

UUSRF Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

President Tera Wells, opened the meeting at 6:10PM

Derek Washington presented opening words from a poem that he wrote concerning God

Prill Shilling presented a short report about a Pizza with the Pastor meeting for visitors and newcomers. The plan is currently to have them bi-monthly, but the committee will revisit the timing and report back at the August meeting. Derek will submit an interim report at the July meeting.

Secretary's report was presented and accepted as read. Trygve moved to accept, Jennifer seconded.

Treasurer's report was an open discussion of the financial stability of the Society and the need for a more formalized stewardship program. To date we have only received \$11,900 in pledges for the coming fiscal year. As a result, a request to increase the Membership budget was tabled until such time as we have a better picture of the pledge drive.

Our mortgage is now at \$18,049.33 and the self financing is \$95,146.23 ,interest included. This breaks down into a yearly mortgage payment of \$4020.72 and self financing of \$6343.08.

On a brighter note, we went out for competitive pricing on our insurance, and as a result, we are remaining with Church Mutual, and have received back from CM a credit of \$1569 for overbilling the previous year. Church Mutual pricing was \$400+ lower than the nearest competitor.

Treasurer's report was presented and accepted as read. Trygve moved to accept, Jens seconded.

There was a general discussion concerning how to get our message out to the community to promote membership. Some of the ideas presented were:

- Video advertising

- Newspaper articles including an update on Derek being chosen minister to the UUSRF for the next 3 years and the Rivendell group.

- Open mike nights. Performer based; and Keli Kennedy is interested in chairing this

Derek presented the minister's caring circle report, copy attached below.

Derek is requesting more information about services and how to structure his messages. As part of the new minister contract Derek, the Board, and the COM will each submit a goal for Derek to pursue in the next fiscal year. By the next Board meeting, Derek will come to us with a list of candidates to replace Anna Ostendorf of the COM.

Tera Wells provided a NO GUNS ALLOWED poster to be mounted next to the front door.

Both Colleen Gray and Sue Bushard (in absentia) were presented with Volunteer mugs in recognition of their 3 year stint on the Board.

Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau offered to be the Board Secretary for the next fiscal year. This was unanimously accepted with heartfelt (?) thanks/relief by all.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

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Here are the items in Minister's Report. These will be brief :)

1. Youth Report - Young Rivendell Group - 11 people present last meeting; half youth, half adults
2. Membership - Pizza with the Pastor proposal, expressing need for funds in budget. We know this is late and might not be able to met, but we wanted to encourage the board that good things are happening, and keeping Board abreast of things.
3. Caring Circle: We have expanded the circle to include a former CC member who wants to continue, that is Paula Lugar. We are not aware of major crises in members / friends lives, except for Laurie and Denny Mahoney's recent medical/ physical needs. And a personal need in my family. As the Board, please share any pastoral concerns you might know of in the society.
4. Open Mic. - movement on Tera's desire came at Pizza with Pastor and Keli Kennedy, a new comer. She is excited to get started on this. Unfortunately both Koyote and Aya were exposed to measles so they have had to lay low the last week, but all seems well, and she is ready to begin meeting with folks interested and planning.
5. SE teacher progress for fall: I have found the person to contact, and am waiting to hear from her to set up appointment to see if she has recommendation from their UWRF program about students that may like to be hired for our Sunday morning SE needs.
6. Minister's sharing of direction and style of presentation, in response to thoughts expressed last Sunday: I would like to share with board what my direction has been; my mode of presenting; material; technology; limitations of being part time. in hopes of Board giving me feedback and encouragement as to next steps.

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