

Humanists of Minnesota

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2020

Attendees: Harlan Garbell (President), Suzanne Perry (Vice President), Dave Guell (Secretary), Marcy Woodruff, Mitch Thompson, Christine Retkwa, Meline Juarez, Seth Engman.

Absent: Nick Haylund, Ellie Haylund, Jerry Smith.

Present:

Location: Wedge Table.

Minutes

The December minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Harlan discussed the latest updated 6-month financial report and the handling of recent pass-through amounts. David reported on steps taken in response to the hacking attempt was detected December 26. On that day, David and others noted a person “not recommend” the Humanists Facebook group, saying she didn’t know them and they had tried to take money from her account. Later that afternoon, a second person reported the same thing in response. Harlan messaged them to get more details. By that evening, Nathan Curland had determined that there were thousands of attempted (but unsuccessful) recent transactions in the amount of \$1 on our Stripe account. The next morning, Nathan sent a screenshot of one page of the results, showing dozens of such transactions being attempted within a single minute. David determined from this that this constituted conclusive evidence of an attempted hack and instructed Nick and Harlan to contact Stripe and TCF by phone to confirm our conclusion and to determine what actions we needed to take. David also examined the Facebook profiles and determined they did not fit the profile of trolls or hackers, but were likely partly victims in the attack as well. In short, a hacker was using our website to check to see whether large numbers of credit card numbers could be used to make purchases by first attempting very small transaction on them. By the evening of the 27th, Harlan had posted a statement on the website explaining what had happened, Nick implemented additional rules in Stripe to reduce the likelihood of further card testing attempts. In the end, no fraudulent transactions were successful. In addition, by the 31st, David implemented Google’s reCAPTCHA v3 for our domain, an industry leading technology offered for free to reduce the risk of automated credit card transactions such as those we saw. That we know, there have been no other such attacks. Harlan noted that the budget committee will propose a process for do