

## HFCF SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE Meeting 8.20.15

Attending: Ron Cochran, Jane Nelson, Mike Werner, Susanne Werner

Excused absence: Amber Taggert

### 1. Reports on Current Projects

- Mother Hubbard 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Jane
  - Jane will put maintain a list of former and potential volunteers.
  - **ACTION: Jane** will talk with Anne about getting the next 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Sept. 29, posted on Meetup. That day she will hold a brief meeting with volunteers to gauge the interest in changing to a monthly volunteer day.
  - **ACTION: Jane** will talk to Anne to adjust Meet-up posts to specify spaghetti sauce donations to be large size and containers to be plastic jars or cans rather than glass, which is very heavy for clients to carry.
  - We will continue collecting spaghetti sauce through the month of October. Board members should collect at various functions and give to Jane, if she is not in attendance.
  
- WHQR Day Sponsorship – Susanne finally got the debit card payment to go through and requested email confirmation of Day Sponsorship date and announcement text. Receipt will be mailed to PO Box.
  
- SCNC Put Kids First Project – Project is up and running. SCA is putting together a power point presentation to be used to raise awareness and Susanne requested an opportunity to present at monthly meeting, possibly featuring a panel of physicians. January was suggested by Mike, Program Committee, as a possibility.
  
- Azalea Festival tent – Ron found a 10' x 10' "Undercover" festival tent at Sam's Club, which has side panels that appear to be easier to manage, top vents, and is offered for \$239 (full price is \$319) and which has excellent reviews.
  - **ACTION: Ron** will check with AHA to see if they might finance replacement of our old tent
  
- Earth Day is in April
  - **ACTION: All committee members** will be looking for a general member who might be willing to organize participation in the event. It was generally agreed that the theme should not be a deterrent to our participation as it was made to be last year.

### 2. Reports on New Project ideas

- Sponsor A Teacher (SAT?) – Jane has joined Assistance League which has a grant program for elementary schools called Links to Learning. She is the lead organizer

for Gregory Elementary School. Jane suggests we work toward a program which is targeted to junior high and senior high schools and feels her experience in Assistance League will be instructive in setting up our own program, probably not starting until the 2016/17 school year. We discussed different approaches from offering grants to school administrators for a project to benefit the school as a whole to offering grants to specifically requested needs of teachers on an individual basis. There was discussion about whether or what kind of restrictions should be put on the grants, and concern about whether and how we should affirm the classroom or school meets humanist standards for education.

- MLK Day Parade, Jan. 18 – Mike
  - The registration cost is \$75 for a group of walkers and up to two cars. We will announce plans for participation at each monthly meeting and post a meetup in November, as Jan. 18 rolls around pretty quickly after the holidays.
  - **ACTION: Mike** will apply for our registration and will have a banner printed up with a humanist quote from MLK.
  
- Brooklyn Neighborhood – Amber – Tabled until next meeting
- AHH (Atheists Helping Homeless) or HHH (Humanists Helping Homeless) – Amber – tabled until next meeting
  
- Community Action Service group (CAS?) – Susanne
  - Reviewed ideas discussed last meeting including Cape Fear Volunteer Center projects, free public dental & medical clinics, preparing a dinner for residents of State Employee Credit Union Family House (SECUFH).
  - **ACTION: Susanne** will organize an activity to be held in the last two weeks of October to be presented as a Meetup. This will help us gauge the interest in participation within the general membership.
  
- 3. Attractions Dining and Value Guide – fundraiser for our projects! - Susanne
  - Susanne announced the goal set is 50 books sold by Oct. 31 for a profit of \$500, with possible extension to our November annual meeting and election. Anne Rose will be posting an email immediately with options for EZPay online with pickup at our Sept. and Oct. monthly meetings.
  - After discussion it was decided that the purpose of the fundraiser will be stated as “Social Action Projects,” since the teacher grant program won’t be activated immediately.

4. New items

- **Mike** suggested we look for an opportunity to do a joint community service project with Wilmington Equality, who has expressed an interest in working jointly with us.
- **Susanne** suggested we participate in Mother Hubbard's celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2-4pm at 315 Red Cross St. Susanne will post as a Meetup.