



*Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear*

*Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, February 6, 2014*

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

**Member Absent:** Jamie Pond.

Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

**Prior Minutes:** Mike made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Ron.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was distributed to members and is attached. The current balance is \$5891. QuickBooks shows \$6308 and there is \$1001 in the capital account.

Mike suggested that in connection with scheduling events, since the financial situation is good that we bring in speakers. He likes to schedule six months in advance and has a list. A tentative schedule discussed follows:

- March 16, Peter Boganizan
- April 20, Candice Gorman
- May 18, Jamie Pond
- June 14, Seth Andrews; June 21, Summer Solstice pool party

Movie night will be coordinated by Suzanne and Jane. "A Place at the Table" was suggested for viewing.

Elaine asked for volunteers to schedule Humanist Happy Hours.

Michella has expressed a willingness to be a greeter and assist with hospitality duties. Mike suggested that we should all be greeters and welcomers.

Elaine observed that we still need an organizer for highway cleanup. It was suggested that we ask Matt Malloy as he may be willing.

The "Under 50" get together was discussed. It will be held at the Bridge Center and Amanda has been asked to post the invitation.

Jamie's survey was discussed. There were 32 responses. The survey was sent to the Meetup group of 400 plus members. Elaine shared the results. Mike observed that we are an activist group not a charitable organization. Chris opined that we should bring more issues and decisions to the voting members.

Audrey will make contact with the Earth Day organization to secure our table at the park.

The Day of Reason activity was discussed. Elaine, Jane and Susanne will do the preliminary planning. The date will be April 26 and the pavilion will be reserved between 12 to 4 P.M.

Clem Bribitzer's gift for his years of service and support was chosen from a catalogue circulated by Jane. An inscription was composed by the group as follows, "In appreciation for your many contributions to Humanism and Freethought", "HFCE".

Ron has submitted the application for our participation in the Azalea Festival.

Susanne announced that \$50 was donated at the film screening. She will keep track of these monies as they are received.

Susanne had prepared a Mission statement text with her thoughts on creating policy for charitable sponsorships. This was handed out and is attached. Discussion followed. Audrey suggested a volunteer opportunity at the UNCW Science Fair. Mike suggested one shot activities that get notice and publicity.

Susanne suggested that we create an endowment fund. Chris wondered if the voting membership should be made aware of the treasurer's report and be given the opportunity to vote on decisions of this kind. Ron thought that this would not be appropriate for a membership vote. Ron, Mike, Audrey and Nancy agreed to work on a budget and to report on it at the next board meeting.

Audrey reported on the Conscience Fair and suggested that we might be a participant at next year's fair.

It was agreed by all for Ron to order 500 new HFCF business cards.

Susanne suggested for our next board meeting, that we consider things that fit our purpose and what would impact us locally and also the formation of the endowment fund.

Domain names were discussed as Go Daddy has cancelled our group of names since they were phished. Ron will check with Blue Tone Media to get advice about name retention.

Going to the UU church for monthly meetings was discussed. The chosen and thought to be available time frame would be 4-5:30 P.M. It was thought that light snacks would be adequate and there was a suggestion that we inquire about availability of one of the classrooms for childcare and whether there would be an extra expense for this space. Ron will inquire and report back to the group.

Susanne told about her progress with the book donation to the library project. She gave details of a plan they have wherein we would donate \$100 or more to their endowment fund and they would acquire a book in the category of our choosing and label it as a gift from our organization.

Dates for future activities were chosen as follows:

- March 5, Movie Night
- March 6, Executive Board meeting at Nancy's at 1:00 P.M.
- March 11, HHH at Ten Pin Alley at 6:00 P.M.
- March 20, Hibiscus, Planned Parenthood fundraiser
- March 23, Breakfast at restaurant which replaced Barrister's at 9:00 A.M. and highway cleanup to follow.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

*Chris Knigge*