



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, November 4, 2015

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

Call to Order: Mike Werner called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Werner invited discussion, edits or corrections to the Board Meeting Minutes of October 1 2015; Susanne Werner discussed the deadline for sales of Attractions books, no correction to the minutes was made. Nancy Bair moved to the Board Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2015. Jane Nelson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Cochran presented a recap of organization finances. He said that a new event tent had been purchased. He reviewed that status of the HFCF tax exempt eligibility and its use in making purchases. Susanne Werner recapped the Attractions book sales, noting that HFCF owes the Attractions organization \$15 for each book, netting a \$10 profit, which will be a total of \$260 if all books are sold. Anne Rose reported that there are 6 unsold books.

Anne Rose moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Nancy Bair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Committee: Susanne Werner reported that HFCF currently has 71 paid members, 90 on the membership mailing list, and 18 members needing to renew. Discussion ensued. Ron Cochran suggested that Bev Cochran may help assemble the membership directly.

Susanne Werner began a discussion of the agenda/procedure for conducting the General Membership Annual Meeting on November 8 2015. It was noted that 28 people have rsvp'ed and that a quorum of 17 voting members is required to elect new board members. Some concern was expressed that a quorum might not be present.

Susanne Werner moved that HFCF accept as quorum for the November 8 General Membership Annual Meeting a number equal to 15% of the eligible voting members. Nancy Bair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Susanne noted that quorum for the Annual Meeting will be 11 eligible voting members. Board members are included in that number.

Mike Werner reviewed the agenda for the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that snacks/finger foods and socializing would happen at 6pm, followed quickly by the business of the Annual Meeting, and then Luis Granada's program.

Items for the meeting agenda are:

- Introduce nominees for open board positions and renewed board terms
- Invite additional nominations from the floor.
- Suggest vote by acclamation for all 4 board positions (if there are no other nominations)
- Review HFCF committees
- Announce Attractions book sales

Mike will send the meeting agenda to Jane Nelson in the event he has a travel delay and she must conduct the meeting. Mike and Nancy Bair will coordinate introduction of the speaker and fielding of discussion questions following the program.

Committee Reports:

Social Activities Committee: Anne Rose reviewed the calendar of upcoming social events. She confirmed that the Winter Solstice Dinner will be Sunday, Dec 20, 6pm at Henry's. Mike Werner suggested that Matt Malloy provide entertainment; Anne will follow up. The May 7 2016 Spring Picnic will be held at Empie Park, and sub sandwiches or similar will replace burgers/hot dogs as there are no grills.

Social Action Committee: Susanne Werner noted that the committee is planning a meeting. The banner for the MLK Day Parade was discussed; Mike Werner will follow up.

Susanne talked about the UNCW Darwin Day activities and suggested a possible collaboration. Discussion ensued. Susanne will reach out to UNCW organizers and the Humanist student coalition about opportunities to work together.

Publicity Committee/Programs Committee: Nancy Bair gave an update on the Living Outloud interview and WHQR interview featuring Mike Werner. Nancy said that a press release on the Luis Granada program had been disseminated.

She announced that Mike Jordan has agreed to be on the Programs Committee.

New Business: Mike Werner asked for input and suggestions on activities that would create visibility and community engagement for HFCE. The group discussed Day of Reason events, Triangle Freethought Society initiatives and other avenues for HFCE to be involved in a meaningful way in the community. Nancy Bair agreed to be the point-person to aggregate suggestions from the group; everyone is encouraged to email ideas on this topic directly to Nancy.

Anne Rose asked for an update on the Teacher Grants project. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Jane Nelson and Anne Rose would revisit the project and make a recommendation to the board on how to move forward.

Michael Werner adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

Submitted by,

Anne Rose, Secretary

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Dec 3 - Main Library, Wilmington Room

Jan 7 – Main Library, Wilmington Room | Officer elections