

**Humanists of Minnesota
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2020**

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

Absent: Nick Haylund, Ellie Haylund, Harlan Garbell (President).

Present: Audrey Kingstrom

Location: Wedge Table.

Minutes

The January minutes were approved unanimously, with corrections.

Mitch discussed preparations for the Day of Reason event and the party the evening before.

Marcy discussed plans by the Social Action team on the topic of medical aid in dying. Jerry discussed research Juliet and Mark Thoson have done concerning initiatives to plant trees, including a program offered by the State in support of such efforts.

Audrey talked about the idea in developing more youth programming. She reported that she has volunteers who are interested in leading those efforts, particularly as part of our existing Secular Saturday. Meline moved that up to \$500 be allocated to pay for facilities and childcare for Secular Saturday programming in March, April and May, with the expectation that donations be requested at those events. The Board approved the motion.

David reported on findings from the MediaTech team's research on automated renewal. He reported that automated renewals are supported in MembershipWorks. He also reported the results of discussions on the topic of whether to continue offering manual renewal by credit card and whether to make automated renewal the default selection for new member signup. He also reported that discount codes can be offered easily, in support of incentives for new members, for example.

Jerry reported that the organization's net income for the fiscal year to date is \$3500, and that the organization's ongoing financial condition is good. However, the distinction between membership dues and donations was not yet clear. Jerry and Nick are working to determine an appropriate financial reporting format. Jerry expects to have a financial report available in the May newsletter, but not until the financial reporting format has been decided. Jerry also reported on efforts to do a more formal annual budgeting process, with the intent of offering a proposed budget to put forward to the membership at the May meeting.

The need to appoint a nominating committee at the next meeting was noted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Next Board meeting will be March 11, 7:00 pm at Wedge Table.