

## MSSA Minutes – 2021-10-23

### Council Members present:

Rick Phillips, Jana Riess, Thomas Murphy, Ryan Cragun

### Council Members absent:

Nancy Ross, Amy Hoyt, Christine Cusack

- 12:39 – welcome by Rick; introductions
- 12:45 – Ryan gave a report on the finances and membership
  - \$80,000 in endowment; just over \$2,000 in checking
  - just over 50 dues paying members
- 12:55 – annual one day mini-conference at UVU
  - David Knowlton suggested we should go ahead regardless of whether there is a Mormon Studies conference and what Brian Birch and Boyd Peterson are doing
  - Jason Palmer asked about Global Mormon Studies conference – it seems like they meet on the same day; how do we avoid overlapping meetings
- 1:02 – graduate student paper award
  - only issued once because of COVID
  - we may have 2 candidates this year
  - noted that the amount of the award is not specified, neither is the number of awards that can be given
- 1:07 – Rick gave a report on the JMSSA
  - moving forward; should have the first version soon
  - noted we have worked toward getting a layout
  - circulated a sample layout
  - Gary asked about the content
    - Jana summarized the content
  - suggestion was made that scholars could forego the money and donate it to the graduate student paper award
- 1:20 – discussion of Glenn Vernon lecture
  - a little history was presented
  - suggested we might want to move the lecture to Salt Lake instead of Baltimore
  - David Holland at Harvard
  - Conrad Hackett at Pew in DC
  - Peggy Fletcher Stack in SLC
  - Pam Perlich in SLC
  - Kathleen Flake at University of Virginia
  - scholars not working on the LDS Church
  - someone who stumbled upon Mormonism in their other work; Iwa Yong; Sujey Vega
  - Motion: The SSSR members choose to have Glenn Vernon Lectures in both Salt Lake and Baltimore
    - Motion by David Knowlton
    - Seconded by Thomas Murphy
    - voting is dues paying members
    - discussion about the merits
    - 11 in favor; none opposed or abstaining; motion passes
  - We will discuss options and make a decision fairly soon.
  - Additional suggestions: Jared Hickman; Nate Oman;

- 1:35 – no new business
- 1:36 – discussed dinner plans
  - 11 in for dinner
- 1:40 – meeting adjourned