



## Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

### Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, May 3, 2016

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

Guest: Michael Werner, past-President.

**Absent:** Ron Cochran, Treasurer.

Anne called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** Anne asked for edits or additions to the April 2016 minutes. Doc Hamm moved to approve with no changes, Jane Nelson seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Cochran was absent and no Treasurer's Report was available. Mail pickup from the HFCF PO box was discussed.

The board convened in Executive Session.

Page Rutledge, board-member-elect, joined the meeting. Executive Session was ended and the regular board meeting was reconvened.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Susanne Werner reported that there are 72 paid members, 18 lapsed members and one friend. She noted that 19 past members have been archived and will no longer be solicited for renewals. It was remarked that membership is at an all-time high.

**Programs:** Nancy Bair reviewed plans for the J. Chris Wilson General Membership meeting. Doc Hamm moved and Jane Nelson seconded to approve monies for wine for that event. Jane Nelson will purchase. There was general discussion of hospitality for speakers, meeting protocol and on-going organization of monthly meetings. Nancy said that the committee would work to formalize procedures, including honorariums.

**Social Action –** Susanne Werner recapped participation in the Work on Wilmington and Earth Day events. She said that the kids' activity at Earth Day was a hit. She noted that opportunities to sell bumper stickers and other items would be explored. There was lengthy discussion of the Azalea Fest weather-related challenges. Susanne and Anne said that the wind made the event both unpleasant and dangerous. Mike Werner agreed to be organizer for the 2017 Azalea Fest; he will inquire about a different location for the tent.

**Social and Fun –** Anne Rose reviewed plans for the Spring picnic at Empie Park. Jane Nelson volunteered to pick up sub sandwiches, soda and bring the paper goods from the Bridge Center. Doc will bring music. There was general discussion.

**Publicity –** Nancy said she had no updates. 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 not heard from the school administration about the grant information. She will follow up.

#### **New Business:**

Anne said that Page Rutledge's board membership would be voted on by the General Membership at the meeting on May 8.

Susanne Werner said that she would be planning a board retreat, to be held at her home, that would include website training. She will email possible dates. This meeting might replace the June or July board meeting; this will be confirmed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 5:45 P.M. Main Library.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Submitted by,

**Doc Hamm, Secretary**