



## Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, October 1, 2015

**Members in Attendance:** Mike Werner, President; Ron Cochran, Treasurer; Anne Rose, Secretary; Nancy Bair and Susanne Werner.

**Members Absent:** Jane Nelson, Vice President.

**Call to Order:** Mike Werner called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Anne Rose requested edits or corrections to the Board Meeting Minutes of September 17 2015; spelling of Al Bourbeau's name was corrected. Nancy Bair moved to the Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015. Ron Cochran seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Cochran presented a recap of organization finances. He said that an event tent will be purchased at Sam's Club for \$279, which was approved by the board. Ron said that he had received the renewal of the HFCE Tax Exemption status, Mike asked Ron to provide copies of the cover letter to anyone needing to make purchases on behalf of HFCE.

It was agreed that Mike will defer adding his name to HFCE bank accounts because he will be going off the board at the end of December. Cards will be updated after board and officer elections in January.

Ron reported that Jane Nelson did a stellar job organizing the Mother Hubbard volunteer day.

**Membership Committee:** Susanne Werner reviewed the HFCE membership roster, which includes about 80 names, both current and lapsed members. She said there are 4 new members and that she estimates about 1/3 of the membership is not current on dues and that of those people, about 50% will probably not renew.

Susanne reported that the membership renewal letters were emailed on Sept 30th to everyone whose membership has lapsed or will expire before Nov 1.

Mike Werner talked about membership organizations and Humanism, and the concept of intersectionality of various related groups in one location to create a supportive, inclusive community. Discussion ensued.

Susanne asked that the HFCE Meetup.com page and websites promote membership and make forms available online.

**Review of November Board Elections:** Mike Werner reviewed the procedure for electing new board members. The Nov 8 election letter, introducing the candidates, was reviewed. Susanne said that it would be e-mailed to all members via MailChimp. Anne Rose said she would post the letter in the files for the Nov 8 meeting on Meetup.com. Susanne asked that the title of the meeting be updated to include "Membership Drive."

Procedures for electing new board officers were discussed. Officers will be elected discussed at the December board meeting and then elected at the January board meeting. Mike Werner will call the January meeting to order, preside over elections and then turn the meeting over to new officers. Mike will then step down from the board, having term limited out.

The following schedule for board meetings was confirmed:

Nov 5 – Main Library, Wilmington Room

Dec 3 - Main Library, Wilmington Room

Jan 7 – Main Library, Wilmington Room | Officer elections

**Committee Reports:**

Social Action Committee: Susanne Werner said the committee is planning an October meeting. HFCF will participate in the Conscience Fair at CFCC, and in the MLK Day Parade - Jan 18 2015.

Membership Committee: Susanne Werner referred to the updates earlier in the meeting, she added that the committee will meet before the Nov 8 General Membership meeting.

Social Activities Committee: Anne Rose distributed the current list of social activities and said that they have all been added to Meetup.com. She said the events will be announced in “waves” so as not to flood subscribers with too many at once. Anne presented the committee’s idea for a Spring picnic, in light of the huge success of the September picnic. Susanne Werner moved and Nancy Bair seconded to approve expenses for a Spring picnic, to include site rental and food. Anne will reserve a space a Hugh MacRae park, the date of May 7<sup>th</sup> was suggested. The committee will plan family-friendly activities. The committee’s suggestions for Winter Solstice Dinner venues were discussed; Sunday, December 20 was agreed upon as the preferred date. Ideas for entertainment/activities were discussed; Anne noted that the committee will plan something for the dinner. The board approved the idea of “Kids are Free” events, where an informal fund will be opened for members to underwrite children’s admissions to social events in order to make events more accessible for families.

Publicity Committee: Nancy Bair mentioned the Living Outloud interview and a possible WHQR interview around Darwin Day for Mike Werner.

Programs Committee: Nancy Bair and Mike Werner reviewed the upcoming programs for the General Membership meeting: Page Rutledge for October 18; Luis Granados, AHA editor, Nov 8; Jan open; George Felis, evolutionary psychology, Feb 14; Andy Norman, Carnegie Mellon, March 6; Roy Speckhardt, June 19. Reason Rally will be the week of June 4. Nancy and Mike will be planning upcoming Monday Night Discussion Group topics.

Susanne Werner said that space at Hannah Block community Center on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Wilmington has been reserved for the Monday Night Discussion meetings. Susanne will transfer the details and contact information to Nancy.

Fundraising Committee: Susanne Werner said that HFCF will sell the Attractions books through the end of November, and that they will be available at all meetings for Oct and Nov. Ron took 2 books, Nancy asked for more.

**New Business:** Mike Werner asked for new business. Susanne announced they will be attending the Carolinas Secular Conference this coming weekend, and will report at the next meeting.

Michael Werner adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Submitted by,

**Anne Rose, Secretary**

**Next Board Meeting:    Nov 5, 2015       12:30 pm       Main Library, Wilmington Room**