

Seattle Atheists Board Meeting and Retreat, Feb. 28, 2009

DATE: 02/28/10

LOCATION: Wendy's house, Bellevue

CHAIRING MEETING: Amanda Banerji, VP

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Case, President

Jerry Schifflbein, Treasurer

Mike Gillis, Member at Large

Sam Mulvey, Member at Large

Becky Friedman, Secretary

Randy Rumley, Member at Large

Wendy Britton, Member at Large

Ranjan Banerji, Education Committee co-Chair

Casey Doran, Events Committee Chair

Dec. 20 minutes approved unanimously

ITEM 1: TREASURER'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP:

- 241 members (18 people who are 6+ months past renew date).
- 140 members in good standing.
- Jerry sent ~75 renewal notices via email and snail mail.
- Discussion ensues regarding best options for sending renewal requests/reminders. Jerry requests help wording follow-up emails—Paul volunteers. Ranjan suggests sending emails first, then follow-up snail mail.

2009 expenditures and revenues:

- \$10,669.69 total income
- \$8,438.00 total expenses
- 2010 Current expenditures and revenues:
 - \$3,106.99 income
 - \$2,610.16 expenses

Other:

- Paul signs letter for Children's Hospital Foundation for \$803 donation from giftwrapping.

ITEM 2: Membership survey discussion and decision

- Seated to Paul, Amanda, Becky, Mike, Sam, for separate mtg

ITEM 3: Rebranding

- Revisit tabled proposal to explore re-branding options. Amanda and Sam will explore costs. Amanda moves, Sam seconds. All present in favor. Outcome would be an expense proposal.

ITEM 4: Mailbox.

- Paul has resumed checking downtown box. Most of the mail that comes through is treasurer/membership related. Casey is also available for pickup.

ITEM 5: Laminating machine.

- Recommendation for Tree of Knowledge
- Costs ~\$150.00
- Other uses: laminated membership cards
- Tabled pending further info regarding application for Tree of Knowledge.

ITEM 6: Norwescon.

- Paul has volunteered to stuff envelopes.
- Promotional material cannot be too commercial, must be sci-fi related.
- April 1-4, 2010, Easter Weekend.

ITEM 7: Giving Levels Revisited.

- Don't name giving levels after living people
- Tabled for email discussion
- Suggestion for periodic table elements levels

ITEM 8: Emeritus Board Positions

- Definition: individuals who have given extraordinary level of service to the org holds an advisory, non-voting honorary membership on the board. "A gift wrapped in an open invitation"
- Allows for folding in of old talent
- No expectation that emeriti be present at meetings
- Question about whether emeriti could return to serve in an official capacity
- Consensus: Board tasked with generating criteria. Paul, Amanda, Sam will present at next meeting.

ITEM 9: Volunteer Fair.

- Becky suggests holding fair 2nd half March membership mtg
- Approved.

ITEM 10: Committees check-ins.

- Committee heads need to convene and come up with Budget
- **Education.** Eliza and Ranjan are working on SA history, atheism FAQ, misconceptions, community resource page.
- **Events** Relay for Life is postponed till 2011. Casey will communicate with Megan re: KUOW. Jerry and Casey are on top of event registration. Casey and Paul is drafting policy for videography, photography, and vendors. Wendy suggests photo-safe zones, no-photo badges.
- **Member relations.** Calendar updates, Facebook, MySpace. Amanda will help Becky with Calendar updates. Becky will check with Jami re: Facebook account.
- **Outreach.** Mike reports that Outreach generally supports other committees by publicizing work. Theme for 2010 targeted to closeted atheists.
- Book drive update—Paul will ask Shane if books got sent and offer to help send if it hasn't been done.
- Food drive update: Dec- Jan- Feb-
- **IT.** Food drive page and thermometer will go up on website shortly. Calendaring solution is imminent, Sam wants to convene with committee heads to review mailing lists, Sam recommends alternate hosting solutions (3 proposals), Domain renewals should be transferred from Kyle's ownership to organizational ownership. Sam and Randy will discuss and explore archive mail. Sam will be needing an injection of people in his committee. Sam will create a cables go-box.

ITEM 11: Notes/requests from the Treasurer

- Inventory, Donations, Sales: Amanda suggests 2 envelopes in the cash box. Write things down, place in correct envelope.
- Reimbursements: Write name on Receipt, SA Purchases on separate transaction from personal purchases
- Chase terminal for credit card transactions—Scratched

ITEM 12: Post-Darwin Day Redux

- Kids room = good!
- Food was excellent, but we can cut ½ cost by prepping the sandwich/meat/cheese spreads ourselves.
- Needs Improvement: PA, Jerry says more time for panelists and less for lecture, bring backup kvm/vga ports and cables,
- Sam suggests that Darwin Day become an SA event, no longer a NWFC event. Discussion about costs should be shared more equitably across the orgs. Maybe SA do something else for NWFC.
- List what Darwin Day cost last years, then urge \$5 donation.
- Need on-campus sound check and video check beforehand
- Sexier speaker.
- Evopordy in past years was very fun, bring it back.
- Evolution raffle is fun.
- Speaker should be shorter. Activities should be 30 minutes tops.
- Sam notes we need to stay in contact with the 2010 speaker b/c he is potentially a better speaker than what we saw.
- Should be accessible, funny, entertaining.
- Lots of people stayed to help clean, reflecting great energy!

ITEM 13: FSM

- The Suttons can no longer house FSM due to home renovations
- Becky will send plea to membership for storage space—fills a Uhaul cargo van, needs space approx. the size of a VW Bug.

Item unattended to: Guidelines regarding board interactions on all official communication channels

Upcoming meetings

March 21: Membership meeting with speaker Casey Doran

March 26-28: NFA Conference

April 5-15: KUOW spring pledge drive

April 18: Board meeting

May 15, 16: UW Street Fair

May 16: Membership meeting with speaker David Barash