



Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, August 30 2013

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

Members Absent: Jane Nelson and Bill Steadman

Audrey called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported a balance of \$5654.45 on Quick Books as of August 30, 2013. There is approximately \$1000 in the Capital/Savings Account. It was reported by Ron that we have received some generous donations this month. The treasurer's report was distributed to members.

Ron reported that calls to Riverfest have not yet been returned. He has sent a check to their address and has received a Return Receipt from the USPO. To date the check has not been cashed. It was suggested that Beverley Cochran call Riverfest on behalf of her organization to see if she would get a different result or more information. Ron will keep a log of phone calls made.

Audrey suggested that we have a brief meeting to update the situation. We will meet at 4:45 PM, before the next regular Sunday meeting on September 8, 2013. Audrey observed that we can anticipate confirmation of Riverfest information by then.

Audrey reported that Zazzle is offering a wider variety of items for sale. Audrey also noted that it is time to take inventory of our Evolve Fish bumper stickers and plastic figure stickers. When we place an order of at least \$150, we can receive a significant discount. It was decided by consensus to proceed with an order.

Audrey reported that Foundation Beyond Belief has awarded us eight tee shirts to acknowledge the volunteer work we have done as a group. Audrey reported our efforts to FBB.

One of our members, Mike Holowaty, has expressed interest in becoming more involved in developing activities and interest groups. He is interested in becoming more proactive in involving younger people. It was decided that several of us will meet with him on Tuesday, September 3 at 12:30 PM. at Fat Tony's.

Suzanne suggested that we ask for both an e-mail address and a phone number for new attendees and guests so they can receive a follow up call as well as the e-mail note. Raymond suggested that we prepare a packet of information to be given to each new attendee. Susanne said a young Meetup member has suggested a Happy Hour location which would be more appealing for a younger crowd. It is a bar in Lumina Station, Cameo 1900 and Thursday night would be a time.

A discussion about the possibility of having separate discussion groups and Happy Hours for the younger group and the retirees followed. Discussion topics would match the interests of each group.

Chris reported that she has been discussing ideas with another member, Warren Brandkamp about ways to welcome and inform new attendees and new members. Suggestions made include: giving them an opportunity to introduce themselves at the beginning of the meeting; have a greeting committee of members who invite them to join their table during pot luck; and consider inviting new people to join a few members for coffee or lunch to get acquainted and have an opportunity to do a Q & A.

Elaine suggested that we announce the free information and books and items for sale at the front table. Audrey might also give a brief overview of the group and ask for any suggestions.

Discussion about devising perks for membership to incentivize Meetup people and others to join followed. Raymond suggested giving a tee shirt to new members. Chris suggested having a lending library or book swap on the members' site. Susan observed that membership cards are important.

Raymond announced that free Humanist services are being offered to active military couples.

Upcoming events were scheduled and noted:

- ✚ Bridge Center meeting: September 8; George Felis will speak. Starts at 6:00 PM
- ✚ Beach Party: September 14 at Fort Fisher near the accommodations area. Meet at 9:00 AM
- ✚ FLARES at Jane's and HOFFA at On the Border: September 17 at 12:00 PM.
- ✚ Breakfast at Nick's Diner: September 22 at 8:30 AM with highway cleanup to follow
- ✚ Board meeting: September 30 at 12:00 PM at Kickback Jacks

Clem made a motion to adjourn and Raymond seconded it. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Submitted by,

Chris Knigge