

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

A quorum was present

2. Roll Call

Present = P | Absent = A

Organization	Representative	Representative	Alternative
Trinity	Dustin Johnson (P)	Steve Knappe (P)	Tim Schendel (A)
Minnehaha	Jerry Grouzis (A)	Aaron Zahn (P)	George Hahn (P)
Scottish Rite	Brian Mehlhaff (P)	Harlan Danielson (P)	Tim Schendel (A)
OES	Valori Maher (A)	Mark Kopejtka (P)	Lisa Russel (P)
DON	Dawn Rice (A)	Diane Knott (A)	Ashley Kirk (P)
Shalaal Grotto	Brian Pulling (P)	Cody Christianson (P)	
York Rite	Chad Gruis (A)	Greg Stensaas (P)	
MBA	Jeff Sutter (P)		

3. Approval of Minutes

The Secretary's Report had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.

Motion: To accept the Secretary's Report as presented.

Second: Not identified in the supplied notes.

Vote:

- Ayes: Unanimous
- Opposed: None

Result: Motion carried. Secretary's report accepted.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.

It was reported that all member bodies are current on their bills.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Second: Motion seconded.

Vote:

- Ayes: Unanimous
- Opposed: None

Result: Motion carried. Treasurer's Report accepted.

5. Reports of Committees

IT Committee

Systems and Door Access

It was reported that IT systems are operating normally. A recently introduced access-control policy temporarily affected a small number of door-access accounts because of a missing configuration. Access was restored, and door-access denial logs are being monitored daily.

A prior email concerning a mobile door-access application was traced to an earlier configuration. That configuration has been disabled, and the message may be disregarded.

Domain and Google Workspace

It was reported that the MBA of Sioux Falls .org domain has been established. The public website, internal site, room-reservation calendar, and Google Workspace environment will be rebuilt under the new domain.

Historical calendar information will be restored where practicable. Some recurring events may need to be recreated as part of the transition.

Room-Reservation Process

The new room-reservation system is being designed to allow authorized secretaries and representatives to create nonconflicting reservations directly. Reservations involving scheduling conflicts or use of the entire building will be routed through an approval process.

Building Committee

The building air-compressor breaker had been intentionally switched off, which also disabled the thermostats and air conditioning. A notice will be placed at the breaker to prevent recurrence.

Access to a clinic room remains unresolved, preventing completion of a light-fixture repair. Follow-up will be made to obtain access for the technician.

6. Unfinished Business

Scottish Rite Clinic Door Access

Further action on the Scottish Rite Clinic door-access project was deferred while the building transition is evaluated.

Back Door Mural

No current status was available. Follow-up will be requested regarding the outstanding backdoor mural work.

Current Building Sale

The Board reviewed the prior town-hall decision concerning the purchase agreement for the current building and discussed the need to coordinate the sale, any lease-back period, and the acquisition and build-out of replacement space.

7. New Business

53rd Street Property

The Board reviewed property options and determined that the 53rd Street property is the option to pursue because it can accommodate both the Masonic organizations and the Scottish Rite Clinic. Other properties discussed were not advanced because of clinic-space limitations or projected renovation cost.

Motion: To authorize the three-person property committee to submit an opening offer of \$1,000,000 for the 53rd Street property and negotiate up to a maximum purchase price of \$1,200,000, including exploration of a short-term lease arrangement that may be credited toward the purchase price.

Second: Motion seconded.

Vote:

- Ayes: Unanimous
- Opposed: None

Result: Motion carried. The three-person committee was authorized to proceed within the

approved negotiation parameters.

The working project target is approximately \$1.5 million, leaving room above the purchase-price ceiling for build-out, moving, technology, security, and related transition costs. The Board also discussed a short-term lease of the 53rd Street property, with lease payments potentially credited toward the eventual purchase price, as a means to begin build-out before closing.

Due Diligence and Closing Coordination

Open due-diligence items include the scope of professional inspection and appraisal, sprinkler or alternative egress requirements, seller timing, closing coordination, possible tax-related transaction considerations, and sequencing the sale of the current building with the purchase of the new property.

The Board discussed using an independent professional inspection firm, obtaining an as-completed appraisal, and using third-party vendors for build-out work.

The committee will proceed in good faith regarding negotiation timing and due diligence. After an offer is accepted, the current committee may be expanded, concluded, or succeeded by a design committee to finalize layout and build-out planning.

Motion: To approve the committee guidelines as discussed for the next phase of negotiations and due diligence.

Second: Motion seconded.

Vote:

- Ayes: Unanimous
- Opposed: None

Result: Motion carried. Committee guidelines approved.

Space Planning, Downsizing, and Storage

Member bodies were encouraged to reduce stored materials and identify items that should be retained, sold, discarded, scanned, or moved to independent climate-controlled storage. The stage was approved as temporary shared sorting and inventory space, provided that a clear walkway is maintained.

Motion: To use the stage as temporary shared space for member bodies to sort, inventory, and organize property, with designated sections and a clear walkway maintained.

Second: Motion seconded.

Vote:

- Ayes: Unanimous
- Opposed: None

Result: Motion carried. Use of the stage as temporary sorting and inventory space Approved.

Asset Disposition and Records

The Board discussed a possible public sale of surplus furnishings, kitchen equipment, artifacts, pianos, the organ, and other property. Any public sale remains subject to valuation, insurance, indemnity, and logistical planning.

The Board also discussed scanning archived documents and prioritizing vault cleanup. A formal sorting deadline will be established after the scanning-service package is finalized.

8. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Second: Motion seconded.

Vote:

- Ayes: Unanimous
- Opposed: None

Result: Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Certification

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Christianson

Date: 15SEP26

