

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 9-23-25 6:00 PM

Via Zoom

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

Attending: Susan Urban, Jill Malin, Rose Riedel, and Andrea Stader

Absent: None

Others Attending: Sue Roberson, Martin Steindler

2. Opening words and Chalice Lighting by Susan Urban

3. Open Forum: It was agreed that the UU Triangle Retreat is scheduled on the third weekend of September next year so mark your calendars! The Social Action Committee sent out postcards and letters this month to Senators and Congress Representatives. There were approximately 100 postcards sent out from our committee.

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

5. Approval of MUUC BOT 8-19-25 Meeting Minutes: Moved by Susan Urban, seconded by Jill Malin. A Motion was Approved with corrections that reflect the date of the next BOT meeting to 9-23-25 under item 9.

Old Business.

6 a. Treasurer's Report given by Jill Malin

Credits, Debits, and Balances for August:

Incoming: \$540.20 Outgoing: \$13,020.42.

Balances: Checking: \$ 53,863.

CD totals: \$295,073.46.

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

7. Congregational Administrator's Report- Sue Roberson continues to review and post updates on the Website. She also adds approved minutes and Treasurer's Report. Sue is also doing basic updates to events and upcoming services and events.

There was discussion about adding up to 30 hours as needed weekly for the Administrative Assistant. No motion was made regarding this

change in hours. There was also discussion concerning getting the Website updated.

9. Old Business

a. Board of Trustees meeting schedule:

The next regular Monthly MUUC BOT meeting will be October 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm EST via Zoom.

b. Service Schedule/Events:

i. September 28, 2025- Homecoming/Water communion Service with Rose Riedel and Rev. Denise Tracy. Rev. Tracy has also offered to do a blessing of our ministry at our Homecoming service on September 28, 2025.

ii. In addition to helping lead the homecoming service/ministerial service on Sunday, September 28, Rev. Denise Tracy has offered to lead a facilitation workshop on Saturday, September 27 in the afternoon with Rose and anyone in the Congregation who can attend. The purpose is to figure out what tasks will be assigned to whom between the minister and the congregation.

iii. October 5, 2025- ***Joy as Resistance*** by Rose Riedel.

iv. October 12 2025-11:00 Triangle Service on ZOOM with Rev. Alice Diebel topic TBA.

v. October 19, 2025 11:00 AM-***Forgiving the Monster under the Bed*** by Rose Riedel.

vi. October 26, 2025 -11:00 AM-***Hearken Now, Here Comes the Darkness***". This is a Samhain Service and is music based. February Sky will do it in partnership with Rose.

c. Ministerial Search

Jill Malin and Andrea Stader took on the job of health insurance and retirement benefits for Rose Riedel and family. Retirement will also be created for Sue Roberson retroactively.

10. New Business

a. It was determined that the congregation will close our PO Box and receive mail at 1104 W. Washington, Suite A Marquette, MI 49855. A motion was made by Jill Malin, seconded by Susan Urban, The MUUC has determined that Sue Roberson is appointed as the person in charge of the MUUC PO Box. The motion passed.

b. Rose will begin to write articles for the TNT starting September 4th.

Rose will schedule a monthly calendar. The following will be implemented:

- i. A Vespers Service on the 3rd Wednesday.
- ii. A Young People's Group. Thursday 6-8 pm.
- iii. Bingo on Friday
- iv. Adult RE Group

c. Susan Brought up the division of tasks within the Congregation. During discussion it was suggested that Sue Roberson should do the words and slides for the weekly power point presentations for the service.

d. It was suggested by Susan that we look at some type of sound reinforcement to be purchased for live music. It was also agreed to use you tube music for the services when no live music is available.

e. Jill found this link for the campus ministry at NMU:
<https://nmucma.weebly.com/> Rose will contact them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Stader, Secretary