

Humanists MN
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2021

Attendees:

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

Not Present: Seth Engman.

Location: Zoom online meeting

Minutes

The April minutes were approved without objection after a modification specifying the cap on advertising spending toward Billboards.

Suzanne reported that she, Ellie and Harlan met to discuss the Marketing plan. They agreed to try to hire the paid person soon. They will put a notice in the newsletter advertising the open position, offering \$20/hour. They will also itemize a list of potential tasks the person would perform.

Jerry raised certain questions about the allocation of income to accounts in the annual financial report submitted by Nick. There was extensive discussion of the topic but given the complexity of the accounting issues, further discussion of the questions was referred to the finance committee.

Ellie presented ideas the membership committee is moving forward with for a membership drive that will be launched at the September 18th community gathering.

Marcy reported that the social action team continues to work on the action alerts. Christine recapped relevant themes from Sarah Levin's presentation at the previous Secular Saturday meeting.

David reported a problem reported by Bobbi J in which the membership directory was not available after logging in to her account. Rebecca reported the same problem. David reported that he could not reproduce the problem on 6 different browser-device combinations, either with his account or with Rebecca's. He also described the problem in email to MembershipWorks support, however they were not able to offer any insight.

Harlan noted that the membership team will begin meeting on an ad hoc basis. He also asked all board members to consider joining the team.

Nick noted what responsibilities and credentials need to be transferred to John upon him assuming the Treasurer's office.

Harlan noted the expected agenda items for the annual general business meeting to be held as part of the community gathering on May 15, including reports from the committees and a vote on the recommended changes to the by-laws.

Nick and Mitch volunteered to set up equipment to try to stream future in-person events, in order to determine if it will work as a means for audiences outside the Twin Cities area.

The board unanimously approved contributing not more than \$550, and not more than the amount required to bring the total raised in the Camp Quest fundraiser up to a total of \$2000 at the end of the fundraiser (and none otherwise), with the expense to be attributed to the current fiscal year.

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mitch to end the hardship waiver of dues payment, effectively immediately.

Adjourned at 9:10 pm.