

Minutes – 11-1-2014

Attendance: Gary Shepherd, John Dehlin, Christine Cusack, David Heap, Kristeen Black, David Knowlton, Mary Lou McNamara, Catherine Jeppsen, Henri Gooren, Ryan Cragun, Rick Phillips, Chris Doddie

Introductions

Discussed Finances

Vernon Lecture

- Nominations:
 - Armand Mauss – history of MSSA
 - Patrick Mason – chair of Mormon Studies
 - Joanna Brooks – Gender Issues

Discussed website

- Do we need to keep the newsletter.
- Should we switch to a more active website.
 - Automate webpage posts to Twitter and Facebook
 - weekly post on a blog
- Vote was taken to switch from a newsletter to a more active web page – potentially with a blog.
- Discussed possibilities surrounding a blog.
 - Rick volunteered to manage blog and online stuff.
 - John Dehlin, Ryan Cragun, Kristeen Black, David Knowlton,
 - parameters – social science oriented; Rick may need to so editing
 - Grand Poobah of Social Media
 - check the by-laws about changing the title of the Newsletter Editor
 - Historian to examine past activities.

Considered the idea of starting the journal:

- there isn't a specific journal for social science of Mormonism
- open access web based journal
- reprints; 3 or 4 empirical articles per volume
- editorial board; editors
- book reviews
- peer-review
- managing editor
- timeline
- Name for the Journal
- blog - MSSA Dinner Club
- Journal of the Mormon Social Science “s” (Association)

Considered panels outside the SSSR

- should we hold panels outside the SSSR meeting?
- ASR, AAR, Sunstone,

Dinner: 6:30 Osteoria Pronto