



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, March 5, 2015

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

Members Absent: Nancy Bair, Mike Werner and Susanne Werner.

Call to Order: Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:14 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: Elaine asked for approval of the minutes. Anne made the motion to approve and Ron seconded the motion. Approval was given by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented and is attached. The current balance is \$5063. Ron announced that we will be retaining our current bank account as they have updated electronic services.

Anne has said she will be able to incorporate Pay Pal into our website to facilitate dues payment.

Ron announced that Our Azalea Festival fees are paid and our place is secure.

Audrey gave a brief update on the budget report. She has yet to gather all of the data. There is no information on the expense of Work on Wilmington or future speakers. She also observed that we will need to reorder supplies for the Azalea Festival table.

Regarding the Azalea Festival; Ron will list the event on Meetup and Ron will announce it at the next regular meeting. He will circulate the sign up, time slot chart. The festival is held on April 11th & 12th.

Elaine announced that we can hold the next group yard sale at Cardinal Lanes, Shipyard location in May 16th.

Nancy's Publicity Committee report was given by Anne. A press release will be sent out to publicize the next speaker's appearance. Nancy is working on collaborating with Cucalorus to co-sponsor a screening of the film, "Vessel" which focuses on the work of Women on Waves.

The number of responses to the April riverboat ride has reached 23. We need 25 for the ticket rate and anticipate that will happen.

Anne announced that she has posted the minutes and treasurer's report on the website and will continue to do so. It was also noted that Fort Fisher is open daily from 9-5. Single ticket prices are; Children, \$8.95; Adults, 10.95; and Seniors, \$9.95. Groups of 10 or more receive a 15% discount. May 17th was suggested as the date on which to hold this family event. Anne will post the meeting time as 10:30 a.m. The Cape Fear Children's Museum was also checked for a future outing.

Breakfast meet up ideas were discussed. Crapes & More on Oleander will be our destination in April and the Boathouse was suggested for the May breakfast.

It was decided by consensus that Happy Humanist Hour will start at 6:00 p.m. and the April 14th event will be at Hops Supply.

Elaine suggested that we schedule another Brunswick County Meet & Greet and Jane suggested that we schedule the next Wilmington one on June 9th at the Holiday Inn on Wrightsville Beach.

Elaine discussed the possibility of producing a newsletter. After some discussion it was decided that all of the information about the activities of the group are readily available on Meetup.

Elaine solicited ideas for a local speaker to present at our May meeting. Jane had several suggestions of people representing volunteer organizations; for example Nourish, NC and Good Sheppard. River Watch was also mentioned as a source.

Jamie reported that the Secular Student Alliance isn't active at this time as the leader has graduated and no one has yet stepped up to take charge and contact her for information and/or support. She will support them if and when they contact her.

Elaine suggested that Susan Savia be contacted to see if she is interested in arranging a concert venue for Tom Neilson. This wouldn't occur until next December. It was thought that Susanne might speak to her about it. Ron observed that we should make sure that the UU church isn't making duplicate arrangements.

Elaine suggested that we reserve space at the library for our next board meeting. Anne volunteered to check on it and make the reservation.

Jane has determined that Zazzle charges too much for tee shirts. She has found a local company who can supply us for \$7.08 per shirt. She is currently working on the logo and name for the printing. The plan is to have both a round and "V" neck version available. They can be printed individually as needed.

The next Freethought Flix will be screened on March 25th. Jane is working on the availability of several choices.

Jamie suggested that we might donate books to the county jail as they have no quality reading material. Elaine suggested that we could bring donations to the Bridge Center meetings. Chris suggested that we could acquire books at the Friends of the Library book sale as they are bargains at the end days of the sale being held this month.

There was a general discussion about Susanne's suggestion about entertaining inmates on release time to help them acclimate back into society. There was agreement that this project is probably not a good fit for our group.

It is apparent that the bylaws need to be revised to accommodate the new dues collection procedure. Additionally, some minor wording changes will be proposed which characterize the group. Elaine will rewrite the sections to reflect the proposed changes and they will be posted on the site. As per the bylaws, the general membership will be informed of the alterations at least 30 days before the general meeting where the vote to approve or not will be taken among the voting members.

Elaine announced that the Solstice Pool Party will be held on June 21st.

As business had been concluded, Jane made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded it. Elaine adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Chris Knigge