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Seattle Atheists Board Meeting
April 25, 2010

Chairing meeting:

Amanda Banerji, Vice President

In attendance:

Paul Case, President
Jerry Schiffelbein, Treasurer
Becky Friedman, Secretary
Mike Gillis, Member at Large
Randy Rumley, Member at Large
Wendy Britton, Member at Large
Sam Mulvey, Member at Large (in absentia via report)
Ranjan Banerji, Education Committee co-chair
Jami Blackann, member
Amber Brock, member
Paul Thacker, guest
Robert Parham, guest

Minutes approval:

It was reported that the minutes of Feb. 28, 2010 had been approved via e-mail.

Treasurer's report:

Jerry reported that there are 253 members: 13 new members, 22 are renewing members, one lifetime member. 5 chose not to renew. It was remarked that counting pending and lapsed renewals gives us an artificially inflated membership count. It was agreed via consensus that we will allow a 90-day grace period to elapse.

ACTIONS: Jerry has been allowing a one-year grace period. It was agreed that a new renewal letter would be composed, detailing where the membership finds go, and encouraging members to renew promptly. Jerry will report current and lapsed members in the future to allow us to have an accurate picture of the membership rolls.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Committee budgets: IT Committee reported (via report made in absentia) that it requested a budget allotment for domain registration for two years, and offered hosting with Tacoma Telematics free of charge. Sam requested Jerry to contact him. A concern was raised regarding contingency plans should the hosting facility fail, be drafted.

It was requested that all general budgetary items be submitted to Jerry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education: Education reported that the revision of the history document is now underway, and will be more comprehensive and objective from a year-to-year perspective. The next project will be the Atheism 101 document, and the Misconceptions document.

2. Events: Amanda reported that Casey requested to step down as the Events Committee chair due to his activity with the Ask an Atheist TV show. Amanda will act as the interim chair. Becky volunteered to take charge of the Pride parade activities, with help from Case, Jami, Michelle, Randy, and Wendy. Jerry would be responsible for the table. Jami agreed to train on the FSM assembly. Amanda agreed to create online volunteer form. It was determined that an inventory of all fair items was needed, and Randy, Jerry and Jami will conduct it. It was reported that we will need to supply raffle prizes for the 4th of July picnic. Paul suggested the last Saturday in August for the Atheist Pride Parade. Paul reported that he will clear two dates with the city – July 31 and Aug. 28.

5. Member Relations: Committee reported that it is scaling back it's goals for the year. Becky reported that she will be collecting resources for the A-Pages from the Yahoo forum.

3. Outreach: Mike reported that Outreach plans to expand the media contact list to include local community papers. He reported that they have had one meeting to date. Mike offered to act as the liaison for the Ask an Atheist TV show.

4. IT committee: Sam reported that he will transfer the ownership for the domain Seattleatheists.org from Wendy to the Seattle Atheists organization. Seattle Atheists will own the domain under its own name, and Sam will include critical board members for host modification rights. He reported that there will be an \$8 per annum charge. He reports that he will donate SSL credit to the Seattle Atheists website, which will allow us to participate in e-commerce. Jerry reported that the SQL contact is still in the works.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Volunteer fair after-action: It was agreed that non-paying members would be allowed on committees to increase involvement.

2. American Atheists Affiliate of the Year Award: Paul reported that a member was in attendance at the awards ceremony and collected the plaque.

3. Featured member: Amanda reported that the new featured member is F. Avery Bishop.

NEXT MEETING

It was reported that the next membership meeting will be held at the Bellevue Library, and will feature Paul Constant and David Barash.

Note: At the conclusion of the meeting, guests Paul Thacker and Robert Parham spoke about ways to build an atheist community.