



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, April 2, 2015

Members in Attendance: Elaine Warren, President; Audrey Santangelo, Vice President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Chris Knigge, Secretary; Nancy Bair, Jane Nelson, Anne Rose, Mike Werner and Susanne Werner.

Member Absent: Jamie Pond.

Call to Order: Elaine called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented and is attached. The current balance is \$3620. The capital account amount is \$1488.

Susanne announced that the Carolinas Secular Conference sponsorship opportunities are available in amounts between \$150 and \$500+. After some discussion it was decided to become Silver Sponsors at the \$250 amount. Susanne made the motion to Sponsor and Audrey seconded the motion.

Susanne suggested that we become day sponsors at WHQR for the May 15, 2016th Day of Reason. There was consensus to act on this. Susanne will secure the date at a cost of \$180.

Discussion of volunteer participation at the Azalea Festival followed. Susanne said she would call members who had participated in the past. Chris suggested that Ron share the sign-up information with her so she would know who was already committed. Ron said he would share the information. Chris also suggested that the sign-up grid be posted on the Meetup site to inform members of the open slots with the thought that this would facilitate the process.

Elaine announced that she had been asking for information from Meetup members to try to determine their level of involvement and interest in the group.

There was discussion led by Susanne about posting different levels of donations to the group along with the basic membership amount. Elaine will look at including these suggested additional levels of contribution. Anne questioned whether people had a good enough idea of how the money is spent so they could determine if they wanted to contribute. Chris suggested that the treasurer's report reflect how the money is spent and it is posted for all to see. Discussion followed about the best way to report the way the money is used. Ron will prepare a list of possible expenses which aid donations. Inducements for donations were suggested by Susanne. Coffee mugs were mentioned as well as for instance a free tee shirt for a \$50 donation.

Elaine has ordered bumper stickers to replenish our stock, but hasn't heard from Evolve Fish yet about the delivery date.

The Flea market will be held at Cardinal Lanes on Shipyard on May 16th.

Publicity Report: Nancy is working on the publicity for the Fred Edword's talk. Regarding the screening of the movie, "The Vessel", Nancy will determine if the Jengo Playhouse is available to us for the event. Jane offered to fund the movie if necessary. Nancy is also working on ideas for publicizing the screening.

Mike would like to bring the new tee shirts to the boat trip for sale at \$10 each. Elaine will have them available at the Azalea Festival tent. Seventy two shirts have been printed in a variety of sizes. They are a medium blue with the group logo in white and the words, Cape Fear Humanists beneath it. Susanne has planned to have a group photo of board members wearing the shirts taken after the meeting. Chris will take the picture.

Elaine announced that it was determined that Elaine will facilitate the Discussion Group in the coming months and Audrey will take on the job of securing speakers for several months into the future.

Audrey listed the future speaker lineup. Additional scheduled dates were interjected by other members as discussion proceeded. They follow activities are listed in chronological order here, for purposes of clarity.

April 5th; Breakfast at Crepes and More.

April 10th – 12th; Azalea Festival activity.

April 14th; Humanist Happy Hour at Hops Restaurant.

April 19th; Boat Ride with lunch at Pilot House Restaurant to follow is suggested.

April 20th; FLARES and Fred Edwards, of the American Humanists Association, talk at the NE Library.

April 22nd; Freethought Flix

April 27th; Discussion group.

May 12th; Meet & Greet at Provisions in South Port.

May 17th; Fort Fisher Aquarium trip as well as the general meeting with Kemp Burdette, River Keeper.

May 31st; Breakfast at The Boathouse on Oleander.

June 9th; Humanist Happy Hour at Ironclad.

June 21st; Summer Solstice Pool Party.

June 28th; Breakfast at Eternal Sunshine.

September 19th; Summer Picnic in the Hugh Mac Rae Park at pavilion #5.

October's general meeting will tentatively include a speaker from Good Sheppard.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Addendum: Plans were made to hold the next executive board meeting in the Main Library on May 5th. The group then convened to take the group tee shirt picture.

Submitted by,

Chris Knigge