

Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Members' Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Summary of action items follows meeting notes

Time and Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Greenwood Library

Board members present at meeting:

Kyle Hepworth – President

Randy Rumley – Vice President

Jenny Lees – Secretary

Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

Shellie Brighton – Member at Large

Jeff Kidd – Member at Large

Shane Lees – Member at Large

Andrew Sattler – Member at Large

8 board members and 9 members were present

The meeting was called to order by KH.

KH announced that the purpose of this meeting was to vote on affiliation with national groups, specifically American Atheists. It is the Seattle Atheists Board's recommendation that we affiliate.

The proposal was discussed.

Benefits to affiliation – Can advertise at the AA national convention, name is listed on website, no cost

Cons – negative image of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, AA is viewed by some as a more "militant" form of atheism

Other groups with which to affiliate – Atheist Alliance, Council for Secular Humanism, National Day of Reason

Jeff Kidd moved for a vote to affiliate with American Atheists. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously (17 present and 5 by proxy vote).

A motion was made to affiliate with Atheist Alliance. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made to endorse the National Day of Reason. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

KH announced to membership that we have formed committees and anyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

AS announced the Darwin Day event hosted by groups of the Northwest Freethought Coalition.

KH adjourned the meeting