

HumanistsMN Board of Directors

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

6-8 PM

Location: online

Present: Stephanie Schwinn (secretary), Mitch Thompson (vice president), Suzanne Perry, Jerry Smith, Abigail Jackson, John Walker (treasurer), Ellie Haylund (President), Nick Haylund, Audrey Kingstrom

Absent: Seth

Call to order: Mitch

Motion to approve secretary's report from December:

Moved: Jerry.

Seconded: Suzanne

Motion carried

Treasurers report (John): Money down due to car reimbursement for Christine, furnishings for Ukrainian refugees, regular expenses. Loss on the Solstice celebration, not large, not a surprise. Review of P&L statement. We're ahead for net profit this year by about \$3500.

Moved: Audrey. Seconded: Suzanne

Motion carried

New business:

Humanists in Action: increase in budget due to increase costs of materials for various projects. Jerry moved approve increase of \$1800 for HIA for use of blankets and hygiene kits. Seconded: Audrey. Motion carried.

God and Country:

Stephanie has been in contact with Andrew Carlin at Oscilloscope, the distribution company, and is working to find an appropriate venue.

ACTION: Stephanie will find out costs and report back to the board.

January Community gathering (Suzanne): We will rent the lower hall for reception (\$360), catering (Ellie), small program to introduce important people, informational tables about opportunities in HMN. Dave G. will assist with book selling. Other members will assist as needed as well. Book prices: \$15 member. \$20 non-members

ACTION: Ellie is researching catering options

ACTION: various members will assist with tabling, welcoming etc

ACTION: Dave Guell will manage book selling

Nominating committee for May elections. There is one open position.

Old business:

Create job description for staff and create an operating manual for organization. The priority being creating a job description. Create operational manual over time.

ACTION: Jerry will start creating a job description

Yard sign/Merch(Ellie): gotten recommendations for vendors.

Committee reports:

Finance: (Jerry) Request information from committees for operating costs for upcoming year to share with members at the May meeting.

Marketing (Suzanne/Ellie): Advertise in specialty publications (Sahan Journal) this year, no billboards this year.

Membership (Audrey): New member orientation has been successful and will continue to be held prior to our Community Gatherings.

HIA: (Mitch/John): Ukrainian family is settled but there is still money available in the fund We will keep those funds in case they need something more. If the committee disbands before a decision will need to be made about remaining funds.

Media (Mitch): Andre has responded but we may be finding someone new for website. Suzanne reports that John Drews (member) may be able to be a back up to manage the website and Membership Works. Suzanne has connected him to Andre.

DEI (Audrey): An advisory group is being formed.

Programming (Audrey): just need one more speaker for April. See January Community Gathering above.

Legislative Action (Suzanne/Audrey): Attended online meeting with American Athiests who have drafted a bill called the Recovery Options Act to promote use of and access to secular recovery options. Rep. Mike Frieberg will be sponsoring the bill. HMN is looking to create a broad coalition to push the bill.

Social Investments: nothing new to report

Move to adjourn: Stephanie

Seconded: Audrey

Motion carried.

