



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, February 5, 2015

Members in Attendance: Elaine Warren, President; Audrey Santangelo, Vice President; Treasurer; Chris Knigge, Secretary; Nancy Bair, Jane Nelson, Jamie Pond and Anne Rose.

Member Absent: Ron Cochran, Mike Werner and Susanne Werner.

Call to Order: Jane made a motion to call the meeting to order. Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:17 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: Elaine asked for approval of the minutes. Approval was given by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was not presented. Elaine stated that Ron was unable to attend due to illness.

It was decided that Mike will be passing the money collected for the April boat trip tickets to Ron. At this time 15 people have bought the tickets for the ride. It is determined that we need at least 25 to commit.

Elaine has been in touch with Meetup regarding the collection of dues and their posting at the site. She has been assured that we needn't collect dues through Meetup and we also don't have to post the statement about dues to be paid at every activity announcement.

Discussion about dues solicitation and collection followed. Jamie proposed that we collect annual dues in connection with for example; Darwin Day each year. Audrey concurred, saying that this would be a time when other financial obligations wouldn't be pressing. It was determined that we could pro-rate the amount on a semiannual basis until we had everyone on the same annual schedule.

Audrey has agreed to accept the responsibility of managing the membership dues in cooperation with the treasurer.

There was discussion about presenting a tee shirt or mug to members as they join or pay dues. The tee shirt would also serve as a sort of uniform if or when we participate in a group activity. Jane has volunteered to work on the design and style of the tee shirt.

It was determined that there probably is no need to place limits on activity attendance for non members as the great majority of interested visitors choose to join as they continue to attend.

Audrey reported that we will not be participating in Earth Day this year as this year's theme of everything from the earth doesn't really match our activities or mission.

The Conscience Fair table will be set up and "manned" by Elaine, Audrey, Nancy and Anne. Jane and Chris will circulate around the other non profits to explore possibilities for participation by or support from our group. Anne will design a flyer with our local contact information and upcoming activities to be given at the fair.

Discussion about holding a young family friendly activity included Nancy's information about the local Serpentarium. Their open hours are: Wednesday – Sunday, 11-5 and Saturday 11-6. The reduced ticket rate of \$7 can be obtained if we have a minimum of 15 attendees. Other suggestions were made. Chris thought the aquarium at Fort Fisher might be fun for kids. Jamie suggested that the Children's Museum was also a possibility. Audrey mentioned the annual Lake Fest at Greenwood Lake.

Anne agreed to price the aquarium admission and open times and Jane will check on the Children's Museum.

Elaine noted that McAllister's will be the location for the Happy Hour/Meet & Greet on March 10th at 5:30.

A suggestion was made by Jane that we consider screening the movie, "The Vessel". It deals with abortion. Nancy ventured that we might partner with Cucalorus to hold a joint event. Planned Parenthood and the Woman's Center at UNCW could be invited to participate also. Nancy will meet with Dan Brawley of Cucalorus.

Jane has volunteered to compile a list of suitable restaurants for our future Meetup activities.

Nancy has been posting announcements of the meetings in a wide range of media outlets. Anne suggested that we also remember to do press releases where applicable.

It was determined by the board to support the production of the Vagina Monologues at UNCW by sending \$50. Jane will obtain the logo and group name to be submitted with the money. Jamie shared that the performances are on February 12th and 25th.

Upcoming events were mentioned and scheduled as follows:

FLARES, February 23rd.

Discussion, February 23rd.

Freethought Flix, February 25th.

FLARES, March 19th.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, March 31st.

The next Executive board meeting will be on March 5th.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

Submitted by,

Chris Knigge