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January 03, 2019

Present: Larry Vallery, Gina Spohnheimer, Keith Folkmann, Larry Trede, Ron Skrdla, Joe Traylor, Bob Sperry, Dennis Smith, Janet Olson, Jim Penney, and Kent Ziebell

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Vallery at 8:00 a.m., Boardroom, First United Methodist Church. The agenda was approved.

Motion by Spohnheimer, seconded by Ziebell, that the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting be approved, as distributed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron Skrdla. For the Club account, the November 30, 2018 balances were: Administration, \$7,420.23; Service, \$7,195.29; total, \$14,615.51; GK Singers, \$868.50. Motion by Ziebell, seconded by Olson, that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried. For the Foundation, the November 30, 2018 balance was \$17,755.73. Motion by Trede, seconded by Traylor, that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### Announcements/Reports:

- 1. Services for Fred Bunce.** Vallery reminded the board that services for Fred Bunce will be next Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am, FUMC. Visitation is Wednesday afternoon, 4-6 pm, Grandon Funeral Home. GK members are encouraged to attend services following our meeting next week and return to the Fellowship Hall for lunch following services.
- 2. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting.** Program will be the 2019 I-Plan given by Sperry, Trede, Skrdla, and Ziebell. Emphasis will be on 2019 activities on membership recruitment, retention, service, investment & finances, website, and public relations. Presenters can use presentation method that fits their presentation.
- 3. Pancake Days.** Vallery informed Ames Noon club that Wayne Hagemoser will be coordinating our club ticket sales. No information yet on event dates or details.

### Discussion/Action Items:

- 1. FY2019 Club and Foundation Budget.** Skrdla reviewed the proposed budget as developed by Skrdla and Trede. Discussion followed. Motion by Sperry, seconded by Penney, that the proposed budget be adopted. Motion carried. (See attached document).
- 2. FY2019 Charity Donation Program.** Trede presented three options for board consideration based upon the board survey results. Discussion followed. Concerns were raised to the amounts budgeted for TEEN MAZE, Ames Public Library (children's books), Friendship Ark, Food-At-First, and Bethesda Food Pantry. Motion by Penny, seconded by Sperry, that Option 2 be adopted. Motion by Traylor, seconded Smith, that the main motion be amended as follows: Ames Public Library contribution reduced to \$1000 from \$1500 (\$500 reduction) and that Food-At-First and Bethesda Food Pantry contributions be increased from \$500 to \$750 (\$250 increase each). Discussion followed. Amendment to main motion was carried. Call for vote on amended main motion. Motion carried as amended. (See attached document).

### Committee Reports:

- 1. Membership Development Committee.** Sperry reported that contact information for recent ISU Retirees has been identified and members (ISU Retiree) have been contacted to identify prospects that they know and are willing to contact to recruit as potential new members. Committee is exploring how similar methodology can be use for Iowa DOT retirees. Committee is also working on a “tabletop” flyer that can be used by club members attending other events.
- 2. Membership Retention.** Spohnheimer reported that 7 Christmas cards were mailed to shut-ins. Response favorable from those contacted. Also, continuing to monitor attendance for members who are absent with cards being mailed to those members.

The next board meeting will be February 6, 2019, Boardroom, FUMC.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Vallery at 9:00 am.

Submitted by

Larry Trede  
Club Secretary