

UUSRF Board Meeting December 19, 2018

members present included: Bob Emberger, Jens Gunelson, Elizabeth Bowden, Donna Miller, Prill Snelling, Trygve Aarsheim. Bonnie Jones-Witthum and Vicki Aarsheim were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:25, opening words were provided by Bonnie.

The secretaries report was approved after a motion to accept, second and voice vote.

Treasurers report: Brad reported that we are in the black. Letters were presented to be signed by Bob in response to paying Derek and Bonnie as pastoral housing which is in line with UU policy. The letters were read by Brad. Donna moved to accept, seconded by Jens and approved by voice vote. The Auction so far has raised \$1664.00, the total should be around \$2200.00 by the end of December when the rest of the funds are collected. The money from self financing has been put into money market savings until the end of the year. Please see attached spread sheet for specifics of the treasurers report . Also attached is a sheet explaining the cost of running the society. The UUA has asked for a different type of funding this year based on giving \$66 to UUA and \$26 to the mid America region per member. Brad stated that we usually give \$3200 and no more: the rational for this is that the UUA has significantly decreased their expenses over the last few years and has not passed it down to the individual society's. Member count will occur in January. After a few questions and discussion the report was accepted and approved by voice vote.

Bonnie asked to speak next since she had to leave for a previous appointment. She that she appreciated and cherishes our society. The caring circle has given her individuals to meet and monitor and she is doing this. We had asked her if she would be willing to preach once a month, she considered it and respectfully had to decline because of family commitments. We told her we appreciate her and everything she is doing for us and that we certainly understood. Bob did ask her to keep in mind if she knew of anyone who would be interested in preaching.

Old Business:

SE building: The color looks good, wiring in the middle room should be finished next week. There are school chairs available for free if anyone is interested. In November \$604 was spent on materials, to date \$5012 has been spent with \$5800 left in the account. Trim will be purchased next but there should be enough money left to take care of replacing the siding in the spring.

Building use scheduling:

Shirley Jane has found a calendar that can be hung in the society for committees to use to schedule meetings etc for specific rooms. Brad will provide a map/schematic showing the rooms available an their names. A discussion occurred on the procedure for a group to actually schedule IE using the website, contact person, form? Brad will look into this to streamline the process and make it as simple as possible. The facility/building committee will be in charge of this and then let Vicki know for the website. Our bylaws will at some point need to be revised due to use of electronic media .

Shirley Jane has also requested the use of the society for a spiritual education activity on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. This would be an open community event for sharing ideas. This was approved by the board as well as a repeat of the previous Manifesting Group that she did last year. This would occur January 24, 25, 26 and 27th. It is a 15 hour course.

New Business:

Elizabeth spoke of her ideas to serve as a community coordinator to promote activities and membership growth in a paid position capacity. She shared what she has been doing in the past and presently in this type of capacity. Discussion followed, she will write up a proposal for the board and we will discuss this further next meeting.

Vision Statement:

A discussion took place about the visioning forum. Brad and Donna suggested that a task force be created for each group (see attached sheet for the 3 specific groups), with 5 people per group. Only one committee has done their homework on their 5 year vision. Brad will send out a gently reminder. Donna and Brad will then sit down and devise a plan and identify responded by Jan 31.

Bob shared three words that he read in an article on Global Wakeup. The phrase was trans denominational spiritual community. We agreed that this summed up UU's.

Brad will look at the committees explanation on the website and update as needed. There was a short discussion on what the information should contain, whether the general duties or more concise present projects.

There seemed to be no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

submitted by Prill Snelling