

Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Board Meeting

June 23rd, 2005

Summary of action items follows meeting notes

Time and Date: Thursday, June 23rd, 2005 at 7:00 PM

Location: Private Residence of Jerry Schiffelbein and Tiffany Greenleaf

Board members present to form a quorum at the beginning of the meeting:

MD - Marcus Dunavan – President

WB - Wendy Britton – Vice President

MS - Megan Spielbusch – Secretary

JS – Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

TG – Tiffany Greenleaf – Member at large

KH - Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

PI – Pat Inniss – Member at large

RR – Randy Rumley – Alternate member at large

8 people total were present.

The meeting was called to order by MD.

JS gave the financial report. We currently have 31 members, and a balance of \$723.49. Renewal notices are being sent out.

Still no word about our non-profit status. JS to call 800 number to check on status. We are currently being charged a fee for our bank account, until we get our 501(c)3 number. See about getting a "pending" number until our application is approved?

Picnic: Everything seems to be going well. RR will bring ladder for decorations, MD and KH will bring tables.

KH will start taking orders/commitments for the next batch of T-shirts. Still have plenty of larges and x-larges left.

MD made a motion to place an ad in The Stranger for the Bumbershoot edition in September, and authorize up to \$65 for the ad. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

WB will place the ad: "Atheists! seattleatheists.org"

JS to look into ad pricing for magazines such as the Skeptical Inquirer, to review at next meeting.

Speakers:

Ellen Johnson – WB to coordinate and email her preferred dates: August 27th or 13th.

MD to look into reserving room at the Bellevue Library (confirm weekend hours and make reservation after Ellen confirms date).

Mike Newdow – we would need to raise money to pay for his airfare, possibly by charging entry fees, or a fundraiser of some sort.

KH to design T-shirt idea: "Mike Newdow: One Nation's Underdog"

Yahoo list: There was an incident on the Forum which was handled. TG will post the "rules" on the Forum website, and email a draft of the main list "rules" to the board.

There was a discussion about lifetime membership, that it is currently too high.

MD made a motion: Amend the bylaws to annually review membership fees. A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-1.

MD made a motion: Change the lifetime membership fee to \$250. A vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

MS will make this change on the website.

TG will contact UW atheist/freethinker group, primarily just to make contact but also to advertise picnic.

MD will look into getting space at UW law school for Mike Newdow, as well as seeing about a UW Law professor to speak at a future meeting/event.

WB will try to find the G-M videos from the September session.

MD to write another book review for the website, and also create a "newslinks" webpage for PI to update.

MS to update website with: blood drive blurb and photos, picnic revisions, remove movie night event, fix side menu.

TG to post another Craigslist ad, including Picnic advertisement.

MD to find out more information about advertising possibility on Everett radio station KSER 90.7. \$250 for once-a-week announcement of our group, for one year.

TG suggested that we consider ideas for establishing/keeping ties with other groups, such as what we did with the Picnic. Possibly organize an informal "Freethought network", with representatives from each group. We will gather ideas and input at the picnic. Perhaps create or revise a dedicated board position.

Next board meeting will be held on August 18th, and MD residence.

Meeting adjourned.

Summary of Action Items:

- JS to call about non-profit status
- KH will take orders for next batch of shirts.
- WB to place ad in The Stranger
- JS to look into magazine ads.
- WB to email Ellen Johnson preferred speaking dates
- KH to design "underdog" t-shirts.
- TG to post Forum rules, and email draft of main list rules.
- MS to amend bylaws with membership fee review clause.
- MS to update website with changes as noted above.
- TG to contact UW group.
- MD to contact UW Law school
- WB to find G-M videos.
- MD will write another book review for website.
- MD to create "newslinks" webpage for PI.

-TG will post another Craigslist ad

-MD to check into KSER ad details.