



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Board, July 16, 2015

Members in Attendance: Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Nancy Bair, Jane Nelson, Anne Rose, Mike Werner and Susanne Werner.

Member Absent: Jamie Pond.

Call to Order: Ron Cochran called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

Election of Officers: Susanne Werner opened the discussion on filling the officer vacancies left by the resignations of president, vice president and secretary. The resignations of the officers are hereby tendered and recorded: Elaine Warren (President), resignation statement presented to the Executive Board at the Board meeting of July 9 2015; Audrey Santangelo (Vice President), email resignation, July 12 2015; Chris Knigge (Secretary), email resignation, July 13 2015.

Susanne clarified that the three positions need to be filled through the end of the current terms, December 31, 2015. There was conversation about “interim” and acknowledged that the board has an obligation to elect permanent replacements for the vacant positions, not just temporary officers. A round-robin ensued to allow each board member an opportunity to share thoughts and suggestions on nominations for officers. Discussion included strategies for developing board membership and officers long term.

Anne Rose moved to elect Michael Werner to Board President, Jane Nelson to Board Vice President and Anne Rose to Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Susanne Werner. The motion was unanimously approved: Ron Cochran, yes; Anne Rose, yes; Mike Werner, yes; Susanne Werner, yes; Nancy Bair, yes; Jane Nelson, yes.

Susanne Werner suggested that the new officers be announced at the HFCF General Meeting on September 13th 2015, which was agreed. Anne Rose noted that the new officers will appear in the meeting minutes after those minutes are approved at the August 13 2015 Board Meeting and posted on the HFCF website.

The Board convened in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Board reconvened to General Session.

Upcoming Events: Anne Rose said that the Social Committee will staff and plan the annual membership picnic. Jane Nelson, Vice President, will chair the General Membership Meeting on September 13 2015. Nancy Bair is working to confirm and/or book a speaker for the September General Membership meeting. Susanne and Mike Werner will attend the Fort Fisher Beach Day on August 18.

The calendar of meetings and activities was confirmed:

Upcoming Board Meetings:	August 13, 2015	12:30pm	Ron Cochran residence
	September 17, 2015	12:30 pm	Main Library, room tba
General Membership Meeting:	September 13, 2015	6 pm	YWCA Bridge Center
Membership Picnic:	September 19, 2015	12 noon	Hugh McRae Park

There was discussion about contacting Rachael Berman at AHA about a new Festival Tent. Anne stated she has the needed AHA Grant Application Forms. The SSACI Committee is dealing with the details of this New Tent process.

Ron Cochran adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm.

Submitted by,

Anne Rose, Secretary