

UUSRF Board Meeting 10/18/2017

Present: Jens Gunelson, Tera Wells, Brad Moore, Trygve Aarsheim, Vicki Aarsheim, Derek Washington, Colleen Gray, Bob Emberger, Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau

President Jens Gunelson opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Opening words: Each person shared their favorite event or moment of the week.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. Moved to accept by Colleen Gray and seconded by Trygve Aarsheim.

The treasurer's report was submitted and approved, moved to accept by Trygve Aarsheim and seconded by Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau. The Society spent \$2000 more than it took in for September. Septic was pumped and the \$4,000 owed for the roofing/building repairs was paid.

Minister's report submitted by Derek Washington. Presented caring circle updates, announced a new member Sunday for Nov 5., and a pizza with the pastor for Sunday Dec 3. Discussed presenting SE teacher contract in current form, Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau motioned to accept, seconded by Trygve Aarsheim. Open mic nights scheduled for Oct 27 and Nov17. Derek suggested it would be appropriate and beneficial to reach out to the Inclusion and Belonging group at the University of River Falls via their Facebook page to invite them to the open mic events.

Old Business: Banning of firearms sign and related forum was discussed at 7pm and the congregation was invited to attend at this time to join discussion. No one apart from the board came. Vote was taken Sunday at the close of the forum revealing that 17 people vote for no sign, 5 people vote for a sign, and 5 people voted neutral. Don Leake's email was read aloud, and it was agreed that while we appreciated his thoughts we could not legally support any action by members of the society to confront an individual with a firearm. We will forego a sign at this time but understand the majority prefer that firearms are not permitted inside. Brad Moore moved to accept and Bob Emberger seconded.

SE building clean-up was a success. Jens will be providing additional work breaking down chairs for recycling. Possibility of utilizing community service for spring projects was discussed. Derek agreed to inquire whether there would be transportation needs, and when the work would be available.

The Home Funerals and Green Burials program was discussed. Colleen Gray suggested adding frequently asked legal questions and ran it by the presenter Lucy who okayed it. Colleen contacted the newspaper and Vicki sent out a mass mailing to advertise the event. Lucy plans to arrive early enough to have the dvd available but did not wish to mail them.

Good and Services Auction will be coordinated by Don L, Cathy C, and Colleen (behind the scenes support). Nov 11, 5 pm cocktail hour and 6pm auction.

Pancake breakfast was suggested for Nov 26th but Brad Moore will confirm the date at a later time.

New Business: The board decided in the interest of web security, each person should exercise caution, posting nothing you wouldn't want someone to see. Vicki Aarsheim has maintained the website but is stepping away from this duty, while the communications committee works on revising the website. Brad Moore agreed to take the emails Vicki is currently fielding. Jane Shoup wants to do a service, contacting Dick Beckham. Need new desk top computer. Submitted by Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau

