

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wells Foundation
November 19, 2017

Present: Inez Bergquist, Bill Nelson, Lynette Reini-Grandell, Tom Brandt, David Schwarz, Martha Hoover, Lee Brant, Holly Woodhull, James Davies, Karen Sandness

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

The minutes were approved with changes.

Tom Brandt presented the budget report. Since it possible that more donations from the concert will come in, the income figure is only preliminary. An additional \$100 has come in so far. The concert receipts are about the same as last year, but the expenses were a bit higher, due to payment to Naomi Gordon for miscellaneous work and an honorarium for the soloist.

These concert-related figures are the only changes to the budget. . The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Discussion moved to a post mortem on the concert.

Bill Nelson said that General Shadley's speech was well-received and that he appreciated being invited.

Karen Sandness reported that many people came to the post-concert reception and that we could have used 50% more cookies and punch, because we ran out. Maybe we could use the Bishop's Hallway for the reception next year. The presenter from St. Stephen's was also excellent.

Acting as an usher, Tom Brandt found that lots of people didn't know how to get to the sanctuary.

Too few St. Markans attended, and the concert was not publicized during the pre-service announcements. However, the e-mail blast was helpful. There were no bulletin inserts, just a mention in our usual column. We should start planning publicity early in the year. David Schwarz wondered if each Board member should commit to personally inviting people.

James Davies noted that Sean Farley is an excellent piano tuner.

The following points also came up in the discussion:

There needs to be a Committee, preferably two people, to coordinate the concert. They do not have to be Board members.

It will be necessary to contact the Orchestra to make sure they're available for November 11.

Lynette Reini-Grandell distributed the list of grantees for this year, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. There were thirty-nine requests, of which twenty-four were funded. The focus was on housing those in need and training people to avoid homelessness. There were a few new applicants. The final figures for MCAV and St. Stephen's are pending knowledge of the final concert proceeds. Bob Oganovic's website design has made the Committee's job so much easier.

Lee Brant said that we should make sure to emphasize that the concert proceeds contribute to the funds available for grantees, and Inez Bergquist suggested adding the names of the Committee members. The list of grantees will be made public.

Bill Nelson moved to accept the entire list of grantees, and Lee Brant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next topic was the matter of relations between the St. Mark's Foundation and the Wells Foundation. Funds are being mixed between the two foundations, so that Wells funds are being used for purposes we have not approved. It was moved and seconded that the Finance Committee write a letter to the St. Mark's Foundation asking for clarification of the proportion of Wells Foundation funds in the St. Mark's Foundation.

Inez Bergquist brought up our scheduling problems. We have been meeting on the third Sunday of the month, but the New Members' lunches are being held in the Heritage Room, and we would rather not meet in the Library, where people may intrude on our meetings. We need to check and see if there are conflicts on every other Sunday.

Holly Woodhull noted that some people have had problems with getting into the website. She has requested a common password for all board members.

February 25 is the date scheduled for presentations by grantees plus a reception. We will have to publicize it to the congregation.

The follow-up activity for this meeting will be writing up grantee profiles for the Weekly News.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sandness