

Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Meeting March 21st, 2004

Summary of action items follows meeting notes

Time and Date: Sunday, March 21st, 2004 at 6:00 PM

Location: Marcus Dunavan's home

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

WB - Wendita Britton – President

PI - Pat Inniss – Vice President

MD - Marcus Dunavan – Secretary

GH - Gloria Hariharan – Member at large

MS - Megan Spielbusch – Member at large

KH - Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

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

MD moved to accept minutes without reading as long as all were in agreement. GH seconds, passes 6-0-0.

The treasurer's report was skipped since Jerry Schiffelbein (JS) wasn't present yet.

PI presented the 501c update. We have 15 months since incorporation by the State to complete the certification. PI plans to work on it more after tax season and we may want to get a lawyer to look it over.

PI presented the bylaws update. PI stated that we may have been out of bed with the changes we made in January's Board Meeting. As an example the Constitution sets 5 as the number of Board members and this requires a vote of the membership to change. GH stated that she would surrender her seat if required to bring the number down. WB explained that we should be able to take some latitude since the organization we just developing. PI thought we should have a membership meeting and make the changes official.

JS and Tiffany Greenleaf (TG) arrived. The bylaws discussion was tabled in favor of returning to the Treasurer's report.

WB requested that a list of members be read. JS read the list.

MS suggested that a list of members separate from the list of payments be kept and JS agreed to do so.

JS gave the Treasurer's report. We have missed a statement from the bank. The balance was \$552. \$292 of that is the building fund.

Mike Owen had not yet been paid. PI e-mailed him and will ask what he wants to do about repayment.

JS will provide a list of members to the Board.

Discussion returned to the bylaws. It was noted that dues are not mentioned in the Constitution.

MS moved to amend the Constitution to incorporate the changes we had made in January. WB seconded. Discussion revealed that the motion was out of order.

MD moved to operate this meeting under the agreements reached in January and to present the changes to the membership at the next meeting which would be a general meeting. MS seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1.

MD gave website update. A web meeting was held on the 7th of March with WB, PI, MD, Mike McComber, and Derek. The web team would report back in a few weeks with technical recommendations for webpage software and hosting. MD stated that the web team was looking for guidance from the Board about content.

WB opened up a brainstorming session for web ideas. Some ideas are below:

TG – Links to other groups, etc.

WB to JS – Put Treasurer's report and membership info online.

GH – Membership info and how to pay with an auto payment option

GH volunteered to be the membership/welcome committee chair and WB appointed her

PI – Lots of popups (laughter). Also membership info available and we should look for model sites and send them to the web team.

WB appointed MD as Board's link to the Web Team

MS – Take some of the stuff off the webpage that is inappropriate. Add changing news blurbs.

MD – Pictures

WB – Conversation area / calendar – use the Yahoo calendar

GH raised the liability issue and no consensus was reached.

MS moved to table this until we know more about it. WB seconded and it passed 7-0-0.

GH – List the Yahoo site.

Mission Statement was discussed. PI read the current mission statement. Much discussion ensued and MS volunteered to rewrite/rework the mission statement within a month.

Logo ideas were presented by KH. Extensive comparisons were made among the logos. MD and PI explained that from the Web Team meeting they had already found out that Space Needle logos would be open to legal challenge. MD moved to select a logo at this meeting. JS seconded and it passed 6-0-1. Votes were taken and a concept with a scripted 'S' and 'A' was selected. JS moved to work on the logo some more. WB

seconded and it passed 7-0-0. KH agreed to present variations on the concept at the next meeting. WB stressed that it was important not to rush too much.

Membership Kits were discussed. MD presented a concept and the Board generally approved. The membership card was separated from the welcome letter and MD will work on some card concepts. JS said we should get someone to design the certificate.

WB moved to create a library for SA. GH seconded and it was agreed that a motion was not required. MS liked the idea but also stated that some members have books they don't want to donate but would be willing to lend. WB suggests that GH handle the library and she agreed.

The Amicus Brief was discussed. WB asked MD to ask the Web Team to post the Amicus Brief for the Newdow case on the web page.

WB explained that Newdow was getting back to us on the "students" thing. We will be getting a partial refund since the legal costs were lower than estimated. The final cost was \$650 instead of \$1500. MS suggested a thank you for Gary Bork. WB moved that the Board authorize up to \$100 for the gift and shipping and MS would purchase it. JS seconded and the motion passed 7-0-0.

E-mail List issues were discussed. GH stated that many personalities were involved on the lists. Another list might be a place where some would not feel unwelcome and that she had created a list called SeattleAtheistsAndAgnostics. GH will send a link to MD to have it put on the web page.

Meeting adjourned.

Summary of Action Items:

- PI to get copy of bylaws to Board Members
- WB to call next meeting as a General Membership Meeting to allow for a vote on the constitutional changes.
- JS to keep a separate list of members for the Board to see.
- PI to find out about repayment of Mike Owen.
- MD to get login/password for website and remove inappropriate items and start adding links some links to the web page.
- MD to relay the Board's content guidance to the Web Team.
- MS to rework the mission statement as a proposal and e-mail it to the Board within a month
- KH to do more development of the logo and present it to the Board by next meeting.
- MD to work on membership card options.
- GH to setup a library for SA and work on welcoming duties
- MD to post the Amicus Brief on the web page
- MS to purchase and send a thank you gift to Gary Bork.
- MD to post a link to GH's discussion group on the web page.