

UUSRF Board Meeting 01/17/18

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

6:45pm open meeting

Opening Words: Second Sight by David Whyte

No secretary's report due to last meeting doubling as a Holiday Party.

Treasurer's Report: The Goods and Services Auction was very good and additional pledges have us in the black \$6000 for the year after being at break even in November. The Board approved a loan of \$1400 for DACA which will be reimbursed in April. The board agreed to waive any interest payments, so moved by Trygve A. and seconded by Tera W.

Minister's Report:

Membership: Pizza with the pastor events continue, the next one is Feb 4. Membership rolls are being shored up for assessment purposes.

Caring circle: Dementia is impacting our members, a program is planned for April by Nancy Abrahamson.

Jim M is at Regents Hospital and doing dialysis.

Book Study: "Braving the Wilderness" by Brene Brown is being discussed on Monday evenings at 7pm following the sharing of soup, bread, and greeting at 6:30pm.

MN Men's Group: Derek opens the invitation to men of any gender Jan 26-28 Camp St Croix

Old Business: Jay is in the process of 3D printing the letters for our new sign, which will be lit by LEDs and will be 1/15 the cost of the sign quotes we received, with the generous donation of his time, materials and efforts.

The office is being rearranged, old records moving upstairs while a desk is being moved in for Derek.

New Business: By-Laws need an update, plan to discuss any changes at February meeting. Committees need to meet with the board at least once per year to offer a synopsis of what they did the past year and what they intend to do the coming year. Brad requested a list of the chair people of the various committees, in order to notify them of their need to present to the board in order to discuss and earmark a budget for the upcoming year.

SE teacher has purchased supplies and can be reimbursed with receipts, \$1,000 is currently budgeted for the teacher and an additional \$100 for supplies. A record of purchases is useful to plan for future operations.

UUA membership fees were \$78 per "member" last year which seemed reasonable as we utilized their services more extensively in our search for a new minister. A letter was sent to UUA saying we could only pay \$40 per member for the coming year. Discussion continue regarding the value of distinguishing between members and friends.

Blower motor was replaced on the heater.

Brad moved that meeting adjourn, seconded by Trygve