

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation DRAFT

Board of Trustees Minutes, Tuesday, 11-11-25 6:00 PM Via Zoom

1. Called to order at 6:18 pm by Susan Urban
Attending: Susan Urban, Jill Malin, Rose Riedel, Sue Roberson, Andrea Stader, Martin Steindler, and Mary Maki.
Absent: None
Others Attending: None
2. Opening words and Chalice Lighting by Susan Urban
3. Open Forum: None
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: \$32,110.40 Outgoing: \$9721.97

Balances: Checking: \$59,508.92

CD totals: \$265,073.46

Most of the conversation dealt with revamping the budget so it might be voted on for the General Membership Special Meeting. The BOT along with Rose's input laid out parameters of line items. Proposed changes were made that would reflect the hiring of Rose Riedel to full time ministry.

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. Sue will also draft the letter to be sent out to the membership announcing the Special Meeting to

approve the updated budget. Rose agreed to put together an updated membership list with current emails.

9. Old Business

A discussion centered on improving our website. It was suggested that we look at WEEBLY and host a domain for the Web Builder to connect to our named domain. It was estimated that the cost for that would be approximately \$248.00.

a. Board of Trustees meeting schedule:

The next regular Monthly MUUC BOT meeting will be December 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm EST via Zoom.

b. Ministerial and Administrative employees:

Jill is working on retirement benefits through the UUA Insurance Plan for both Rose and Sue. Andrea has enrolled Rose's husband, Eduardo Riedel, in the Healthcare Plan that starts January 1, 2026,

c. Service Schedule/Events:

ii. 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.

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 will also host a Saturday Morning Meditation on November 22nd that will both be in person or on ZOOM. This meditation is also offered on ZOOM with Petoskey and Big Bay de Noc
 - d. 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.
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- 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 7:57 pm EST.
Moved by Susan Urban, seconded by Andrea Stader.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Stader, Secretary