

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 10-21-25 6:00 PM

Via Zoom

1. Called to order at 6:11 pm by Susan Urban

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

Absent: None

Others Attending: None

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!

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

5. Approval of MUUC BOT 10-21-25 Meeting Minutes: Moved by Jill Malin, seconded by Susan Urban. The Motion was approved.

6 a. Treasurer's Report given by Jill Malin

Credits, Debits, and Balances for August:

Incoming: \$6.47 Outgoing: \$16,749.82.

Balances: Checking: \$37,120.49.

CD totals: \$295,073.46.

b. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Susan Urban made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Andrea Stader. 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 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 November 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm EST via Zoom.

b. Service Schedule/Events:

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

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

iii. 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.

iv. November 2, 2025-11:00 AM Rose will preach a service on "Dia De Muertos." The gift of remembrance is a way to honor our beloved dead through these cultural traditions.

v. November 9, 2025-11:00 AM Triangle Service on ZOOM with Alice Diebel with Petoskey and Bay de Noc. UU's. The title is the following, "Transforming Hearts: How to Ensure Your Congregation is Truly Trans Welcoming." Jill will do the ZOOM at MUUC facility at 1100 Suite A Washington St.

vi. November, 16, 2025-11:00 AM Rose will preach, "Thanksgiving: Honoring our Indigenous Siblings". It was suggested that maybe an Indigenous person provide a few songs. A suggestion was made to contact the NMU Native American Studies Department to see if there were some Indigenous musicians we might be able to enlist their service.

v. November 23, 2025 11:00 AM. Rose will be preaching. "Thanksgiving: Being Thankful in Difficult Times". We will share our gratitude with ritual and song. Please bring a dish to share for a Thanksgiving Brunch during our coffee hour. Andrea will provide some music.

vi. November 30, 2025-11:00 AM Music Sunday. Join us to share music together with live, recorded music and hymns and more. It was suggested there are some local musicians we have utilized in the past such as Carrie Yost and Michael Waite.

vii. Rose has introduced Book Study session in November. Also planned is a monthly Bingo night and an Adult RE Study Group.

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.
- b. Rose has been to writing articles for the TNT .
- c. Rose has scheduled a table at the Black Friday/Small Business Saturday event at the Westwood Mall on November 28 & 29. There will be a table with information on MUUC and a table with coloring/crafts for children. The vendor fee is \$25.
- d. Andrea has discussed the wall removal with the Scott Alan Carpentry. Andrea still needs to arrange for the carpenter to see the wall in person. That will happen once it can be arranged at a mutually available time for both parties.
- e. Rachel Crary trust bequest in the amount of \$500,000. Paperwork needs to be reviewed and handed in. The BOT had agreed to hire Rose from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time informally. It was determined that we will hold a Special Congregational meeting regarding an updated budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm EST.
Moved by Susan Urban, seconded by Jill Malin.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Stader, Secretary