

Humanists of Minnesota

Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2020

Attendees: Harlan Garbell (President), Suzanne Perry (Vice President), Nick Haylund (Treasurer), Dave Guell (Secretary), Jerry Smith, Marcy Woodruff, Christine Retkwa, Ellie Haylund, Mitch Thompson, Meline Juarez.

Absent: Seth Engman.

Attending: Audrey Kingstrom.

Location: Zoom online meeting

Minutes

The March minutes approved unanimously.

Nick reported that we quickly achieved the \$2500 goal for Second Harvest donations. With matching, the total raised was approximately \$7100. He also noted that the total fees charged by Stripe for the donations was approximately \$246.

Harlan moved that the organization cover the transaction fees; the motion passed 10-1.

Christine and Marcy reported for the social action team. They noted the need to recruit more people to organize events. They also noted the possibility of separating efforts centered around community service from that for legislative policy action.

David reported that monthly recurring membership renewal was implemented for the Patron, Benefactor, and Sustaining levels.

Suzanne reported for the communications team that they are working to organize a virtual event (on Zoom) in about a month with speakers from the Coalition for Separation of Church and State to commemorate the National Day of Reason.

Audrey discussed the value to the organization of its small group programming such as Secular Saturday. She raised the topic of bringing more widely known speakers to the community gathering events. She noted the possibility of paying for travel expenses using donated travel miles. The possibility of doing more events and business meetings virtually was also discussed.

Harlan raised the topic of forgiving membership dues for members with hardship during the period that the pandemic impacts the economy.

Jerry discussed a draft proposed 2020-21 budget for the organization.

Audrey raised the question of whether the bylaws could be interpreted to regard “members in good standing” to include members who were not necessarily dues paying members for an entire year, but were trial members for a small portion of the year, for the purposes of eligibility

to serve on the board. The sense of the board was it was within the intent and spirit of the by-laws to allow such a person to serve on the board.

Christine reported that the organization is looking for volunteers who can help other organization members during times of need, as well as members who might need such assistance.

Whether and how to conduct a fundraising campaign for Camp Quest again this year was discussed.

The next meeting will be held May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Adjourned 9:33pm