Minutes – 10/25/2019

- 10:45 – introductions
  - ◦ Introduction of new officers.
- 10:50 – Discussed UVU one-day conference
- 10:53 – Discussed the G&G Shepherd graduate student paper award
- 10:54 – Discussed the Palgrave MacMillan Handbook on global Mormonism
- 10:56 – Discussed the MSSA Journal
  - ◦ Rick Phillips discussed the rationale and history of the journal.
  - ◦ Next steps – hiring a webmaster, rebranding the website, making some final decisions
  - ◦ Carrie Miles asked about a print version of the journal.
    - ▪ Rick said that was not the intent.
    - ▪ But it is possible to do it on Create Space – via Amazon.
  - ◦ David Knowlton suggested we need to think about archiving the digital files.
  - ◦ Discussed some of the challenges of starting a scholarly journal.
  - ◦ David Knowlton noted that a journal can give the organization an identity.
  - ◦ Carrie Miles asked about reprinting prior publications.
    - ▪ We have considered this – potentially publishing older documents.
    - ▪ Survey of membership – solicit suggestions of articles/chapters to be republished
    - ▪ Publish classic articles with commentary.
    - ▪ We need to pay attention to copyright.
    - ▪ A way to avoid copyright is to write review articles.
  - ◦ Get some scholars to interview Gary and Gordon so they can reflect on their early experiences in Mormonism.
  - ◦ Journal Titles:
    - ▪ Journal of Mormon Social Science
    - ▪ Social Science of Mormonism
- 11:25 – Discussed the membership and finances
  - ◦ Ryan Cragun provided an update
  - ◦ We have $274.17 in checking, $50,428.13 in MSSA Journal fund, and $12,405.33 in Armand Mauss Founder's fund.
- 11:26 – New Business
  - ◦ Discussed Glenn Vernon Lecture for 2021 – Conference is in Portland, Oregon.
    - ▪ One recommendation: D. Michael Quinn
    - ▪ (Another after the meeting: Susanna Morril (Lewis and Clark College)
  - ◦ Update on Armand Mauss's health.
  - ◦ Discussed dinner tomorrow night and affinity meeting tonight.
- 11:37 – Applauded Gordon's efforts.
- 11:39 – Meeting adjourned.

Journal Meeting Minutes

- 12:26 – meeting begins
- Rick notes we need:
    ◦ to hire someone to design website
    ◦ to follow this design:
        ▪ http://www.communalstudies.org/journal
    ◦ to hire someone to install software and manage the software
    ◦ considering David Stewart's contact for website hosting and technology
    ◦ need a logo
    ◦ Rick, David, and Ryan will take care of the website and branding
- Discussed Editorial Board
    ◦ possible members: Matt Bowman, Patrick Mason, Tim Heaton, John Bartkowski, David Voas
    ◦ We'll come up with a list of people we want – by December 1st
    ◦ Ben will communicate with these individuals
- First two volumes – pay honoraria for accepted articles
    ◦ $500 honorarium
- Who is in charge of getting ISSN? Looking into indexing?
- Copy-editing
    ◦ $40 to $50 per hour
    ◦ $200 to $300 per article
    ◦ we need someone trained as a copy-editor with special expertise in social science
    ◦ Jana is in charge
- Ryan threw a wrench in the works and suggested Ubiquity Press as a viable alternative.
- Gordon Shepherd nominated:
    ◦ Rick Phillips as Editor-In-Chief
    ◦ Ben Knoll as Associate Editor
    ◦ Unanimous vote in favor