

UUSRF Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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

Also Attended: Vicki Aarsheim

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

Opening words, "Spring is wonderful".

Helen Stoltz-Wood spoke with the board about her correspondences with Jim Price from St Croix Falls regarding "the Gathering" which is an event by 5 area UU congregations meeting once or twice per year to share ideas and strategies, and her desire to know more about the event and to explore whether or not it would be beneficial for UUSRF to become part of it. It was a consensus that she go ahead with her inquiries.

The Secretary's Report was read and accepted. Bob accepted and Trygve seconded.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Don Leake met with the board to discuss the budget. \$3000 saved for May due to Reverend's sabbatical. \$6000 budgeted for pastoral care as we hope to hire someone to fill that void. Spiritual Education was increased to \$2,500 and Program budget to \$9,500 due to uncertainty of length of Derek's sabbatical. Budget passed.

Caring Circle- Barb suggested we ask a retired female minister in town whether she is interested in providing our pastoral care while Rev. Derek is away, and \$6000 is in the budget for it.

Building- Brad and Jens suggested it may not be preferable to paint over the adhesive in the SE building but rather to cover with lauan plywood which is rather inexpensive and can be sealed. A building inspector is coming and a bid will be requested for fixing the furnace and the electrical.

It was discussed whether or not a committee for activities was needed, in order to streamline the process of holding events at the church. The Board suggested it would be more appropriate to start as a task force and to perhaps have someone from the communications committee on the task force. Tera inquired whether all events need Board approval. The answer is yes, but it may suffice to obtain permission via email under certain circumstances.

Camping at UUSRF. It was discussed whether it is appropriate to allow camping at UUSRF and for what length of time. It was decided procedures are necessary particularly regarding campfires. The Board agreed no personal camping is allowed unless it is a society sponsored event, as it opens both the Society and the individual up to an unacceptable amount of liability.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

