

# Seattle Atheists Meeting Minutes

## April 19, 2009

*Location:* Freighthouse Square

### **Board Members Present:**

Amanda Banerji – Vice President  
Rhiannon Lucier – Secretary  
Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer  
Jami Blackann – Member at Large  
Eliza Sutton – Member at Large  
Sam Mulvey – Member at Large

### **Other Members Present:**

Ranjan  
Steven  
Mike G

Correction to the last meeting minutes – Eliza abstained on vote for the projector.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

170 Members. An increase of 20 since February.  
Current Treasury balance is \$6,051.00.

### **Old / Ongoing Business:**

#### **SA Bus Ad Campaign:**

One donation since the Ads started running on April 1. No real documentable increase in membership, but lots of good publicity via TV/Radio Media and Bloggers.

We have extra signs to sell, free misprints.

*Vote:* How much should we sell them for? \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members?

*Result:* Unanimously for the suggested prices.

*Action Item:* Ask Randy if he wants us to have the address cut off the signs (Amanda).

Amanda suggested sharing the sign designs with other free-thought organizations.

#### **SA Website Upgrade:**

New visual format with parade picture and members in header. Positive feedback.

Forums in process.

A brief overview of usage of tags in posts.

Eliza suggests a Board “In Service” day for website usage instruction.

Suggestion for a “Welcome to your Website” roll out, projector presentation at Membership Meeting.

The “Events” tab is a short-term solution until the calendar is complete.

Clean up of the “Membership” link is in progress.

#### **SSU / Camp Quest West:**

*Vote:* Should we lend monetary support at this time?

*Result:* Unanimously against.

**NFA Conference:**

Our possible role in assisting NFA Conference arrangements for next year?  
Registration and Membership website in the making.

**Secular Center USA:**

*Vote:* Should we accept partnership offer?

*Result:* Table for more information.

*Questions to be answered:*

How many other groups are already partners?

Are they approaching other organizations?

How soon can SCU start arranging events/volunteers?

**Meetup / Alliance Communication Redundancy:**

Some improvement on the number of duplicate event announcements going out.

**Food Drive:**

No new news.

Jami to make flashier signs for collection box.

Frequent mention in updates, meeting reminders, and on the website.

**Google Docs / Virtual Meetings:**

Case and Sam still working on this.

**T-Shirts for 2009:**

General disapproval of shirt color. No real objections to design.

Discussion on lack of board vote prior to ordering.

Suggestion for a design contest in the Fall for next Summer's shirts.

Use Sign Quotes on Tees?

Rhiannon suggests tracking of sales for historical information for stock and sales info.

**Guidelines for Board Votes:**

Votes should be required for anything affecting our public image, expenditure of money, procedural/administrative issues, release of funds to committees.

*Action Item:* Committee listing with information those requiring/possessing a budget (Jerry)

**May Speaker:**

Tabling speaker from Church of Reality in favor of Jim Corbett until arrangements for hospitality can be made.

**Upcoming U District, Pride, and Solstice Events:**

Need new brochures and buttons.

Jerry will be taking care of the T-shirts.

New T-shirt Sales Tracking form to be made.

Volunteer schedule to be placed on the website.

Call for Volunteers through Member Updates and Emails.

**Committee Updates:****Education:**

New fliers for brochures.

Making a list of speakers and scheduling them further ahead.

**Parade:**

Working on FSM and assembling parade kit.  
New framework for banner.  
Scheduling “prep” gatherings and will do booth dry run.

**New Business:**

**Proposed Cable Access TV committee:**

Mike Gillis proposed a “Call In” discussion style cable access show with rotating hosts. Mike is volunteering to head this effort/committee depending on interest.  
Mike and Sam to meet and gather more information for next meeting. Tabled until then.

**Proposed Press Release Committee:**

Generally rejected as we already have a Public Relations Committee.  
Suggestion for a Press Release Team under the auspices of the PR Committee with Mike Gillis nominated as chair of that team.  
*Vote:* Mike as chair/lead of Press Release Team.  
*Result:* Unanimously for Mike Gillis as Team Lead.

**Envelopes / Stationery:**

Jerry to come up with new design and samples, then will get quotes and vote.

**Applying for federal community and faith-based funding grants:**

Discussions of pros and cons.  
Further discussion and vote tabled.

**PO Box –Who checks it?**

Case checks PO Box as he works downtown.

**Day of Reason, May 7 – Blood Drive**

**Next Membership Meeting – May 31**

**Next Board Meeting and Parade Prep – June 6**