

Seattle Atheists Board Meeting
Sunday, August 31, 2008

Time and Date: Sunday, August 31, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Bellevue Regional Library

Board members present at meeting:

Kyle Hepworth – President

Randy Rumley – Vice President

Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

Jeff Kidd – Member at Large

Case – Member at Large

Jami Blackann – Member at Large

Tiffany Greenleaf – Member at Large

Others present:

Rhiannon Lucier

Megan Spielbusch

July Meeting Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report:

- Balance is \$5613.82. Increase of \$1383.00 from last year.
- Currently have 115 members, which exceeds our goal of 90 members set at this year's Budget Meeting.
- Jerry will be looking into statistics for member retention to present at a future date.
- Suggestion was made to use the excess funds to fly in guest speakers. This led to a short discussion on possible guest speaker venues.

Announcement: Author Dan Barker will be in Olympia on November 30th for a plaque ceremony.

- Suggestion to invite him to come to Seattle as a guest speaker that weekend.

Discussion on current policy regarding membership renewals:

- The new policy is that the membership year begins on date of renewal, rather than the previous policy of renewal being effective one year from initial membership date.

There is no update regarding the following:

- Marathon
- New SA Banner
- T-shirt collecting

Short discussion regarding whether shirts and banner should read “Seattle Atheists” or “SeattleAtheists.org.” No determination at this time.

May Meeting Minutes tabled until they can be made available for approval.

Upcoming Events:

- September 7th – Peace Arch Picnic
- September 21st – Seattle Atheists Elections Meeting
- TBA – Dave Miller of AU and Eastside AU to give presentation in October/November.
- October 12th – KUOW pledge drive 10:15-2:00 p.m. (Volunteers needed.)

Election reminder and a call for nominees to be sent out by Kyle and via Member Update Letter.

- New nominations: Amanda Banerji for VP.
- Megan Spielbusch rescinded her nomination for Secretary.

Blood Drive:

- Megan has arranged an official Blood Drive the week of September 22-27 and will be providing details to advertise on Atheist Meetup.
- Locations for donation in Bellevue, in Seattle on Madison, and in Northgate.
- Donations made in Bellevue on Thursday, September 25th will be rewarded an ice cream sandwich!

Membership Update scheduled to go out 9/1/08.

New Business

- Update on Creationist Discussions: Not much happening. Lack of response from Creationist group.
- Event/Meeting combination determined to be a bad idea. Meeting should be scheduled before or after event.
- Membership Meeting themes: More “kid friendly” programs and more entertainment requested.
- Family/Children’s Committee suggested for events and activities involving families with children. A call for feedback and volunteers needed to go out to the membership.
- Discussion regarding ideas for revamping the committee system. More member involvement and suggestion of a board member “mentor” for each committee.
- Suggestion for an official “Greeter” at meetings and events to welcome newcomers.
- Preliminary discussion of 4th of July 2009 NWFTC Picnic. Suggestion to establish continuity by retaining the same location as this year.

- Darwin Day 2009 (Feb. 12) preliminary discussion.
- Gift Wrapping 2008 status: Megan is looking for new venues and trying to establish contacts with previous venues.
- Suggestions for more Community Service driven activities: Providing meals, doing small chores, children's arts and crafts.
- Clarification of Election procedures.

Meeting adjourned 3:31 p.m.