

Humanists MN

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 (via zoom)

ATTENDEES

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

Absent:

Routine Business

Called to order @ 7:03

Additions to agenda

- Picnic - third Saturday/Sunday in July was motioned as the targeted range and approved.

Action: Narrow the picnic date to the third Saturday (16) or Sunday (17) of 2022.

Motion: To approve December Board Minutes. (Jerry/Suzanne)

Motion approved unanimously. (7:06 PM)

Old Business

Humanist Lending Library (August)

- August holds many out of print books that show the history of atheism and humanism that he wants to find a home for. He is connected to several other similar situations that have the same type of book collection.
- He is proposing creating an exploratory committee that looks at how to create a free shared library between the atheists, humanists, and FSU.
- FSU has space available to house the library.
- Committee would explore the structure and probably end up creating a board to manage the library.

- HMN would need to make a financial commitment to make the project work. Numbers were not yet determined.
- The board discussed potential participation and decided not to pursue involvement at this time.

Action: Harlan will communicate to August that we HMN will not participate at this time.

Reports from Committees/Team

* Financial Report (John)

- The Winter Solstice event was very close to breaking even.
- Membership numbers remain the same.
- We have about \$57,000 between checking and savings.

Motion: Invest \$47,000 into a Citi Accelerate Account. (Mitch/Macy)

Motion approved unanimously.

* Marketing Team (Suzanne/Ellie)

- The website is in process of being updated:
 - Things are progressing quickly and should be finalized in a week.
 - Board will have a chance to review before the changes go “live”.
 - Humanist International is an organization that will drive people to the Humanist MN Site.
 - We would need to become a member to make this work. The cost is estimated to be around \$65.00

- **Motion:** Become a member of Humanist International. (Ellie/Harlan)

Motion approved unanimously.

- Billboards and membership drive:
 - The Marketing Team is currently working with Clear Channel on the appropriate timing of billboards.
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* Humanists In Action (Christine/Marcy)

- T-shirt needs

Motion: Purchase 55 t-shirts for an approximate cost of \$900.00 (Ellie/Nick)

Motion approved unanimously.

- MN Second Chance Membership

Motion: Renew membership with MN Second Chance Membership (Christine/Mary)

Motion approved unanimously.

Action: Order t shirts as proposed.

Action: Renew membership with Second Chance.

* **Media/Tech (Dave)**

- Dave is being responsive about the website as best as possible.

* **Membership (Harlan)**

- No report

New Business

Day of Reason

- Reserved Vault room at the capital.
- Speaker is confirmed, Rachel Deitch.
- Too early to put too many things in motion.
- FUS is on board again as a partner.
- Possibly do a reception event the night before.

Action: Begin creating a plan of action for Day of Reason on May 5, 2022.

January Meeting

Motion: Move the January meeting to be a virtual event.

Motion passes 7 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention

Adjournment motioned for and approved at 9:11 PM

Next Meeting: Feb. 9, 2022