

Humanists of Minnesota

May Business Meeting

May 20, 2023; 3:10p

Attendees: Ellie Haylund (President), Mitch Thompson (Vice President), John Walker (Treasurer), David Guell (Secretary), Abigail Jackson, Stephanie Schwinn, Jerry Smith, Suzanne Perry.

Audrey summarized the programming committee's work to organize events such as community gatherings and secular Saturday.

Christine summarized activities organized by the Humanists in Action committee.

Suzanne summarized the organization's work during the year concerning secular advocacy. She noted the importance of the creation of the Legislature's secular caucus and gave a summary of the Day of Reason event.

Audrey reported for the Membership committee that she and Cindy Erickson are working to reinvigorate the committee after the pandemic and Ellie's move to President. Audrey presented membership data over the past 17 years demonstrating the organization's significant growth in the past two years. She highlighted that 50 new members signed up during the month, largely attributable to the publicity in the Minneapolis StarTribune.

John gave the Treasurer's report. He noted the general health of the organization's financial position and highlighted work attempting to move the organization's banking accounts to Sunrise bank.

Audrey recognized the contributions of board members, committee members, participants in our service projects and advocacy events.

Mitch recognized the contributions of David Guell's service and 8 years on the board.

Mitch reviewed the slate of Board nominations:

- Stephanie Schwinn – Secretary
- John Walker – Treasurer
- Nick Haylund – open at large position
- Audrey Kingstrom – to fill the remaining year of Stephanie's at large position.
- Jerry Smith – open at large position
- Suzanne Perry – open at large position

A motion to approve these board nominees passed unanimously. (Attendance: 44)

Jerry gave an overview of the strategic planning work that the board will focus on during the summer retreat.

Adjourned 4:20p.

