



## Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear

### Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, September 4, 2014

**Members in Attendance:** Elaine Warren, President; Audrey Santangelo, Vice President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Chris Knigge, Secretary; Nancy Bair, Publicist; Jane Nelson; Lisa Pascarell, Tech Support, Jamie Pond, Mike Werner, Speaker Planner and Susanne Werner.

**Member Absent:** None

Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting and it was seconded by Lisa. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented by Ron, distributed to members and is attached. The current balance is \$6486 and there is \$1501 in the capital account. Ron reported that since the introduction of the PayPal method of renewing has been instituted we have had several renewals. There was discussion about processing and tracking new and renewal payments through the new system and whether some might resist using it. Ron reminded the group that debit cards are available to be used for approved purchases.

The approved donation to the Carolinas Secular Conference has not yet been sent. It was decided by consensus to forward \$250 from HFCF to become a Bronze level donor and also offer to pay speaker Alquist's air fare of \$139 to Rhode Island after he speaks at both the conference and at our September meeting. Susanne, Mike, Audrey and Chris are planning to attend the conference.

It was decided to give Steve Alquist an honorarium of \$100.

Nancy reported on publicity work. Living Out Loud magazine has agreed to put our meeting notice in not only the on-line announcements but also in the October print issue. Lisa suggested that it could be boosted on Facebook. Nancy will be working on developing posters for display.

Jamie noted that she will be speaking at UNCW on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. Her presentation is titled, "Female Atheism in the South, Managing a Stigmatized Identity".

Elaine asked that we plan meeting dates for the next several months. Results of the following planning and discussion follow.

- Breakfast October 5<sup>th</sup> and highway clean up at Cobblestone on Water Street at 8:30 A.M.
- Breakfast November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Nine on Front Street at 9:00 A.M.
- Breakfast December 7<sup>th</sup> and highway clean up at Dixie Grill on Market Street at 8:30 A.M.
- Moral Monday on September 15<sup>th</sup>, involvement and participation is being planned.
- Picnic on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Hugh MacRae Park from 12:00 – 4:00 P.M. Jane will supply accompaniments for grilled meat, Ron will purchase meat and buns and grill the meat, Elaine will bring the condiments and paper products will be obtained from the supply cabinet.
- Walks in the Parks to resume weekly starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Parks varying and will be announced.
- Discussion group on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at SEACC on Castle Street; Transhumanism I.

- Discussion group on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at SEACC on Castle Street; Transhumanism II.
- Discussion group on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at SEACC on Castle Street; topic TBA.
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard activity on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 315 Red Cross Street will look for about 9 volunteers.

Discussion about the character of future Happy Hour activities resulted in agreement that we will have a meet and greet session at the bar area from about 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and then an optional invitation to gather in the dining area for dinner.

- Happy Hour on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the Ocean Grill, Tiki Bar, Carolina Beach.
- Happy Hour on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the Dockside at Wrightsville Beach.
- Happy Hour on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Fat Tony's, Front Street.
- Freethought Flix on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Mayfaire Community Theater; film TBA.
- Freethought Flix on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Mayfaire Community Theater; film TBA.
- Freethought Flix on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Mayfaire Community Theater; film TBA.
- FLARES on September 23 at 12:00 P.M. Location provided in response to RSVP.
- FLARES and HOFFA future locations TBA; planned dates are: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- November meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> will be a panel discussion on coastal, environmental issues; TBA.
- December meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> will include voting for officers and a raffle.
- Winter Solstice party on December 21<sup>st</sup>, location TBA. Blockade Runner will be considered.
- Meet and Greet in October; date TBA at SEACC on Castle Street. Future dates anticipated in January and April.
- Flea market at Cardinal Lanes on Shipyard on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Members will be asked to contribute items for sale.
- Executive Board meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Susanne's at 1:00 P.M.
- Executive Board meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Chris' at 1:00 P.M.
- Executive Board meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Elaine's at 1:00 P.M.

Chris suggested that we encourage members to use the new "Member's" site as a forum and for communications.

Jane suggested a possible future speaker; Julian Monroe Fisher, an anthropologist and world traveler. An article about him appeared in Salt Magazine of June, 2014.

It was noted that Susan Steadman is having her play, "What Doesn't Kill Me..." produced on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Susanne encouraged us to plan to follow up in new attendee sign-ups by e mailing and/or calling the new attendees.

Chris suggested that we include the treasurer's report with the executive board minutes on the member's website.

Ron will send it to Lisa for inclusion.

Mike reported that Jamie has agreed to be the faculty adviser for the Secular Student Alliance at UNCW. Sam West will organize the meeting.

Audrey made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Nancy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Submitted by,

**Chris Knigge**