

07/19/17 6:30 pm

UUSRF Minutes for Board Meeting

Present at meeting: Derek Washington (minister), Jens Gunelson (President), Tera Wells (past President), Trygve Aarsheim, Bob Emerberger, Colleen Gray, Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau, Vicki Aarsheim, Susan Bushard.

Jens opened the meeting at 6:33 PM Reverend Derek recited a poem by Hafiz for opening words.

Secretary's report for June was presented by Brad Moore via email and was moved for acceptance by Trygve Aarsheim and seconded by Tera Wells.

Treasurers Report was delivered by Brad Moore, detailing a loss of \$1195 for June which was both expected and typical of this time of year. A budget revision is in the works for next month hinging upon developments with the commercial loan. Social Outreach committee spent slightly above projected budget for their work in Standing Rock and for the refugees. Derek Washington's CD sales have raised \$300 for the Rivendell Youth Group. Trygve moved to accept Treasurers report Jennifer seconded.

Caring Circle report delivered by Derek. Pizza with pastor to take place Aug 6. Derek received confirmation that both Paula and Mark will continue on as Committee on Ministry members, and Mary Emberger expressed interest in joining. The Board unanimously accepted her after Brad moved to accept and Trygve seconded.

Derek expressed need to assign people to announce need for pledges of stewardship on a regular basis. Bob Emberger and Mina agreed to make phone calls to unpledged members. Jens agreed to make a slide relating to stewardship/pledge drive.

Derek found a candidate for the SE teaching position. Traci Langan was interviewed by Derek, and he feels she is a good candidate. She is a junior at URF and is accepting of our offer of \$50 per week for approximately 2 hours of work during the service and to cover prep time. Ideas were expressed about needing an SE committee and possibly asking any interested members to agree to assist the teacher during her first few services. It was decided that we invite her to attend a service and have her speak with a few board members after the service.

Melyssa Rice asked if we were interested in inviting the St. Croix Sacred Ensemble (SCSE) back to UUSRF for a concert. The board decided possibly but not this year.

Rev. Derek announced he would be on vacation Aug 20-Sept 2 but assured board he would appoint someone to act as a point person to deal with caring circle/pastoral needs in his absence. Derek also expressed his desire to attend a men's retreat up north in Ely, MN with the hope of being accompanied by a group of interested men with an eye to possibly bringing something similar to our local area.

Derek is looking to run an installation of minister service after receiving word from UUA MidAmerica,, and offering a concert at the service.

UUSRF will host its first open mic night Thursday Aug 10 6-9pm.

Colleen shared her poster for the upcoming Green Burial/family directed home funeral seminar Oct 28. It was decided it would be announced within 6 weeks of the seminar. The requested donation will be \$10-\$15.

Building update. Building Grounds committee is set to work on replacing faucets for watering garden and front lawn plants.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 8pm.