1. CALL TO ORDER (Belden)
   Tony Belden called meeting to order at 12:14 PM.

2. APPROVE 2016 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Belden)
   Motion to approve minutes made by Jon Eaton, 2nd by Chris Larson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT (Feldman)
   For the 2016 calendar year, Section income was $382,874 and expenses were $426,672. Investments were up in 2016 with a gain of $27,853. This resulted in a year end loss of $15,945. Keep in mind, this loss included the Board’s approval of a one-time $30,000 increase in expenses used for last year’s 100 year conference.

   Motion to accept the 2016 finance report made by Dave Brown, 2nd by Bill Spain. Motion passed unanimously.

   As of June 2017, Section income for the year has been $158,319 and expenses $143,574. Investments have been up since the beginning of the year by $30,690 resulting in a net income of $45,435 as of end of June.

   The general fund balance at the end of June was $233,894, which is well above our goal of 50% of budgeted expenses. Budgeted expenses for 2017 total $392,855. The endowment fund balance at the end of June was $258,147, which just exceeds a record high set back in June 2014 of $257,773. The current fund balance far exceeds our goal of $180,000.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Belden)
   None

5. NEW BUSINESS (Belden)
   None

6. ELECTION RESULTS (Belden)
   Chair-Elect winner – Eric Volk, Elk River

7. DESTRUCTION OF LAST YEAR’S BALLOTS (Belden)
   Jon Eaton moved to destroy ballots from last year, 2nd by Dave Brown. Passed unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS
   - Benjamin G. Mason Award – Paul Thom, Core & Main
   - Operator Meritorious Award – Roger Hagman, City of Bemidji

   - Best in Glass – Finalists: There were a total of 11 samples submitted for judging. One was disqualified because of being below room temperature. Top three were Duluth, Chaska, and Winner of the Best in Glass Award – Bloomington

   - Meter Madness – 13 competitors, most ever. Comprised of six cities and two schools. 3rd – Pat Conrad, Bloomington; 2nd – Kyle Hinrichs, Mankato; 1st – Brent Massmann, Bloomington
- Pipe Tapping – 3 teams. 3rd - End of the Road Tappers, Vermilion Community College (4:48), 2nd – East Yard Tappers, Minneapolis Water (2:49), 1st – Duluth Great Lakes Tappers, City of Duluth (2:29)

- Hydrant Hysteria – 10 teams. 3rd – Bloomington Hydrant Surgeons, City of Bloomington, 2nd – Chaska, 1st – Bloomington Gladiators, City of Bloomington (1:38)

- WFP Conference Events
  - Golf – unknown at time of meeting
  - Fishing – 9 boats, $3,295
  - Sporting Clays – ~$2,200
  - Silent Auction – ~$2,625 raised
  - Ribbon Sales - ~$320 raised
  - SUSA Donation – $1,000
  - Endowment Fund Raffle - ~$300

- Poster Competition
  - 1st Place – Michael Waak (U of MN)
  - 2nd Place – John Galt (U of MN)

- Scholarships
  - Community College – Michael Brunkhorst (Vermillion Community College)
  - Advanced Degree – Michael Waak (U of MN), Olivia Sparrow (U of MN), James Hauth (Hamline U)

9. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Jon Eaton, 2nd by Jeff Larson. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:23PM