



## Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

### Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, September 17, 2015

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

**Members Absent:** Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Jamie Pond.

**Guest:** Al Bourbeau

**Call to Order:** Mike Werner called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Anne Rose invited edits or corrections to the Board Meeting Minutes of August 13 2015. There were none. Nancy Bair moved to the Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2015. Jane Nelson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne Rose presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Ron Cochran, which reflects checking balance of \$4197, capital account balance of \$1488, dues received and SEACC rental paid. We are waiting for our NC Sales and Tax Number renewal and will purchase a new event tent after it is received.

Jane Nelson confirmed that she is working with Ron to generate a detail report through Quickbooks. She said that the software is outdated, and that she may recommend an update.

Susanne Werner moved to approve the report, Nancy Bair seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee:** Michael Werner introduced Al Bourbeau, who has been recommended by the committee to fill a vacant board position effective January 1, 2016. Al shared his bio.

Michael Werner requested that the Board go into Executive Session; Al excused himself.

*Executive Session was concluded. Al Bourbeau rejoined the meeting.*

Michael Werner stated that the board has accepted Jamie Pond's implied resignation from the Board in light of her having missed more than three consecutive board meetings.

Susanne Werner said that the proposed slate of Board members will be distributed to the general membership by October 1 2015.

**Recap and Evaluation of 9/13/2015 Monthly Meeting:** Anne and Jane reported that attendance was more than 30 people and that Dr. Edward Taylor's talk on Religion and Medicine was well received. Jane recapped the announcements and meeting setup and said that changes were positive. Nancy Bair suggested that a sound system be investigated for the speaker.

Jane said that plans for the picnic are set and that she has the shopping list and will purchase for 30 guests. Mike Werner said he would bring the banner on Saturday.

**Fundraising Committee:** Susanne Werner recapped the Attractions book sales – currently at 12 books sold - and said that efforts to sell the books will continue through the beginning of November. Anne will get the payments received so far, in cash and checks, to Ron for deposit.

**Program Committee:** Nancy Bair said that Page Rutledge is confirmed for October 18, per the original communication. Page has arranged to have an estate planning attorney participate in the presentation. Mike Werner announced that speakers for upcoming monthly meetings have been booked: Luis Granados, AHA editor, Nov 8; Dec no speaker; Jan open; George Felis, UNCW Philosophy faculty, Feb 14; speaker, Case Western Univ, March 6. Discussion of the dates and topics ensued.

**Publicity Committee:** Nancy Bair announced that an editor from Living Outloud is interested in interviewing a representative of HFCE following the October 18 Monthly Meeting. Nancy and Mike will followup.

**Social Action Committee:** Jane Nelson said that the spaghetti sauce drive for Mother Hubbard's has been very successful and will continue through October. Susanne Werner reported that the committee is working on HFCE participation in Earth Day (April), sponsoring a teacher project, MLK Day registration, connecting with Wilmington Equality, and the Sept 20 Mother Hubbard's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discussion ensued. Jane Nelson said the Mother Hubbard's workday is Sept 29. Susanne said she will put social action events on Meetup.com.

**Social Committee:** Anne Rose said that the committee is meeting on Sat Sept 26, and that they will plan activities for Oct through Dec, working with the calendar template of Week 1: Breakfast (Sunday), Freethought Flicks; Week 2: Humanist Happy Hour (weekday); Week 3: International Dinner Club; Week 4: FLARES lunch. Suggestions were made for New Liberty Tavern for Happy Hour and the new Jamaican restaurant downtown for an international dinner. Anne asked everyone to email suggestions to her for consideration by the committee.

**New Business:** Anne and Nancy suggested that HFCE purchase notecards with the logo to use for writing thank-you notes to speakers. Anne will followup to order notecards.

Susanne and Anne discussed mailing membership renewals through MailChimp using a mail merge. Susanne said that the membership renewals will be emailed in the coming week. Susanne said that the slate of board nominees will be emailed on October 1 and that voting will be at the November 8 monthly meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:     October 1, 2015   12:30 pm             Main Library, Wilmington Room**

Michael Werner adjourned the meeting at 1:26 pm.

Submitted by,

**Anne Rose, Secretary**