

SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH BUSINESS MEETING
29 OCTOBER 2022, Minneapolis, MN
AGENDA

Meeting Opened at 5:18 pm
17 present

Welcome and introduction (Marc Forster)

1. Approval of 2021 Minutes (Marc Forster) – See attached
 - Moved (Kay Edwards), Seconded (Amy Leonard), Passed (Unanimous)
2. Nominating Committee Report (delivered by Lynneth Miller Renberg)
3. Membership Report (Jill Fehleison)
 - Down slightly with COVID, transitions between offices
 - Membership drive for 2023; encourages networking and reaching out to pull in new members, those not familiar with the society
 - Question from Jeff Watt: current numbers? Answer: around 40
 - Discussion from floor: Jeff Watt, Kay Edwards (membership rolls out of date in transition), Michael Bruenig (change in membership timing- changes with calendar year now), Marc Forster (need to better publicize membership benefits, reason for joining), Kay Edwards (noting here: executive council members forget to pay dues for several years, thus it's a general problem that requires streamlining, reminders)
4. Treasurer's Report (Jill Fehleison)
 - Finances are in good shape
 - Investment funds are down with current market conditions, but still stable
5. Anne Jacobson Schutte Fellowship (Jeff Watt)
Recipient: Nathalie Miraval
Award Committee: Jeffrey Watt, Beth Plummer, and Michael Bruening
 - Jeff: thanks to the committee for their work; around 6 applications, but a unanimous choice to award this to Nathalie Miraval; themes in her work align well with themes in Anne's work.
6. Bodo Nischan Award (Marc Forster)
Recipient: Elsie McKee
Award Committee: Jill Fehleison, Ron Rittgers, and Amy Leonard
 - Jill: prize for citizenship, service to the profession. Awarded to Prof. Elsie McKee (until 2021 Prof. of Reformation Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary). Very deserving of the award for service to profession, recognition at the end of her teaching career.
7. Archive for Reformation History Report (Ute Lotz Heumann)
 - Ute: 2022 volume has gone to the publisher; can be expected towards the end of the year or early next. Submitted 5 of the 9 articles (around half of the 11 pieces in the volume). Aiming to sustain this level as we go along. Thanks to all who did reviews, recommended pieces for publication, wrote something themselves. Ute asks that we encourage people to submit manuscripts to the ARG. Working on the 2023 volume: already have 10 submissions, working on getting them through peer review.

- However, as of last check-in, no submissions from Europe; if we know people who have works in progress, can submit more.
- Marc: reminder that this journal does not have a long delay in review and publication, but moves articles through efficiently, looks for articles within a wide range of scholarship and topics.
8. Programming (David Luebke)
 - David: somewhere around 52/3 individuals involved in the SCSC program at highest point; theme: crisis and refuge. Next year: considering Global Reformations as the theme.
 - Kalamazoo (delivered by Marc on behalf of Maureen)
 9. Facebook and Web Page (Michael Bruening)
 - Michael: dues, award descriptions, upcoming conferences; website not updated too frequently, but if you want anything included, reach out and let him know. FB is dying, but free, easy to monitor: no reason to get rid of it. We need to come up with a way to expand reach, online presence. Lots of hits especially when we post fellowships for graduate students.
 - Marc: we had a discussion about what other kinds of social media we might want to get involved in; currently skeptical about what's happening on Twitter, which would have seemed like the clear choice up until a few days ago. Aware that in fact, many people are using Instagram, TikTok, etc. Will do some research and try to figure out what the best path forward is for us as a society to communicate more widely.
 - Discussion: Jill, Amy (pros of Twitter- reach into areas and spaces we don't usually reach)
 10. Listserv (Randall Zachman)
 - Update: it's working.
 - Question: how long is Randall willing to continue doing this?
 - Task: check with Randall on how long he is willing to continue to serve with that.
 11. Other New Business (Marc Forster)
 - Floor opened for discussion. Questions, new business proposals, comments/suggestions?
 - Noted here: need to get newer generation involved.
 - Jeff: dues for graduate students- \$20 a year? For everyone, \$20 a year, \$10 for graduate students.
 - Query: do we get bills? Yes, you will.
 - Suggestion: highlight members' publications, scholarship on FB

Meeting adjourned: 5:43