

Meeting Notes for the Seattle Atheists Meeting September 16th, 2004

Summary of action items follows meeting notes

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

Location: Meeting Room 4 in the Bellevue Branch of the King County Library

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

WB - Wendy Britton – President

MS - Megan Spielbusch – Member at large

KH - Kyle Hepworth – Member at large

JS – Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer

MD - Marcus Dunavan – Secretary

TG – Tiffany Greenleaf – Member at large

GH - Gloria Hariharan – Member at large

PI – Pat Inniss – Vice President

12 people total were present.

Prior to the meeting, MS distributed community service surveys soliciting the members' level of interest in various community service ideas.

The meeting was called to order by WB and agenda items were expressed verbally.

There were no objections to approval of the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

-JS presented and it was accepted.

-Two new members were introduced. One found SA through the meetup.com site and another from the advertisement in The Stranger.

Elections

-MD explained the election process.

-The members unanimously agreed that voting would take place anonymously via handwritten ballot.

-Nominations for all offices were placed. Candidates were allotted a total of 2 minutes for speaking and questions. Members were allowed to roll-down their nomination to other offices if not elected.

The results of the election were as follows.

President: Marcus Dunavan

Vice President: Wendy Briton

Secretary: Megan Spielbusch

Treasurer: Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large: Pat Inniss, Kyle Hepworth, Tiffany Greenleaf

Member at Large Alternates: Randy Rumley, Gloria Hariharan

The officers transitioned, and MD presided over the remainder of the meeting. Pictures were taken of the new Board Members.

Cable Show Report

WB explained that the cable show team was looking for items to produce as segments for the cable show. The G-M project was filmed and clips might be used in a show. The show is tentatively called "The Naked Atheist". WB will place an ad on the Yahoo Group looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering, contact WB. The cable show is a free service provided by the public access channel.

New Member kits were discussed. TG and GH will make sure the mini U.S. Constitutions are gotten to JS for inclusion in New Member kits.

KH will solicit members input on some T-Shirt designs via e-mail and see if we can get together an order for some T-Shirts.

Future Elections were discussed:

JS moved to amend the constitution to allow for nomination at the meeting before the general election to allow for better proxy voting as allowed by the current version of the constitution. Members would still be allowed to nominate at the election meeting. TG seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RR moved to amend the bylaws to allow candidates to post a short candidate statement to the web page as early as the meeting prior to elections in the future. The motion was seconded by MS and approved unanimously.

JS addressed the articles of reincorporation. PI will e-mail JS the status of which chapter we are incorporated under.

The next meeting time was decided to be at Gloria's House at 7PM Thursday, October 21st. That meeting will be a Board Member meeting, although all members are welcome to attend. The following meeting will be for all members and will be held at 7 Pm on Thursday, November 18th at the Bellevue Library. WB, as vice president will be in charge of scheduling the room.

WB gave some background of the organization and thanked JS and PI for their contributions in helping to found the organization. WB will write up the story of the founding for inclusion on the website and e-mail it to MS and MD.

Library Report

A reminder for the library was discussed. GH will post a reminder that will go off just before the meetups advertising the library and inviting members to donate books or fund to the library. The new member Irena volunteered to be the library coordinator for the Seattle meetup. GH will get library titles to MS for inclusion on the website.

TG will e-mail the membership pamphlet to MD for inclusion in the website so new members can print off an application and bring it to an event.

JS requested that the secretary, MS, adjust the constitution to reflect the new amendments. MD advised that several amendments should be included in the revision, and a quick meeting might be required to iron it out.

PI reported on the not-for-profit status. The paperwork will be available for members to review at the next meeting in October.

TG explained that the blood drive fell through because more people are required to do a specific organization blood drive than we have at the moment. For now, members are encouraged to give blood individually.

Meeting adjourned.

Summary of Action Items:

- KH will solicit member input and look into ordering T-shirts.
- MS will amend the bylaws to reflect election procedure changes.
- WB to reserve Library room for November 18th.
- WB will write up story of the group's founding.
- GH to send library titles to MS for list on the website.
- TG to email membership pamphlet to MD to add to website.
- PI to send update on not-for-profit paperwork.
- All members relinquishing their board position to email their successor any necessary transition materials and information.