

Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Meeting May 18th, 2004

Summary of action items follows meeting notes

Time and Date: Sunday, May 18th, 2004 at 6:00 PM

Location: Gloria's House

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

GH - Gloria Hariharan – Member at large

MS - Megan Spielbusch – Member at large

KH - Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

WB - Wendita Britton – President

JS – Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

TG – Tiffany Greanleaf – Member at large

MD - Marcus Dunavan – Secretary

The meeting was called to order by WB and agendas were distributed to those in attendance.

Meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Meeting Action Items were reviewed:

- JS will get not for profit application to Pat Inniss
- Welcome kits were revised and will be mail ASAP
- TG and JS will work on a pamphlet by next meetup (August)
- The mission statement was read and approved
- Mike Newdow will not be speaking
- TG will get MD a list of books and publications for the online version of the library
- The library box was completed. One month checkout times are in place and notices will be sent out that allow the borrower to purchase the book with a \$5 stocking fee
- MD hosted a game night

Treasurer's Report

- JS presented and it was accepted.

Logo Update

- MD has put the winning logo on the web page.

Update on Newdow Pledge case

- New cases are starting up (8-9 families nationwide are pursuing this)
- One family is from Washington and we discussed raising funds to help file the case when the time is right
- Help is wanted and WB will coordinate in her role as national coordinator for Newdow's Pledge effort.

Forming of Committees

MS explained that we may need some committees to make sure that we have a contact person for some activities and to align with our goals. Discussion ensued, and TG expressed wanting to bring in speakers. WB thought that we should focus more on membership. MS and MD were interested in community service. GH proposed thermometer pickups and agreed to find out more info.

Possible committees with tentative committee chairs are listed below.:

Community Service - MS
Membership – JS
Library – TG and GH
Web Page – MD
Outreach – TG
Nat'l Liaison – WB

Discussion of calling the Supreme Court "yellow" in an article ensued. GH and WB "discussed" the issue. MD and KH agreed that those kind of comments should be discussed before hand since there is a perception that the president speaks for the group. WB explained that she really did feel that way, and the board came to an agreement that in the future we will discuss that before hand and personal remarks will be prefaced as such.

Inserted Secretary's Note: The SA constitution states "*Board shall appoint individuals who will serve as official spokespersons for SEATTLE ATHEISTS. No person shall communicate with the media, public, or officials on behalf of SEATTLE ATHEISTS who has not been authorized to do so by a majority of the Board. No person may act as a spokesperson of SEATTLE ATHEISTS while using an alias.*"

Cable Show update

- WB would like to film and make a free PSA on PSA "gala night"
- WB will be contacted in a few weeks regarding the opportunity
- The cable show is run by ScanTV.
- The group discussed showing videos on a show and discussed briefly the GM project

Website Update

- Voting for the logo went well, and there have been numerous updates, especially in the gallery.
- WB will talk to PI about press releases

Membership Drive

- Online application form was proposed by GH.
- Others suggested posting flyers
- WB assigned each board member to find one free ad source each for the next meeting

Elections

- MD will e-mail members when the time and date of the next meeting is figured out to tell them about elections and announce the positions available
- Food will be provided by members bringing snacks
- WB will have PI check on a meeting time and location and reserve a room at a public location.
- MD and JS will coordinate the online membership application

Library Criteria were discussed. Only members will be allowed to check out items and items that fit with the mission statement will be allowed in the library.

Shirt designs were discussed. KH will “get on it”.

WB - Meeting adjourned.

Summary of Action Items:

- JS will get the not for profit application to PI
- Welcome kits will be mailed out ASAP
- TG and JS will work on pamphlet by the next meetup
- TG will get MD a list of books and publications for the online version of the library
- JS will get MD the treasures report to post in the board members section of the web page
- WB will talk to PI about press releases
- All Board Members will find one free advertisement option by next meeting.
- WB will have PI set up the next time and date for the annual meeting and election of officers
- MD will mail out the time and date to members and inform them that there will be food and what positions are available
- MD and JS will coordinate an online membership application
- KH will work on some T-shirt designs