

**Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Board Meeting**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

*Summary of action items follows meeting notes*

*Time and Date:* Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 PM

*Location:* Private Residence of Wendy Britton.

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

Marcus Dunavan – President

Shellie Hoyt – Vice President

Megan Spielbusch – Secretary

Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

Jen Lees – Member at large

Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

Randy Rumley – Member at large

Wendy Britton – Alternate member at large

Shane Lees – Alternate member at large

Others:

Tiffany, Jami

11 people total were present.

The meeting was called to order by Marcus.

**Web Hosting:**

- Marcus contacted current host about recent problems, but has not been fixed.
- Megan suggested that we look for a new host, since there has been a lot of down time.
- Megan looked into Atheist Alliance's free web hosting, but we would have to use their url (i.e. atheistalliance.com/seattle), which is not desirable.
- Jami suggested "Bluehost", ~\$8/mo, with lots of features.
- Marcus will check into Bluehost and others.

**Non-Profit Status:**

- We received a postcard reminder about a survey that we never received. The IRS will re-send the survey.
- Marcus will call and change our address on file.

---A brief recess was taken to consume pizza---

**KUOW Pledge Drive** was a success. Five volunteers "collected" a total of \$4300 + a car.

**Julia Sweeney** event is May 6<sup>th</sup>, next Sat. Marcus is hosting 4 humanists from Victoria group. Interest was expressed to go to dinner before the event.

**Adopt-a-Highway:**

- Megan established contact with a couple agencies.
- However, Megan expressed concern about whether or not we could meet this kind of commitment (min. 2/year cleanups, for 2 years), when it was difficult to get just 6 volunteers for the KUOW pledge drive.
- Some suggestions for better volunteer response in general included hosting more member meetings, and coordinating with other groups.
- Until we are able to get more volunteer commitment, Adopt-a-Highway is probably not feasible right now.

**Picnic:**

- There has been no word about this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, and the "intergroup" email list has not been utilized.
- Support was voiced for using the "intergroup" email list to start planning this event.
- Tiffany plans to check out a few potential picnic sites.
- Kyle will compose a "let's get started" email to the list, and Shellie will send it (since she is one of the SA representatives on the list).
- Megan will add Jami to the list, and post it to the board Yahoo group files.

**Festivals & Fairs:**

- Jen submitted the application for the Fremont Fair, in mid-June, but has not yet received a response.
- There are a bunch of neighborhood fairs, which are usually about \$50 for a booth.
- Discussion about participating (booth and/or parade) in Pride. The board was generally supportive.
- Jen will post her current festival list to the board Yahoo group.

**Memberships:**

- Megan reported that the board voted in 6/23/05 meeting to review the membership dues annually.
- Megan will mention in the next Member Update that the membership dues "are under review", and may increase.

**Phone Message:** Kyle will record a voicemail message on our "official" phone number (Wendy's old number) at the end of the meeting.

**Library:** Jami received the library materials, and updated the online catalog.

**Booth Materials:**

- Kyle got the banner printed
- Marcus' tub of booth materials is missing. Randy to check if it's at his house.
- Megan will review the "Why do you believe in God" brochure, and contact the author to see if we should provide copies at the booth.
- Megan will see if we can get free stickers, handouts, etc. from national groups.
- Discussion about getting a button maker, to make pins to hand out/sell. Kyle will look into costs, and everyone should look for used ones on Ebay, etc.

- Kevin can provide canopy, and Wendy has tables we can use.
- Support for “Ask an Atheist – 25 cents” sign in our booth.
- Marcus offered to host a booth-stuff-making session, next Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm

**T-shirts:**

- Kyle got new quote for shirt reorder - \$10/shirt + possible \$15 setup
- Proposed ordering 30 shirts, and selling them at the same cost structure (\$15 or \$10 for members).

A motion was made by Marcus to order 30 shirts at this price. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0.

**Treasurer Report:** Jerry reported our current balance of \$2316.

Shane will be participating in the UW religion and sexuality panel tomorrow evening.

**“Day of Reason” Blood Drive:**

Tiffany has been organizing and publicizing. She will set it up officially with PSBC, so we can advertise on Craigslist, etc.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held at Shellie’s on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned.

***Summary of Action Items:***

- Marcus will check into new web hosts.
- Marcus will call the IRS and change our address.
- Kyle, Tiffany, and Shellie will start up Picnic coordination
- Megan will post the “intergroup” list to the board Yahoo group and send to Tiffany.
- Jen will post the Festivals info list to the board Yahoo group.
- Megan will mention the potential membership fee increase in the next Member Update.
- Megan will review the brochure and contact the author.
- Megan will see about getting freebies from national groups.
- Kyle, and others, will look for button makers.
- Marcus and others will make booth materials on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Kyle will order 30 more shirts.
- Tiffany will coordinate “Day of Reason” Blood Drive