



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, April 7, 2016

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

Absent: Al Bourbeau.

Anne called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: Anne asked for edits or additions to the March 3 2016 minutes. There were no comments. Jane Nelson moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Nancy Bair seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Cochran distributed the Treasurer's Report dated April 7 2016, reflecting current balance of \$5073, total credits of \$371.19, and total debits of \$617.30. Ron noted that the debits included purchase of a Dell laptop (314.52) and a speaker honorarium. Ron will check with the YWCA Bridge Center on room rental fees. Ron reported that he is working on setting up the Quicken Home & Business accounting software he has purchased, and that he will be meeting with Reb Rebillard to move the data from Quickbooks to Quicken, and to work on a budget for HFCF.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susanne Werner reported that as of April 7 2016, HFCF has 63 paid members, 19 lapsed and one friend. She noted that there have been 5 new & renewed members since the last board meeting.

Anne Rose noted that Al Bourbeau has not been able to attend board meetings, and that he has missed three consecutive meetings. Discussion ensued about the Bylaws and requirements of board members. It was moved by Doc Hamm and seconded by Jane Nelson that Al Bourbeau be removed from the board due to his having missed three consecutive meetings, pursuant to the Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously. Anne will contact Al.

Nancy Bair left the board meeting at 12:50.

Programs: Some discussion of organization and agenda setting for the general membership meeting ensued. Anne and Jane Nelson commented that direction for the speakers – lecture vs. question & answer – needs to be more clearly communicated. Nancy Bair, Programs Committee chair had left the meeting, so it was agreed that further discussion would take place at a later date. Susanne said that sound at the general membership meeting is not good. Doc Hamm said that he would work on a mic and pa system for speakers.

Social Action – Susanne Werner reported that the Sunday April 10 meeting will be a panel covering upcoming social action/community events, including the Lego League program, and that sign-up sheets would be circulated to recruit volunteers. She said that the WHQR Day of Reason 2017 sponsorship has been paid.

Social and Fun – Anne Rose reviewed social events for April, and said that all events are on the Meetup.com calendar. She said that the committee has planned events through June.

Publicity – Anne asked for items to include in the monthly newsletter, which will go out in the coming week.

Science Grant Program:

Jane Nelson said that she had dropped the grant package off at the New Hanover school administration offices. Anne said the grant is live on the HFCF website, and that it is being promoted on Facebook. Additional promotion of the grant RFP was discussed.

New Business:

Jane Nelson said that she has inventoried bumper stickers, t-shirts and business cards. She said that she would re-inventory and order “refills” after Azalea Fest.

It was remarked that the HFCE website does not come up in searches, and Susanne Werner said that she can't pull it up even with the url in the navigation bar. Anne said that she will check SEO for the site and make some adjustments if possible to better optimize it for search.

It moved by Ron Cochran, seconded by Jane Nelson and unanimously agreed to appoint Anne Rose and Doc Hamm as Ad Hoc Nominating Committee members. All board members were invited to submit suggestions for the open seat. Discussion ensued. Anne and Doc said they would try to have someone in place by the May board meeting. Susanne noted that the replacement board member must be approved by vote of the HFCE general membership.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

Doc Hamm, Secretary

NOTE: revision as of 4/17/2016

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 5:30 p.m., Main Library