. Also discussed included what to keep and what to sell. A packing party will be held on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 10:30 AM but come when you can! The move out date is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

It was determined that the two pianos in the building are worth very little and let anyone who is willing to take them for free will be required to move them on their own.

A discussion on securing storage space for items from the building was discussed. Jill said she would look into it.

b. Susan shared information regarding the upcoming Triangle Congregational Retreat possibilities. Consideration of the dates are the following: Sept. 20-22 or September 27-29 and depends on the facility's availability. The places being looked into are Trout Creek, Curtis, and Garden Grove.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm EST a motion was made Martin Steindler, seconded by Andrea Stader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Stader