

**Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Board Meeting
December 16th, 2004**

Summary of action items follows meeting notes

Time and Date: Thursday, December 16th, 2004 at 7:00 PM

Location: Bellevue Library

Board members present to form a quorum at the beginning of the meeting:

MD - Marcus Dunavan – President

WB - Wendy Britton – Vice President

JS – Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

MS - Megan Spielbusch – Secretary

KH - Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

PI – Pat Inniss – Member at large

GH - Gloria Hariharan – Alternate member at large

RR – Randy Rumley – Alternate member at large

8 people total were present.

The meeting was called to order by MD.

The prior meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

PI reviewed the not-for-profit paperwork, and will finalize and mail it in. Will need a one-time registration fee of \$150, which was approved.

Interest was expressed for creating some “atheist tracts”. KH volunteered to start working on this.

KH has researched printing companies, and will get pricing estimates for T-shirts.

The group planned and discussed the following activities for the upcoming year:

- **Meetings.** 4th Thursdays. MD to check into other libraries that might have good meeting facilities. Bellevue library is great except that it’s difficult to secure large enough meeting rooms for the all-member meetings.
- **4th of July Picnic.** We will commit to the 3-8 pm time slot at Cottage Lake Park. If we can get commitment for another \$80 from other groups, we will reserve the morning slot as well.
- **Game Nights.** No set schedule, just whenever hosts are available. As long as the host is a Seattle Atheists member, these will be “officially sponsored” events unless requested otherwise.

- **Celebration/Holiday.** Options include: National Day of Reason/Prayer (May 6), Darwin Day (February 12), a famous freethinker's birthday, a significant historical event? Would also be good for publicity.
- **Hikes.** Once a month during hiking season (April through September). WB will need to confirm dates before being posted on the website.
- **Garrison-Martineau Project.** Shoot for late February, and regularly once every 1-3 months after that. MS to find a contact at a church to partner with, and then set up another phone training session for facilitators.
- **Blood Drive.** Let's do it twice a year, so the next one would be in early summer.
- **Community Service Projects.** Goal is 2 activities/projects per year. Adopt-a-Highway is out, due to lack of interest and the commitment needed. Habitat for Humanity is a good option, MS to look into that for this summer, as well as a park/trail cleanup or another need.

GH suggested developing a list of atheist-owned/run local businesses.

Concerns were expressed about the website calendar, which is just a link to the Yahoo calendar. MS will create an "upcoming events" page showing only our "official" events, while still providing a link to the Yahoo calendar to see other groups' events.

The Budget Committee will next meet on January 8th, location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Summary of Action Items:

- KH to get pricing estimates for T-shirts.
- MS to create Upcoming Events page on website.
- KH to start working on atheist tract/info pamphlet.
- PI to finalize and mail not-for-profit paperwork.
- MD (and others) to look into other meeting locations.
- JS/MD/GH to get funding for 4th of July picnic from other groups.
- RR to confirm dates of potential "holidays"
- MS to set up G-M contacts.
- MS to keep researching community service projects.
- Budget Committee to meet on Jan. 8th.