

Humanists of Minnesota

Board of Directors Meeting

June 12, 2019

Attendees:

Officers: Harlan Garbell (President), Meline Juarez (Vice President), David Guell (Secretary), Suzanne Perry, Christine Retkwa, Seth Engmann, Marcy Woodruff, Rich Thompson, Jerry Smith.

Not Present: Ellie Bjorklund, Nick Hayden (Treasurer).

Members: Bob Aderhold.

Location: Wedge Table.

Minutes

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

Bob Aderhold presented a proposal for parking savings in a brokerage account that would generate significantly greater interest in a money market mutual fund and which would allow us to accept donations of stock. Jerry asked what advantages a money market mutual fund would have over a standard savings account, and proposed that as an alternative. Jerry agreed to find out and report current terms (with CitiBank or American Express) for the kind of savings account he proposed.

Harlan noted that the bylaws call on the Board to appoint a finance committee; he also proposed instituting a budget progressing. The question of appointing the committee was postponed to the next meeting. Harlan also proposed publishing core financial information for the organization where members could access it. The need for a fundraising strategy was also discussed.

Christine and Marcy reported from the social action committee on proposed issues on which to focus. Harlan and Christine noted the importance of strengthening relationships with other, like-minded organizations.

Christine moved that the organization be a signatory on a letter to Hennepin County judges requesting a Warrant Forgiveness Day. The motion was approved unanimously.

Harlan moved (and Suzanne seconded) to officially adopt the name HumanistsMN, as recommended by ImageHaus. The motion passed 8-0 with one abstention. The question of how

to abbreviate the organization name was discussed but tabled. Proposed abbreviations include HMN and HuMN.

An expense of \$250 to reserve a room for a memorial service for HumanistsMN member Greg Hart was approved without dissent.

The summer retreat will be held noon – 3:00pm, August 18, at Meline's House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.