

Seattle Atheists Membership Meeting July 19, 2009 Green Lake Library

An impromptu Board Meeting took place before the membership meeting.

Board Members in attendance:

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

Other members:

Ranjan
Wendita
Rebecca

Meeting was unscheduled and requested by Case as there are some time-sensitive issues to be addressed.

New Business

Discussion of NWTC Billboard: Must be affiliated with United Coalition of Reason. As NWYC is not a legal org, must affiliate with United Coalition of Reason.

- Jerry: Proposes that Seattle Atheists become affiliated with the United Coalition of Reason (only for the purpose of the billboard)
- United Coalition of Reason requires that it be posted on our website with link stating “Seattle Atheists is affiliated with United Coalition of Reason”
- Is this indefinite?
- Need more information. Jerry to obtain more info. Tabled until info is received.

Bus Ad Campaign: Vote to continue the Campaign done via Board Group List, vote was unanimous for continuation. Votes on the quotes to be used will be tallied by Amanda.

- New signs for three months.
- Discussion of next time through purchasing a sign on the outside of the bus.

Elections in September for Members At Large: Nominations accepted until just before the elections take place.

- Nominations accepted so far for Sam, Jami, Wendita, Ranjan, Eliza (backup), Randy (backup), Brent Bartlett, Mike Gillis.

Interim Secretary: Rebecca Friedman appointed by unanimous Board Vote (those in attendance) as interim Secretary effective Aug 1st.

Discussion: *What are Seattle Atheists’ shortfalls? How can we improve?*

- Outreach and Education needs to be more prevalent and not with the intent of

- recruiting new members in mind.
- More social visibility:
 - Gala Event needs to take place as previously discussed.
 - Film Festival – Amanda planning Atheist Film Festival.
 - Need quicker interim communication (between Board Meetings)
 - Committees and structure out of control
 - Committee Fair Membership Meeting. (first meeting after elections) To encourage membership involvement in committees.
 - Need to pare down and consolidate the committees.
 - More family friendly events
 - More “perks” for members

Upcoming Dates:

August 16th Board Meeting

September 20th Membership Meeting: *ELECTIONS*

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61 in Attendance

- Call for Nominations for Member At Large (no new nominations)
- Bus Ad Campaign update
- Food Drive: Need more donations – none received at last two Membership Meetings.
- FSM in Review
 - Wikipedia entry with a photo of our FSM at Fremont

Guest Speaker: Atheist Comedian Jeremy Whitman presenting material for the “Delivered from Dogma” Tour.

Townhall Discussion: *Atheism in the workplace?*

38 in attendance