

UUSRF Board Meeting, October 17, 2018

Present members: Jens Gunelson, Trygve Aarsheim, Bob Emberger, Colleen Gray, Prill Snelling, and Donna Miller. Also present was Vicki Aarsheim and Rev Bonnie Jones-Witthuhn.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by our president Bob Emberger.

The minutes from the September meeting were accepted as written after a motion and second and voice vote.

Treasurer's report: Brad handed out the spread sheet and explained it. There is \$9,000.00 left in the SE building fund due to further donations that have been made and the frugality of those doing all the purchasing and work on the building. However, pledges to the society and donations are falling behind: see the treasurers report for specifics. Dues to UU will be \$3200.00 this year. A motion was made to accept the report by Jens, seconded by Trygve and approved by voice vote after some discussion.

Pastoral Care: Bonnie is back from her trip and attended the meeting to update us on what she has been doing for pastoral care. She shared with us that while out of the country she was aware of the concern of people in other countries of the political climate in the world today, specifically the shift of politics to the right and how this impacts all people on this earth. She also has met with Vicki to go through directory and other specifics of our society; she has spoken to a few of our members/friends who the caring circle has steered her towards needing pastoral care. Bonnie will also represent UUSRF in the clergy group in River Falls.

Old Business:

Bob has spoken to Shirley-Jane about the use of candles, she has reassured us that there is not a plan to use candles in the meditation group. Brad pointed out that we can always purchase more of the battery candles if necessary. There was also discussion about Shirley-Janes idea of showing movies at UU as an outreach endeavor. Luckily someone raised the question of legality and copyright laws, so that is off the table.

Annex update: Jens informed us that the furnace is here and hopefully will be installed yet this week. Brad, Jens and Trygve will be trenching Thursday for the gas line, electrical to the shed, and water for the garden. All the windows are in. New lights will be installed soon. They will be sheet rocking in a week or so and able to mud as soon as the heat is running. The hope is to have a usable space by the auction.

Board position: Elizabeth Bowden is the only candidate at this time. There was a non member who was interested in the position: Colleen has been in contact with her and with helpful suggestions from other board members has suggested a better option at this point would be to get involved in a committee to get to know the society before diving into a board position.

Other Business:

Mission Statement: Brad passed out the mission statement and future vision document that was created in 2013-2014. After a short discussion it was decided that we will all look at it and discuss next month any revisions we might want to make. This will be used for an upcoming forum to talk about the actual structure.

Directory Review: Brad and Trygve have gone through the directory to look at members/friends who should be deleted due to death, transferring of membership or moving out of the area. Brad pointed out that members who are not participating according to our bylaws can be deleted after a 2 year period of nonparticipating. There are a few members who will be deleted due death and transferring membership. Bob will speak to one member about his status, Prill will e-mail a couple who have moved out of the area.

Speaker's Form: Vicki presented a e-mail form that should streamline our speakers information and needs. The form will be sent to the presenters to be filled out and then will go to the individuals in the society to help facilitate the speakers presentation. Bonnie looked over the form and offered suggestions. There was a discussion about the fees we pay being overlooked, whether the presenter is asked or informed when they are first spoken to about coming to UU. The question of whether they have been informed as a yes or no will be added on the form. Donna will remind the program committee that this needs to be asked when they initially speak to the person. Vicki will e-mail the form out to all board members to look over and fill out to make sure that everything is covered and that the people involved in the society IE, Jens , Brad, Vicki all see the results.

Scheduling events. Donna brought up Shirley-Jane and Tara scheduling activities that have not been brought to the board for approval. Bob will mention again to Shirley-Jane that this needs to be done and that the scheduling can be approved through e-mail response from the board members and does not have to wait for an actual meeting to take place. There has also been a request from the program committee for other persons other than the actual committee members to help facilitate services. Some of the board members could do this and Donna will also ask for any volunteers from the society during next Sundays service.

There was no further item for discussion. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passes on voice vote at 6:30. We all then went for a tour of the annex and were impressed.

Submitted by Prill Snelling