



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, April 18, 2013

Members in Attendance: Audrey Santangelo, President; Elaine Warren, Vice President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Chris Knigge, Secretary; Clem Bribitzer; Raymond Cardwell, Bill Steadman and Susanne Werner.

Audrey called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported a balance of \$4520.84 as of April 18, 2013. It was also noted that there is approximately \$1000 in the Capital/Savings Account.

Discussion about the Azalea Festival followed. We failed to secure a table at the festival this year. Audrey, Elaine and Chris visited the street festival to determine if there were open booth spaces which we might have been able to occupy. Audrey counted about 30 vacancies; some marked with numbers. She took pictures to document these and also documented religious booths. Raymond related that, at last year's festival, he overheard officials making disparaging remarks about our booth. "They're just a bunch of atheists" and etc. Ron observed that we can apply for next year, as early as October. Susanne suggested a delegation should visit those in charge of the festival to determine why we were denied a booth and also what we are required to pay for it as there is some information that non-profits may need to pay only \$25, not the \$250 we have been paying in the past. Susanne, Audrey and Ron will plan to meet with these people. Susanne will set up the meeting after writing a letter delineating our questions. Raymond asked that we get a written statement from them.

Audrey stated she has secured Pavilion #4 at Hugh Mac Rae Park for four hours for our June 15th picnic and cook-out. Ron volunteered to grill the meat.

Mike Werner has resigned from the Board. Audrey said that Jane Nelson would be willing to fill the vacancy. Jane currently works on our highway cleanup and hospitality duties. Clem made a motion to present her name to the membership for approval. Raymond seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Susanne reported that, to date, nine members have volunteered to participate in the Work on Wilmington project on April 20th. Audrey explained that members have been scheduled to cover the table at the Earth Day Festival on the same day. A display board has been prepared to show our group's many environmental efforts.

Ron brought the new HFCF business cards he had printed by Vista Print. The design was liked by all and will be useful at Earth Day.

Susanne is Co-Chair of the Secular Coalition of NC. She reported on HJR599 and described the plan to answer the National Day of Prayer with a ceremony and event to publicize the National Day and Week of Reason. She has reserved a room at the Olympia Restaurant on May 2nd. Scheduled highlights of the evening are: Introduction by Susanne, explanation of the rationale by Bill, the reading of the endorsement by Elaine, the reading of the petition to President Obama by Chris and photography by JC Cardwell. Press releases will be sent by Elaine and Susanne to Star News, Amanda Green, NPR's WHQR, and the local TV stations.

Additional upcoming meetings were discussed and scheduled.

- April 21st, Bridge Center meeting and entertainment.
- April 22nd, discussion group on biblical myths and legends.
- April 28th, breakfast and highway cleanup.
- April 29th, FLAIRS luncheon.

- April 30th, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- June 15th, cookout/picnic at Hugh Mac Rae Park
- July 27st, pool party at Elaine's.
- August, beach party

Audrey scheduled the next Executive Board meeting on May 20th at 1:30. It will be at Susanne's.

Clem made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Raymond. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Submitted by,

Chris Knigge