

## Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

*Summary of action items follows meeting notes*

*Time and Date:* Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 6:00 PM

*Location:* Seattle Public Library located near 50<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt

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

WB - Wendita Britton – President

PI - Pat Inniss – Vice President

KH - Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

GH - Gloria Hariharan – Member at large

MD - Marcus Dunavan – Secretary

TG – Tiffany Greanleaf – Member at large

JS – Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

MS - Megan Spielbusch – Member at large

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

Meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

VP Report – PI noticed that we had formed a SA Board group on the Yahoo site and commented that it was useful. The NFP status was reviewed. JS will be filling in the budget info on the application. The deadline is in August, but we are shooting to be done in June. We will review it ourselves and if it looks ok we can avoid attorney fees.

Treasurer's Report – Status of finances was reviewed. PI will check for a provisional EIN. The stability of the mailing address was discussed for receipt of funds. WB was interested in using JS's address directly rather than her own.

How members are meeting other members was discussed. Many different venues are used, especially the meetups. GH was interested in getting a printout of the welcome info from TG. WB asked that each of us try to get one person to join.

JS requested to add voting on constitutional issues to the agenda and WB added it during new business.

MD expressed that the meeting were getting long and that maybe once a month meetings would be better. GH agreed. MS proposed to take care of official business at every other meeting and general membership concerns at the other meetings. This discussion was postponed until later in the meeting.

GH reported on the welcome kits. GH said she was looking for guidance on buying stamps enveloped, material to print, etc. and asked for a budget of \$25. It was agreed that since the logo would be decided at this meeting, the membership kits could be done this week. MD should get the certificates and letter with the new logo on them to GH by

Wednesday. GH will finish the new member kits and mail them out by the next board meeting in July.

MS reported that she was not done with the mission statement, but that she would post it in the discussion groups within a week.

KH presented new logo ideas to the group. After some heated discussion JS moved to vote on the logo. GH seconded. WB moved to vote only on two particular concepts instead of all three, but the motion died for lack of a second. The original motion passed unanimously. Voting was conducted and failed to select a winner by elimination as two concepts were tied. MS moved to have the logos posted on the website for members to vote by e-mail. GH and TG seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1.

WB stopped the meeting momentarily so members could take a break.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Pledge case was discussed. WB explained to the guest member (Jody) about the case and that a judgment is expected soon. WB expressed that she had been in contact and Mike Newdow was interested in a forum to present to UW students.

Constitutional Changes – After some background was given, PI moved to amend Article III of the SA Constitution to reflect the changes as noted in previous meetings minutes, including the change from 5 to 7 board members with 2 alternate members. WB seconded. All those present were allowed to vote. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Atheist Library – GH said that she will be filling a box with books and will use a file card system to take care of checking books out. Only members will be allowed to check out books. Books will be due back in about 30 days. A value will be listed on the inside cover to make sure people feel that they should return books. MD offered to put titles on the web page with GH's help. MS said that some members will want to retain ownership of the books but still have them listed on the webpage and with the library index.

GH expressed her concerns that that the library task is being micromanaged and that takes out a lot of the fun of doing the task. GH resigned from the library task. PI and TG volunteered to bring the library to meetings.

Website Update – The group took a brief break to take pictures of the members for placing on the web page. MD explained that he needed pictured from SA events to put on the web page gallery. MD is also looking for content. TG explained that she was interested in doing a newsletter and that the web page would be a good place to start.

The following agenda items were tabled to a future meeting: Cable Access Show, Atheists Network TV, Internet Radio Show, Call for Volunteers.

WB mentioned that Bob S. is doing a project called the Garrison-Martineau Project that involved discussions between atheists and believers.

WB said that if members want to do activities then they should suggest them and post them on the Yahoo Calendar.

PI reported that he had done some research on the liability of organizations issue and that findings he saw didn't say that hikes or other such activities are an issue as long as we do not offer ourselves as experts.

The time and place of the next meeting was discussed. It was generally agreed upon that board meetings will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of odd numbered months at 6PM. GH volunteered to host the next meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

MD will schedule a Game Night for June.

WB - Meeting adjourned.

***Summary of Action Items:***

- JS will fill in financial info in the NFP application and return it to PI
- PI will finish the NFP application in June and circulate it for Board approval.
- JS will update the membership list and get it to MD for placement on the webpage (in a private area)
- MD will put all minutes on the web from now on
- All Board Members should try to bring one new member to an event
- GH and MD will coordinate printing of New Member Welcome kits when the logo is finalized
- GH will mail out New Member Welcome kits before the next Board Meeting
- MS will send out the mission statement to Board Members within a week for comments and approval.
- KH will get logos to MD for placement on the web page
- WB will look into getting Mike Newdow to speak
- PI and TG will coordinate the library box creation
- All Members will submit items (especially pictures) to MD for placing on the web page
- All Members will post events on the Yahoo Calendar
- GH will host the next Board Meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- MD will schedule a Game Night for a Saturday in June