

Humanists of Minnesota
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2023 6:03pm

Attendees:

Ellie Haylund (President), Mitch Thompson (Vice President), David Guell (Secretary), Nick Haylund, Seth Engman, Jerry Smith, Abigail Jackson, Stephanie Schwinn, John Walker (Treasurer).

Not attending: Suzanne Perry.

Location: Zoom online meeting

The April 2023 minutes were approved unanimously.

John reported his belief that the discrepancy between our QuickBooks Online accounting and actual bank balance previously discussed is because one of the smaller CDs got closed out but didn't get deposited to our bank account. He reported that they need a previous signer on the account to interact with the bank. The credit card reader was successfully used to make a purchase for the first time. John and Nick agreed to go to Sunrise Bank in the next week or two to get more information about the circumstances surrounding cashing out that CD.

It was proposed not to meet in June and July and to devote most or all of the summer retreat to strategic planning and to prepare for the session either over email or in a meeting over Zoom.

Mitch discussed the new storage unit location he found close to the U. Mitch moved that we rent a 5x5 unit for a year for approximately \$420 per year, seconded by Jerry. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellie noted that the AHA annual conference went well, including the panel she was on. Nick also reported concerning what he learned from others he met at the conference.

Ellie reported that the membership committee work is ongoing.

Stephanie reported for the service committee that the yard cleanup day had to be moved due to weather.

David reported that after adding a (Google voice) phone number to the website and still not being able to get the disclaimer approved, the Facebook support person said they would contact a relevant approval committee to determine what the problem was. After about ten days, the support person asked if our problem had been resolved, with no report of having done anything. David reported that it hadn't. When David wasn't able to maintain 24 hour turnaround of emails whose only purpose seemed to be to re-ask questions that had already been answered and to continue the runaround, Facebook closed the support ticket. And because disclaimers cannot be created separate from a boosted ad for a future event and the event for this ad had occurred, there was nothing left to ask for support of. David expects to continue this work the next time we create an ad that is rejected. In addition, David and

Suzanne agreed that David would take over the day to day maintenance of social media feeds (Facebook) to publicize organization events.

Mitch reported concerning the May community gathering that Ellie and John should expect to give reports. Pizza will be ordered.

Ellie reported concerning the National Day of Reason event held on May 5 that attendance was 64 people and that 9 legislators spoke. Mitch noted his plans to create a few short videos or “commercials” cut from the available raw video.

Ellie reported that we will have a table at Pride, June 23-25.

Adjourned 7:04pm.