



## Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear Minutes of Executive Board Meeting,

October 12, 2016

**Members in Attendance:** Anne Rose, President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Page Rutledge, Secretary; Susanne Werner, Ed Tilley, Jane Nelson

Doc Hamm absent.

Anne called the meeting to order at 5:35P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** Page asked for edits or additions to the September 2016 minutes. Jane moved to approve with no changes, Ed seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report: October 12** report was submitted, reviewed and approved. Checking account balance is \$3841. Capital Account is \$1491. Ron and Jane will work with Phillip Drum to bring him up to speed and develop a budget. Ron suggested upgrading the accounting software to the 2017 version. Booth fee for AzaleaFest booth is \$100.00 plus insurance fees. Ron noted a link is broken on the web site, so Anne will complete a link check. Susanne collected money for the attractions books and gave an update.

### Committee Reports

**Nominating Committee:** Members will have yellow post it notes to indicate their votes. Vote will be by slate with 15 as the quorum. Members may vote by email with a noon deadline November 6, 2016, the same date as the voting/annual meeting.

**Membership:** Susanne Werner reported no changes in membership. She has almost completed the directory. Renewal letters will go out shortly.

**Programs:** Nov. 6 annual meeting topic is about Global Population. Speaker is Murray Sherman. Elections will be held first. Roundtable discussion to take place at this meeting to discuss members preferences and ideas. No membership meeting in December. The Solstice Dinner will be held in December.

**Social Action/Committee:** Upcoming newsletter will have plug for the attractions book, our annual fundraiser. Science grant program will be followed up by **Anne and Jane**, using a rolling application process next year.

**Activities:** Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is Tuesday Nov. 29. Oct. 16 9:30am Breakfast at Cast Iron Skillet.

Oct. 20 Noon Men's group at Outback.

Oct. 25 6:30pm International Dinner at The Felix Cafe

Nov. 6 6:00pm Annual Membership Meeting and elections

**Publicity/Promotions:** No report. Ed Tilley volunteered to head this committee next year.

**New Business:** Committee vacancies discussed. Social Action is Ron and Susanne. Programs is open, but Anne has volunteered to head this committee tentatively. Membership will remain Susanne & the new VP. Social [Fun] Committee is tentatively Jean. Fundraising committee is on an ad hoc basis. Ed Tilley will head publicity and promotion. Bylaws committee is Susanne Werner. Phillip Drum has volunteered to step in as the next treasurer. Anne will ask Doc Hamm to step in as the next VP.

**UNCW Group:** Ed Tilley reported interest in this group being mentored by HFCF. Susanne suggested that the Secular Student Alliance group coordinate with the skeptic group about aligning with them. There may a bank balance involved they could access. Page will suggest to Fred Bingham he take the position of faculty advisor to this group, and will let Ed Tilley know if he is.

**HFCF High School Science Grant Program:** Laney has submitted a request for their Sea Perch Program, which is a robotics project the students will construct. \$971.56 is the amount requested. It will be considered and voted upon at the next meeting. Motion made by Page and seconded by Ed to vote by mail before the annual meeting. Vote deadline on this grant request is Wednesday October 19 for Board members.

**Fundraising Idea:** Susanne floated the idea of a fun run to promote HFCF science funded projects. Ed suggested Roadrunners, a group that does this as a possibility to help organize it.

**Next general meeting:** November 6, 2016 at 6:00pm. **Next board meeting:** Wednesday November 9, 2016 at 5:30PM.

Another board meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 5:30 at 313 Walnut St. New board members will be invited. 2017 program ideas will be discussed. Anne adjourned the meeting at 6:52P.M.

Submitted by,  
Page Rutledge, Secretary