

Wells Foundation Board, October 28, 2018

Present: Lee Brant, Barbara Hanson, Martha Hoover, Bill Nelson, Lynette Reini-Grandell, Karen Sandness, Nancy Arguedas, Inez Bergquist
Guests: Fred Moore, Gene Sandler

The meeting was called to order at 12:10PM

The meeting began with brief report from Lynette Reini-Grandell about grants. There were thirty-five applicants, and the committee's priority was to give larger grants to smaller organizations.

Fred Moore said that the agreement with the St. Mark's Foundation is in process and moving along. Paul Anton has updated the calculations to Wells' benefit. A small overcharge in accounting fees will be refunded. He asked if we were going to have presentations by grantees again this year. Brian Childs briefly came in to hand over a draft of the agreement.

The minutes were approved with a correction.

In Barbara Hanson's Treasurer's report, the main difference between budgeted and actual figures is "Contract Services," which is because of legal expenses connected with the agreement with the St. Mark's Foundation. The report was approved unanimously.

Lynette Reini-Grandell read off a list of organizations that the Grants Committee is thinking of funding. There was a brief discussion about how site visits should be scheduled this year. The grantees will be formally approved at the next meeting.

Martha Hoover gave further information about outreach. SAAGES has been working with Emerson School. The council has given \$150,000 to NAZ since 2015. The Minneapolis City Council is considering rezoning the block, and Council members will be attending the meeting at which they discuss this.

Gene Sandler, a new member for 2019, was introduced to the Board.

Inez Bergquist reported on preparations for the Veteran's Day Concert. The hallway has been reserved for reception. The orchestra will rehearse on the previous Thursday. Fees for the orchestra and soloist have been arranged. Poppies and flags left over from last year will be used. We have bought advertising spots on Minnesota Public Radio. General Shandley will speak again. A representative from the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans will speak at intermission.

Nancy Arguedas reported about publicity efforts. Gene Sandler is already at work on this and has made several PR contacts, including local churches and papers. Notices will be posted on Facebook, Bob Oganovic will put a notice on the website, and there will be flyers in the Sunday bulletin. Letters have been written to VFW and American Legion

posts. Holly Woodhull will arrange for ushers. Lee Brant and Karen Sandness will buy and set up refreshments and buy twice as much as before so that we don't run out.

Inez Bergquist and Gene Sandler went to a conference on building an effective board and will talk about it next time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sandness
Secretary