

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Board of Trustees
Minutes for October 14, 2013



Call to Order: 6:35

Attendance Mary Maki., Barb Michael., gg gordon, Sarah Redmond. Teri Rockwood

Absent

Opening Words

Open Forum

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** approved as submitted
- II. **Treasurer Report:** as submitted. Questions about mortgage. Current balance of \$138,500, 20 year mortgage, paid weekly, rate of 6.5%, balloon payment due in 2016. Original mortgage of \$138,500, 25 year mortgage, rate of 8.25%. Carryover from 2012-13, \$10,777.27; MBank checking balance, \$21896.83; bills paid in Sept., \$3,637.33. 15% budget (\$65,292) paid YTD.
- III. **Religious Education Coordinator Report:** accepted as submitted.
- IV. **Board Liaison Reports**
 - A. RE -- gg Michelle Lexmon taking charge of older children with focus on 7th principle / around water. Board asked that specific details be included in future RE coordinator reports.
 - B. Community Development -- Sarah and Tim V Lake Superior Hospice workshop on end of life issues for members of our congregation to be offered by CDC. Tim met wit medical director and outreach and volunteer services coordinator to lessen Christian only emphasis. Trust rather than faith emphasis. Date to be determined, 2 1/2 hour workshop will be held after church service on a Sunday. Community wide publicity by LSH and Mqt. UU. Questions raised about whether or not LSH reflects our welcoming congregation values. To be placed on Nov. agenda for further discussion. Mary Maki to look into the fit.
 - C. Program -- Teri Services scheduled into January. Forums into December.
 - D. Social Action -- Barb -- UP Pride group planning actions. Women's Center, Harbor House fund raiser Nov. 10th, 4 pm Michael Waite performing. Nancy Irish to read poem. Need UUSC guest at your table leadership. Heifer dinner in Saturday, December 14th. Discussion of approaching City of Marquette regarding anti-discrimination ordinance.
 - E. Stewardship -- gg -- gg participated on conference call Forth stewardship program and will continue. Mike White chairing, Tom Spencer other member on committee.
 - F. Music -- Barb -- no new information.
 - G. Finance -- Sarah -- Discussion of Internal Financial Review. Few areas were identified as needing adjustments and changes. primarily around having other eyes look at raw financial data. Shaun Devlin and Sarah Redmond will work with treasurer to insure protection and transparency of our income, expenses and assets. gg to look into getting paperwork for our tax exempt status when making purchases for the congregation.
 - H. Facility -- Mary - none
 - I. Communication Team -- Sarah -- Anne Stark, Tom Sullivan and Sarah Redmond met to identify communication opportunities and fill gaps both internally and externally.

V. Old Business

- A. Church of the Larger Fellowship -- Barb/gg Decision to make additional \$99 donation to have access to Church of the Larger Fellowship on-line features of the website. Barb to complete form and will publicize access code to staff and members who would have use.
- B. Programming for Adults -- gg -- Need for oversight and creation of Team to plan, coordinate adult, non-Sunday morning programming. Need to recruit members. "Bidder 70" film may be first in series of documentary films. Cost of \$75 for one showing;
- C. Policy regarding how church to be opened to other groups. -- Barb - no discussion, to be placed on November agenda.
- D. Finalizing Building Use Policy -- Sarah - accepted revised policy as submitted by Nancy Sullivan.
- F. Gift Acceptance Policy review -- Barb -- review policy in manual. We do have a specific policy as to what can be donated and how to be disposed. To be discussed in November.
- G. Congregational Conversation Reports -- M Steindler -- Report accepted. Thanks to Steindlers and Wrights for their efforts on behalf of the congregation. BoT will hold separate meeting to focus on reports and subsequent recommendations. Saturday, Nov. 2nd 10:00 am. scheduled for Leadership Team meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Authorizing people to perform rituals and ceremonies at Mqt. UU -- Sarah -- Nancy Irish and Tom Spencer authorized. Approved. (Barb to do)
- B. Gaining rights to show film Bidder 70 -- gg -- approved
- C. Thanksgiving meal -- Sarah -- Redmonds offered to host Thanksgiving dinner for members and friends at Meeting House 4 pm on Thanksgiving Day.
- D.. Forum on End of Life issues -- Tim V / Sarah see VI B
- E. Room at the Inn -- see IV B -- Barb will ask Helen from RATI to speak at service as a follow up to the Forum after beginning of year.

VII. Board Concerns -- Mary M. -- suggestion of Sunday announcements be emailed out in the This n That.

Adjourn: 10:20

Setting of next BoT meeting date: November 18th at 6:30 pm

Notes:

November agenda -- discussion of look and use of RE/social hall.

put article in Chronicle as to decisions of BoT

tax exempt status. -- gg to apply and give copy of form to those who need.

Martin -- comments -- folks need to know something is going on. action. people come for two reasons -- service or people. looking for clear messages. need for administrator.