

Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Board Meeting February 22, 2009

Time and Date: Sunday, February 22, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Location: Shoreline Library

Board Members present:

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

Other Members present:

Kyle
Mike G
Jeff
Rebecca
Noel

Minutes Approval

Action item: Rhi to get Minutes from January Membership Meeting to Jami for posting

Treasurer's Report

\$1118.00 Surplus
\$6100.00 Balance
\$500 donation from Robert Wilson
\$141.00 donation for Darwin Day

Old/Ongoing Business and Status check:

January Member Meeting with Valerie Tarico After-Action

Great turnout, Meetup.com helped a lot
Agreed that we need more advertising next time
Other possible locations considered

Darwin Day After-Action

Speaking parts prepared ahead of time for fill in
Schedule published
PA system
Hour set up
Better coordination for food (platters, not junk)
Jeopardy was a hit – again
More kids activities – playroom suggestion

- More organized for pre-setup
- Room should be organized to encourage mingling rather than entertainment
- Not enough chairs
- Other activity centers (more organization)
- More DIY
- Another space? (Walker Ames room, Unitarian Church)

Blood Donation recap
Next blood drive: First Thursday in May (??)

Rebecca Friedman- SSU/Camp Quest West report

- SSU – Non-responsive (free advertising venue, not much else)
- CQW – On top of recruitment
 - New location
 - New policies
 - Back-up campsite in preparation of natural disasters
 - Very responsive
 - Other options for support: advertising, sponsor a camper from our own area
- Support of advertising for CQW (blog, yahoo groups, meetup)
- Kids camp July 12-18, Family 17 -19

Noel Zapata's Presentation on Sensitivity Training

- Regional Freethought Conference in March
- SA Committees report
- Victoria Secular Humanists Association's "Lucy" Feb 27 Field Trip
- Meetup/Alliance Communication Redundancy
 - Meeting to address redundancy issue and what Alliance can do. To be attended by Case and Amanda.
- Food Drive Update
 - So far a success. Several pounds of food donated.
 - To be made a regular event at all official SA functions (when appropriate)
- Secretary Communication: Posting Events to Calendar
 - Postings should either go directly through Secretary or at least be communicated to the Secretary to be reviewed for accuracy and appropriateness.
- Google Docs/Virtual Meetings
 - Brief discussion regarding viability, reliability, and interest.
 - Sam to look into Virtual Meeting options

New Business:

- March Member Meeting Plans
 - March 15. Likely to be at Greenlake Library, 2pm.
- KUOW: March 29
 - Need 6 volunteers
- Dale McGowan: April 19 Seminar
 - Approached by Dale to sponsor child-rearing seminar. Determined too short of notice and do not have the resources to set up the type of event requested.
- SA Fundraiser Dinner in Spring

Possible alternate themes and venues

SA Digital Projector

Vote for purchase of digital projector for Seattle Atheists: 8:1

Yes – Case, Amanda, Rhiannon, Jerry, Jami, Randy, Sam

No – Lex

Abstained – Eliza

Safe/Security committee?

Do we need a safety and security committee? Determination that this is not currently a need for organization and will be tabled at this time.

Virtual Board Meetings/Conference Calls

Interest level of the capability of virtual meeting and conference calls for emergency or weather-related situations.

General approval for the possibility.

Sam to review the options for ease and practicality.

Set time for next meeting

Next Board Meeting: April 19. Time and Location TBD.