

**Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes for August 14, 2014**

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

BOT Attendance: Sarah Redmond, Tim Vanderveen, Mary Maki, Chris Wagner, Teri Rockwood

Other Attendance: Heidi Gould and g.g. gordon

Absent: None

Open Forum: None

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** July 2014 minutes approved with corrections to Committee Liaison Assignments
- II. **Treasurer Report:** MBank reports distributed for Month of July. Transactions discussed. Regular June and July reports will be completed and distributed soon. Receipts continue to exceed our expenditures. g.g. attended Zentangle training with Program and RE budgeted funds.
- III. **Religious Education Coordinator Report:** Submitted after 6:00. Chris W. uploaded from his computer and shared content. Teri will follow up with Laura on the upcoming happenings of RE. RE committee met twice and has gained new members. They are working on the Fall curriculum and start of the RE season.
- IV. **Committee Communication as Needed**

CDC: no meeting in August

Green Team: Planning a Work Day for October 4 to work on the grounds.

Building: Mary will be checking with the county in regards to porcelain toilet waste.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Re-keying of building**

Dan and Shaun are looking into lock options for the doors.  
The main door was open when we arrived this Thursday evening.  
First round of new key distribution will include:  
BOT, Staff, Building Committee, Barb Michael, Tom Sullivan, Nancy Sullivan, g.g. gordon, Laura Lancour.  
Requests from members will be considered.
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. **Covenant of Right Relations**

All agree with current version.  
Teri will acquire electronic version and update with current BOT year date.
  - B. **Appoint Dan Redmond to Real Property Fund**

BOT appointed Dan Redmond to replace Shaun Devlin on the Real Property Fund. This is an interim appointment until it is voted on at the January 2015 Congregational Meeting.
  - C. **Review Minutes/Notes from Board Retreat**

Notes submitted and distributed by Teri Rockwood.  
Priorities for the upcoming year are listed as follows in **no particular order:**

    1. Explore part-time minister with KLUUF (in Houghton): Sarah will be starting a conversation with their Board president.

2. Revitalize RE: Teri is new BOT liaison for this year and new committee members have started to meet. Working on pamphlet, curriculum, and registration form.
3. TLC Coordinator and member-wide TLC survey: Tim and CDC will work with Heidi on a survey format to target TLC specific needs that people may be able to provide (ex. rides to church and appointment, meals). A TLC Coordinator will need to be identified.
4. Pastoral Care Team: BOT will move forward on this. Teri will start some research into a dynamic that might work for our size. This Team will need to be made of people who can be active listeners and will participate in some sort of training.

**\*\*The BOT authorized Teri Rockwood to officiate blessings and ceremonies along with Tom Spencer and Nancy Irish. This included weddings and memorial services.**

A Resource Library for Service and Lay Leaders will be established on the bookshelf.

5. Review years progress/Summarize 2013 Congregational Conversations/More active conversations with congregation about the future: An article will be coming up in the September Chronicle.
6. Mission/Vision Statements: Possible task force members identified and g.g. will chair.
7. Integration of newcomers into congregation/newcomer packet/mentors for newcomers: CDC working on this
8. Tying actions to spirituality of 7 principles: need to start integrating into our conversations and messages and dialogue.
9. Internal and external growth/increase membership by next year: Chris will work on demographics research. UUA has many resources for this research.
10. Continuing structure of congregation - policies/procedures: continue thru the year.

**D. Meeting w/ Lay Leaders**

The BOT would like to meet with the Lay Leaders to further refine and discuss the above priorities. All interested Members will be included. Info and invitations will be put out to the congregation soon. September 13 is our target date.

**E. Visibility of Board on Sundays**

We will talk with the Program Committee Chair about the BOT doing the Welcome and Announcements each Sunday morning. A calendar will get started in September. This will help the congregation get to know who is serving on the BOT and have someone to ask questions of during Sunday mornings together. Other responsibilities may be attached to this schedule (ex. locking up the building).

**F. Monthly Board Forums**

We will continue this and have set dates for this Fall.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.