Humanists of Minnesota

Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2019

Attendees: Harlan Garbell (President), Marcy Woodruff, Mitch Thompson, Jerry Smith, Christine Retkwa, Dave Guell (Secretary), Meline Juarez

Absent: Nick Haylund, Ellie Haylund Seth Engman, Suzanne Perry (Vice President).

Location: Wedge Table.

Minutes

Jerry discussed the possibility of putting a portion of the organization's money in an interest bearing money market account in order to earn greater interest than is available in a certificate of deposit. He believed it would be possible to get a little above 2% on the amounts available.

The social action team reported that the Second Chance Coalition is working to support legislation that would bring Minnesota's extraordinarily long probation periods in line with nationwide averages.

David reported for the Media/Tech team that Rebecca Chesin's work to move the website to WordPress had enabled us to close a number of open issues and work items on the Trello board. He also reported recommendations from the team on ways to clean up the email addresses on the humanistsmn.org domain and to reduce them to a core set of addresses. He also reported that the team reviewed the administrators assigned to the online systems and that nearly all had two or more administrators.

David moved that the organization eliminate personally named email addresses on the organization domain (e.g. john.smith@humanistsmn.org) and remove them from the website. Marcy seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

David moved that the remaining email addresses associated with officers and functions, other than president, treasurer, webmaster, editor, membership be deleted. Christine seconded. The motion passed 5 – 2.

The topic of the organization's mission and purposes was discussed, as well as examples of programs, initiatives and actions that could be undertaken in pursuit of that mission.

The organization's current programming was discussed, as well as possibilities for additional programming.

Adjourned 8:32pm.