



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, May 20, 2013

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

Members Absent: Clem Bribitzer

Audrey called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported a balance of \$3873.44 as of May 20, 2013. It was also noted that there is approximately \$1000 in the Capital/Savings Account. Membership checks totaling \$75.00 were given to Ron at the meeting. A brief discussion regarding future speakers' honorariums followed. Raymond suggested that we be very precise about our wording concerning donations received.

Discussion about the planned June picnic followed. Picnic shelter #4 has been reserved for our use from 1 pm – 5 pm. Ron Cochran will bring the charcoal and lighter, Chris and Ron Knigge will bring condiments, Jane will bring table ware and Audrey will bring chop meat. There was a suggestion that we consider whether to go to Fort Fisher Park or Topsail Beach for the August beach party. This is to be determined. Ron suggested we could schedule a talk about the proliferation of electric car chargers. Jane suggested we could host a talk about advances in stem cell research and technology. Both have contact information for the speakers.

Discussion about the Azalea Festival and Riverfest followed. As we failed to secure a booth at the Azalea Festival this year and we surmise that we may have been unfairly rejected, Susanne has contacted the national AHA organization to describe our experience and the known facts and to ask whether they think we have a valid case. Susanne will forward Bill Burgess' response to the board members when she receives it. On a related topic; as Riverfest hasn't yet answered Ron's inquiry about registration for that festival, Audrey suggested that he go ahead and apply to Riverfest by sending them the \$10 application fee.

Liability insurance has to be secured for the festivals. Susanne volunteered to check whether the national AHA carries any blanket insurance that would cover our activities.

Susanne has suggested that we send copies of the petition forms that we circulated at our National Day of Reason celebration to several other groups in the state for circulation to be combined with ours and ultimately sent to President Obama. There was consensus that she proceed with this.

Audrey scheduled the next Executive Board meeting on June 19th at 1:30. It will be at Elaine's.

Jane made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Elaine. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Submitted by,

Chris Knigge