

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MARQUETTE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2009

Present: Board Members Sheila Devlin, Jeanne Trost, Cherokee Helms-Gleason, Kathy Klos, Paul Wright, and Shirley Zimmer

Also present were: Melissa Middleton, Carrie Fiocchi, Issy, Siri Fiocchi, gg Gordon, Shaun Devlin, and members-elect Alison Loftin and Jim Jackson.

1. Last month's minutes were corrected and, following a motion made by Shirley Zimmer, were accepted as corrected.

2. Melissa Middleton presented RE priorities and concerns for the summer and upcoming year with the BOT:

Laughing Waters Home School asks for three days per week space in RE-area. Discussion of concerns re locking things up-- accommodate other groups-- fee would be set by the BOT. Challenging position-- need toddler/baby class and mid-teen group, but at least the babies.. Paul and Michelle took care of this mid-teen group last year and Melissa doesn't have time... accommodate congregations by allowing other functions.... have to address with them and maybe should address for all of the congregation. The room must put it back the way it was... we must have the feeling that we didn't know they were there-- Melissa couldn't walk into her own office and there was stuff all over.

Have a designated area... Because the Multi-purpose room is essential for Forums, opinions differ as to the appropriateness of RE to loan out or share this space with non-MUUC groups. Must be put into a contract---

Wall cabinets and walls for the renters

Must we have one wall for projecting, or is a screen an easy substitute?

One person to co-ordinate?

Draw up boundaries, create a space that they can use

RE: suggestions for Summer Sunday child-care volunteers

RE volunteers pretty slim for fall

brainstormed how to get more volunteers for childcare

Melissa will provide a list of activities that can be done with the kids during the summer

Repair of basketball hoops

3. Treasurer's Report: read and accepted

\$75 donation from H and R Block for new customers coming from MUUC.

Papers handed out, explaining balances and receipts and expenses

operating fund numbers

If somebody moves away, they are not members any longer for purposes of counting the numbers in the membership

unpledged receipts,

categories, expenses higher than usual-- over budget--

balance in build fund

Ready to file the treasurer's report

4. Sara Bixby here to speak about Laughing Waters

Thanked UU for use of building space in 2008-2009..

proposing school more than 1-2 a week -- perhaps 3days for 5-6 hours-- Tues-Thurs consistent space for a year or two and kids really liked the open space

Waldorf Curriculum-- like the outdoor space

June 22 6PM meeting at UU open to public

Need to get enough people-- now 10 families, 16 children, would only need UU once a week if not larger group

Would have 3 grades/classes grade-school focus/ festivals... home school co-operative

Spoke about having cupboards so supplies wouldn't have to be taken back and forth... storage shed? Co-ordinate between RE committee-- By Mid-July may know how many people they'd have

Questioned if our congregation would permit a raised bed of lettuce
Earthkeepers support a community garden-- may be able to co-ordinate

Person to talk to re the school should be Sara and not Kim because *Kim* is a member of UU Congregation

gg with question re paying... teachers are more or less volunteer. Early years of Waldorf curriculum do not emphasize academics. Laughing Waters anticipates asking each family for a \$500 annual fee. liability and legal issues may be issue for congregation, if it is on our policy-- because it is another group separate financially, cannot be covered under UU liability

Back to the Treasurer's report:
\$15K carryover anticipated

Shirley-- assistant treasurer will go off, and she will turn job over

Jack Frost couldn't come but wanted to talk about the dual role of the treasurer. Shaun gave him written material on proposed positions. Income Treasurer is a little less work -- this would be Jack's job-- Expense Treasurer would be Shaun's job, but Shaun would do essentially gg's job until the transition

Vote on whether to split it into two jobs... Shaun will take over gg's job until transition... question whether to separate now Once we know what Jack wants to do, can accommodate him

Cherokee Helms-Gleason moved to appoint Shaun Devlin to take over, as of July 1, 2009, the job of treasurer of the Marquette Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, held by gg gordon, until such time as the previously approved split of the treasurer's position can be effectuated. This motion was seconded and passed.

Paul Wright moved in the event that the treasurer needs to write a check to himself or a family member, the check must be co-authorized and documented by the co-treasurer or a non-related BOT

member. This motion was seconded by Shirley and passed.

5. Congregational Meeting follow-up:

Schedule Audit: Same number of names as before...nothing new right now and nothing that needs to be done.

Vote for UUA President: Ballots-- Hallman received two votes more than Morales.

Sheila Devlin moved to submit MUUC's two designated ballots for Laurel Hallman to UUA. Motion was seconded by Paul and passed.

Discussion of budget-- it is done, and includes the two contingencies approved by the congregation.

Congregational Meeting Minutes were discussed; they do not have to be approved but will be posted on the website.

Next BOT meeting will be the 13th July, 4:30 p.m., at the meeting house.