



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, January 10, 2013

Members in Attendance: Audrey Santangelo, President; Elaine Warren, Vice President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Chris Knigge, Membership/Secretary; Mike Werner, at Large and Bill Steadman, at Large.

Member Absent: Clem Britzter, At large; Susanne Werner, At Large/Media and Raymond Cardwell, At Large.

The meeting was called to order by Audrey at 1:20 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Ron made a motion to approve the minutes and Elaine seconded the motion. Motion passed all ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Ron passed out copies of the monthly report. He mentioned that his sign-in on PayPal will wait until Clem returns due to password problems. Regarding the Vista Print business cards it was decided that Ron will compose a layout and e-mail it to the board members for comment/approval before he submits it to Vista Print.

Update and Discussion Items:

- Audrey has been told by David Feld that the updated HFCF website which he has been developing is almost ready to be rolled out.
- Audrey announced that the organizers of the Hugh Mc Rae Park Earth Day celebration, in which we will be participating, has asked participants to include an environmental emphasis in their presentation. Following discussion suggested that we visually note our members' work on highway clean up, River Watch efforts, Enviroscape, Electric Car association, Work on Wilmington etc. We could also display a statement explaining the Humanist interest and effort in nurturing, protecting and appreciating the natural world.
- The speaker for Darwin Day celebration, Roger Shew; can speak on Darwin as a Geologist or a variety of topics. Audrey has been in touch with him on this. Mike suggested that we keep in touch with the Triangle Free Thought Society to coordinate speaker availability and timing. Audrey mentioned that it is quite expensive to bring in some of these speakers. Mike will speak to AHA members he will soon be meeting with to determine their possible availability for presentations.
- Mike described Susanne's work in compiling information on the polling places currently being used in New Hanover County with the objective of identifying a few non-religious and impartial locations as alternative choices in each precinct. National AHA has taken this issue on as a project. Three locations need to be researched for appropriate alternatives. Ron, Bill, Audrey and Mike will work on precincts HO1, HO9, and w28. Susanne plans to present our results to the NC Secular Coalition of America and ask them to join this effort in their areas. After the information is compiled it will be sent to national for action.
- The Triangle Free Thought Society has created a 30 minute video about the Good News Club. Board members have been e-mailed copies for our viewing pleasure.
- Bill will forward information he has received from a Georgia group on a related video.
- The group discussed ongoing efforts to secure a new meeting venue. Fraternal organization sites were mentioned as possibilities by Elaine. Another alternative to be considered is returning to the UU Church.
- Mike suggested that Herb Berg be asked to speak to the group. Bill Coin was also suggested. He may be approachable. Bill said he agreed to speak to the Georgia group, gratis, if they would pay his travel expenses.
- Mike and Ron discussed the possibility of holding a Roy Zimmerman concert. Zimmerman typically charges \$18 per ticket and splits 80-20% of the income. If the concert were to be held at the UU Church, as is customary; we could offer the church 10% and keep the other 10% for our group. This would assume the church would provide

the space. March 24, 2013 would be the concert date. Ron will inquire to gauge their interest in the project and will also discuss the possibility of our holding future HFCF meetings at the church.

Planned Schedule:

- The next Executive Board meeting will be on March 14th at Mike and Susanne's house at 1:00 PM.
- The next monthly meeting will be on March 10th or 17th. Audrey will invite Herb Berg, PHD and Chairman of the Philosophy and Religion Department of UNCW to be our speaker.

Audrey adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Chris Knigge