

## **Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Board Meeting**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

*Summary of action items follows meeting notes*

*Time and Date:* Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 PM

*Location:* Private Residence of Gloria Hariharan

*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

GH - Gloria Hariharan – Alternate member at large

9 people total were present.

The meeting was called to order by MD.

### **Goals Review**

MD reviewed the Goals list, and open discussion was held on the completion status of each goal. Some specific comments as follows:

- Current membership is around 30 members, on track to achieve goal of 40 members by September.
- No lifetime member yet. Need to discuss changing lifetime member amount from \$1000, to perhaps \$500.
- T-shirt goal completed. Perhaps create a "humor" shirt, and/or bumper stickers to sell.

- Events: Need to get back to doing these regularly. Hiking will start again in May, will be organized by MD. Randy will be hosting a game night soon. WB to look into dim sum options and dates. Randy to host a Movie Night on May 21<sup>st</sup> (in "honor" of Armed Forces Day, theme will be anti-war-mongering movies). Occasional bowling suggested. Still trying to find a church contact the Garrison-Martineau Project, but hoping to do it by September.
- Community Service: next blood drive will be end of May, TG to confirm and announce. Possibly do another Tsunami fund drive, WB to check into details. Habitat for Humanity was discussed, and it was decided that although it might be worthwhile and something we are interested in the future, at this time let's drop it and look into other community service activities. MD will pass along information about a secular blanket drive that he was contacted about.
- Cable show: we currently have some material we can use for shows, including the tape from the last G-M session. PI will finish editing the tape into a 30 minute episode, by the end of May. WB will get tapes from Austin atheist group, and MS will look into getting tapes from Atheist Alliance. We need to determine guidelines for what's "ok" or not for the show (profanity, political views, etc.). Simplest thing would be to put "Seattle Atheists not responsible for content...", but would need to verify with SCAN policies.
- GH suggested sponsoring or supporting a youth scout or camping club, such as one ECS is pursuing.
- Web page: let's try to keep it more up to date, with new content posted regularly. MD to write another review... anyone else? Create picnic page and announce it on the site. MD to create a "newslinks" page, and a way for PI to post items easily. RR reported that an online bulletin board would require more space than we currently have available. MD to look into cost for more space, and MS to look into hosting provided by IHS.
- PI offered to talk at an ECS meeting.
- PI to send press release from Newdow brief to MS. MS to create press release, or something similar, for upcoming Ten Commandments verdict, and other purposes. WB offered to help with media contacts.
- TG was contacted by an atheist group in Yakima that is interested in getting together. She will get more information, forward to the other board members, and also invite them to the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic.
- Let's advertise in the Stranger again, preferably their bumbershoot edition (late August/early September)
- WB suggested sponsoring her in a marathon, and she can wear one of our shirts.
- Internal leadership goals should be pursued for next term's board members.

## **Picnic**

- GH coordinating planning committee
- Official times for the picnic will be 10am to 6pm. Park is available from 8am to 8pm.
- Needs volunteers for grilling.
- Wants to look into making logo/shirts for the picnic.

## **Yahoo List**

- MD nominated MS and TG to be moderators for the Yahoo lists. A vote was taken, and passed 9-0.
- Yahoo rules/guidelines still need to be written up and posted.
- Clarification that other groups are allowed to post on calendar, just check with a moderator first.

## **Other Items:**

- TG has website ideas, which she will forward to MS and MD.
- GH proposed looking into allowing board member alternates to vote, effectively increasing the size of the board. This would require a constitutional amendment.
- TG proposed sending out a reminder with everyone's "Action Items" 2 weeks after the board meeting. MD volunteered to do this.
- MD proposed creating a long-term vision (3 or 5 years). It would be referred to regularly, and updated annually at board retreat, directly after elections. Include in next meeting's agenda: "Maintain Vision" to be added to bylaws.
- MD will appoint a committee to determine "affiliation" guidelines.
- JS will check budget and get quotes for producing business cards, flyers, and a banner.

## **Next Meeting:**

- Next board meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Jerry & Tiffany's place.
- There will not be a general member meeting in May, but we need to actively plan for a member meeting in July (activity, speakers, etc.).

Meeting Adjourned.

## ***Summary of Action Items:***

- WB to look into dim sum locations/dates.
- MD will start organizing hiking trips.
- RR to host movie night on May 21<sup>st</sup>, possible game night later.
- MS to keep trying to find church contacts for G-M.
- TG to confirm and announce next blood drive.
- WB checking into doing another Tsunami drive.

- MD to pass along information about secular blanket drive
- PI to finish editing the G-M tape by end of June.
- MS to look into getting tapes from Atheist Alliance
- WB to look into getting tapes from Austin group.
- MD to write another book review
- MS to update website
- MD to create "newslinks" page with easy update capability
- PI to send old press release to MS
- MS to set up press release to send to media, with WB assistance.
- TG to forward information about Yakima group, and invite to picnic.
- TG to forward website ideas to MS and MD
- TG to write up and post Yahoo list rules/guidelines
- MD will send out "Action Items" reminder 2 weeks after board meeting.
- MD to appoint committee to determine "affiliation" guidelines.
- JS to get quotes for business cards, flyers, and banner.