



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

November 16, 2016

Members in Attendance: Anne Rose, President; Page Rutledge, Secretary; Susanne Werner, Ed Tilley, Jane Nelson, Doc Hamm, Jean Dunn, Phill Drum, Amber Taggart

Ron Cochran absent; no treasurer's report. Will report in January.

Anne called the meeting to order at 5:41P.M.

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

Committee Reports

Brainstorming List: Page reported on list gathered at annual membership meeting. Anne assigned committees various responsibilities. Current issues group to be headed up by Doc Hamm. Could include TED Talks, documentaries, other media sources. Will schedule at Hannah Block Center on as needed basis. Susanne and Amber will reach out to Parenting Beyond Belief and other groups. We will strengthen our tie to AHA. Other discussion ensued. AHA Convention will be in Myrtle Beach next year. A group may attend.

Membership: Susanne Werner reported no changes in membership. We have 80 members total at this time. 20 have paid for 2017. Send out email blast (Anne will design one) 3 times prior to year end to remind and give complete information about the options for additional financial support members may make to HFCE. Susanne has completed and emailed the directory, and continues to update it.

Programs: Anne will take to several people about speaking engagements.

Social Action/Committee: No update about the high school grant. Teacher in charge will document the project for us. She will attend a meeting to present it.

Activities: Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is Tuesday Nov. 29. Jane is requesting volunteers come early to learn new systems. Jane discussed whether or not there are enough people interested in committing to a 2nd Saturday group all 12 months in 2017. Susanne and other Board members can reach out to other groups to see if they want to combine our efforts to create a committed volunteer group.

Attractions Book Sales: 18 sold, 10 remain to be sold.

MLK Parade: Monday January 16, 2017. Other groups SAGE and Wilmington Equality to be invited to join our group.

HFCF Solstice Dinner: Will be held at Boca Bay December 17 6:00pm this year . Set price \$31.95 per person, and all will pay in advance in order to attend. Anne will set up a paypal payment method for the event. Group is now too large to order/pay with individual checks. Have to guarantee 30 people. Can go up to 40, or even more. BOD approved for Anne to execute the Boca Bay contract and pay the required deposit.

Publicity/Promotions: Ed Tilley sent notices out about our last general meeting and the awarded science grant to local media sources. Ed proposed that WECT and Star News interview the teacher in charge of the science grant. Ed suggested our members write an article every now and then to submit in order to raise awareness of HFCF. Phill agreed to write one occasionally.

New Business:

Sales Force.com: Phill reported on this online data base tool he uses daily. HFCF can track other organizations thru this tool. He has signed HFCF up for a free package as a nonprofit with 10 licenses. It is a powerful tracking tool that can help the group grow. Doc moved and Ed seconded the motion that Phill head this data project. Phill agreed to provide training on the program to Board members and committee chairs.

Dues Discussion: To be held next year among the membership, lead by the BOD.

Next general meeting: None scheduled.

Next Board meeting: January 14 at 6:00pm at 313 Walnut St. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Submitted by,
Page Rutledge, Secretary