



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, February 4, 2016

Members in Attendance: Anne Rose, President; Jane Nelson, Vice President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Nancy Bair, and Susanne Werner.

Absent: Doc Hamm, Al Bourbeau.

Anne called the meeting to order at 12:40 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: Anne asked for edits or additions to the January 14 minutes. Ron requested clarification of the HFCE debit card address information, and Quicken version. Susanne moved to approve the January meeting minutes with edits as noted. Ron Cochran seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Cochran distributed the Treasurer's Report dated Feb 4 2016, reflecting current checking balance of \$5426, capital account balance of \$1490, total credits of \$75 for January, and total debits of \$281 for January. Ron said that he and Anne still need to meet to add her signature to the HFCE account at South State Bank. Ron reported that the fee for Earth Day main tent registration is \$40; it was discussed and decided to set up the HFCE tent outside the main tent, thus forgoing the fee.

Ron and Jane Nelson said that they coordinating with Raoul Rebillard to set up Quicken Pro. Jane said that they may need help from Anne in loading the software to the Cloud for multiple users. Anne said she will research the project.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susanne Werner reported that HFCE has 53 paid members, 2 "friends", 25 lapsed members and 17 archived members. Susanne said she will be sending the second renewal letter, and a "welcome" letter to those 17 people who signed up for more information at the StarNews Conscience Day event.

Programs: Nancy Bair reviewed General Membership Meetings of February 14, George Felis, on Darwin and morals, to include a potluck dinner; March 6 (first Sunday), Andy Norman, "Collaborative Reasoning"; and, May 6, J. Chris Wilson, "Humanism in Art." Nancy noted that April 10 does not yet have a speaker. Nancy then discussed the change of venue for the May 6 Chris Wilson talk and meeting to the Wilson's 5th Street home in downtown Wilmington. Discussion ensued, including how to handle invitations, RSVPs and attendance limit. It was unanimously agreed that Nancy should proceed with plans, and that this is an exciting opportunity for members to appreciate a historic home and the Wilsons' hospitality.

Susanne Werner suggested that the April 10 be planned around the Lego League project and other social action initiatives of HFCE. She said she would invited Wayne Marchino (sp?) to talk about Lego League. Discussion ensued; Susanne and Nancy will plan that meeting.

Nancy reported that Mike Werner has booked Hannah Block USO Building room for Monday night discussion groups on Feb 22 ("What Really Matters" a segue from Andy Norman's presentation), March 28, April 25 and May 23. She said that Mike Jordan is working on a presentation by Jim Pond, UNCW, on "Aggression and Guns." She said that the committee is open to suggestions for other discussion topics.

Nancy brought up the issue of religion/atheism and the workplace, suggesting that it would be a popular discussion topic. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the topic was of high interest, and that it might be appropriate for a Monthly Membership meeting. Nancy suggested surveying Meetup members, especially working people and young members, for their level of interest and willingness to participate in such a program. Susanne Werner said that this might make a good panel presentation. Nancy will work on the idea.

Social Action – Susanne said she has applied for Work on Wilmington and awaiting confirmation. She introduced the WLTT1180 AM radio interview program, with Jon Evans, which was discussed and agreed that further research is needed.

Anne reported that Susanne Werner and Ron Cochran were nominated by HFCE for the AHA President's Award.

Susanne and Ron Cochran shared information about Earth Day. It was agreed that Al Bourbeau and Amber Taggart will be asked to coordinate and manage the HFCE tent and activities for that event. Ron said that he will be at Earth Day, working with the electric car project group.

Susanne displayed the tee-shirts she and Jane had sourced, and the various size, color, style and logo options. Susanne said the blue of the previous order has been discontinued. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Anne Rose, and seconded by Nancy Bair, to approve a disbursement of \$253.59 to purchase 24 tee-shirts, in royal blue, various sizes, as recommended by Susanne and Jane.

Social and Fun – Anne Rose distributed the calendar of HFCE social events for February through June, as planned by the Social Activities Committee. She noted the Spring picnic at Empie Park on May 7, 2-6 pm, and the kids-are-free afternoon at the Serpentarium.

Publicity – Nancy Bair explained the various media outlets - print, online and radio – that she contacts to publicize HFCE events. She noted that she spends a good deal of time coordinating publicity, and that the amount of promotion HFCE receives is high. It was agreed that her efforts are very worthwhile. She said she is still working to coordinate Mike's interview on WHQR. Susanne mentioned that she is having an information-sharing conversation with Rachel Hillburn Lewis, and that it might lead to additional PR for the group.

New Business: Susanne Werner extended an invitation to the board for Sunday, Feb 7 Super Bowl party at her home.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2016.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 1:40 P.M.

Submitted by,

Nancy Bair, Secretary pro tem