

UUSRF Board Meeting , February 27, 2019

Members present: Bob Emberger, Trygve Aarsheim, Donna Miller, Jens Gunelson, Prill Snelling, Elizabeth Bowden, Brad Moore

Also present was Paula Luger and Lauren Evans

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Bob Emberger. He also offered opening words.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the secretaries report from the last meeting.

Treasurers report: See attached spread sheet for specifics. We were \$1200 in the red in January but year to date we are still good. The committee budget requests need to be to Brad by March 10th, Vicki will post this for the committee chairs. If Brad does not hear from each group, he will keep the same budget for each as the previous year. SE building: \$5700 spent so far with \$5100 left for the siding. The water heater needs to be replaced, Brad and Jens will purchase and install this. A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to accept the treasurers report.

New Business:

Lauren Evans gave a presentation on a grant proposal that she is interested in applying for UUSRF through the UUA. She proposed reasons and ways for our society to “finance our dreams”. She offered goals for funding, objectives, and suggested strategies. She has not applied for a particular grant but was looking for guidelines. A discussion followed with the ideas that we can offer more specifics as we are further along in the visioning process in the next two months. We will look to Lauren as a point person to look at available grant opportunities as the visioning gets more specific. We let her know that we appreciated her enthusiasm and look forward to moving forward with her ideas.

Procedure for canceling services. The current procedure seems to be working, e-mail, notice on the website, phone calls to those that do not use electronic media, and a sign on the door (Jens did and will continue to do this if needed). The decision to cancel will be made by noon the day before. Bob will make an announcement of this procedure on Sunday and Brad will publish it in the procedure manual.

SE building: The trim still need to be done, the weather has been the limiting factor in the work that still needs to be done. The building has been utilized well and enjoyed.

Scheduling calendar: seems to be working well

Visioning discussion: March 10th the task force groups will meet at 9:30 to articulate specific goals, and on March 24th to define resources to reach those goals. April 7th will be a full forum with each task force doing a 5 minute presentation with discussion in the society. Each task force offered a short report to the board. Task force 1 consensus was that we need to increase membership, money and improve the structure, the use of lay leadership enhanced with training and a facilitator to provide cohesion in the society. Task force 2 dealt with membership and suggested increased accessibility such as transportation, programming to bring people in and blending of old and new technology to get us out there in the community. Task force 3 had an emphasis on the facility, making the outside more

accessible for activities as one unit, redoing the office as a gathering room, committee room, also offering free produce from the garden.

Nominations. Brad brought up that we need a nomination committee to offer persons to run for president and one member at large for the annual meeting. Bob will announce this need on Sunday and ask for volunteers.

Annual Meeting: the annual meeting will be May 19th. Brad suggested that we start at 10am that day and instead of a service that we have the business aspect, lunch and then decide on our visioning statement. There was a short discussion and clarification on this. An announcement will be made to the society.

Pastoral : Derek will be back soon from sabbatical. There was a discussion of our response to him if the decision is to continue with a half time pastor if we are obligated to give him the position. The decision was that he has the right to be considered as an applicant, although we are leaning at this time to be lay led. He also may want to just offer pastoral care if Bonnie decides not to continue in that position. Brad will write a letter to Derek to let him know of our visioning and finances to give him a heads up on what is happening in the society. Brad will present the letter for board approval via e-mail or at the next meeting.

That concluded the business. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed. The meeting as adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by Prill Snelling.