

UUSRF Board Meeting October 19, 2016

Present: Tera Wells, Jens Gunelson, Jennifer Sobiech-Pariseau, Colleen Gray, Trygve Aarsheim, Brad Moore, Derek Washington, Vicki Aarsheim, Paula Lugar.

President Tera Wells opened the meeting at 6:05PM

Opening words by Derek Washington focused on the journey through life with changes using the metaphor of the monarch butterfly with the notation that the 'Best is yet to Come'.

Secretary's report read and accepted as read; motion by Trygve and second by Jennifer.

The treasurer's report was submitted and approved as presented; motion by Colleen, second by Jennifer. The Society spent approximately \$500 more than it took in for September, which brought our year to date surplus down to \$14304.

The current mortgage amount is \$109,666.

Derek reported that the caring circle and minister spent most of the month catching up with people and there were no new instances that needed his attention or that of the caring circle.

Old Business: Brad and Lynn have made contacts concerning the sign and we have received the first estimate (\$17825) along with a prototype drawing which will be presented to the society this Sunday. We might be able to save additional money on the sign by doing the site work ourselves.

Nancy Holden has again issued emails which undermine our Society; this time entitled DEATH NOTICE. The Board decided not to respond as a body, but rather to let individuals respond as they deem fit.

Tera discussed the music situation with Martha Termatt and she has requested time to ruminate on the offer.

Replacement of the current lapel microphone and add a new handheld unit was tabled pending testing until that Derek has to see if it is compatible with the current sound system and room acoustics. Expected cost will be in the vicinity of \$600. Vicki will also check and test the hearing impaired headphones.

As reported last month, the current SE building has a mold issue that prevents it from being used or rehabbed at this time. We will look at expanding the current main building to provide meeting and classroom space. The old Bethel Baptist expansion plan drawing was presented to the Board for a short discussion and a request that the members put together a wish list for the November meeting.

In the meantime, Brad will create a smaller layout drawing for design practice.

Jens is still formulating suggestions for the triptych for the stage area.

Brad will put together the historical record of attendance for our November meeting.

The Ministerial Search Task Force has only received 1 candidate' Derek Washington. The Task Force recommended to the Board that Derek is a viable candidate to be our next minister through the end of the current fiscal year. The Board then decided to call a special meeting of the Society to allow the friends and members to address any concerns they have with Derek during the Q & A after the main part of the service. The Society will then vote on whether or not the Board should follow through and open negotiations with Derek and iron out a contract. Based on this, I believe that the Board should make the announcement at the beginning of the service. We can discuss this tonight along with how to handle the absentee ballot issue.

New Business: Patrice Veit has requested the possible use of our building for the River Falls Community Theater annual Christmas one act plays. I will meet with her on Saturday to review the building and whether it is suitable for their needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM