

HumanistsMN Board Meeting  
Weds. March 13<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Location: In person at 34 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Minneapolis MN  
630-8:00 PM

1. Call to order (Mitch, vice president)
2. Roll Call (Mitch)
3. Present: Mitch Thompson (vice president), Stephanie Schwinn (secretary), John Walker (treasurer) Abigail Jackson, Audrey Kingstrom, Suzanne Perry, Jerry Smith, Nick Haylund
4. Absent: Ellie Haylund (president), Seth Engman
5. Approve agenda
6. Secretary's report (Stephanie)
  - a. Moved to approve (Audrey)
  - b. Seconded (Suzanne)
  - c. Motion carried
7. Treasurer's report (John)
  - a. John called IRS for an EIN number but they sent a letter with the incorrect name (Nick) so they are sending a new letter with the correct name (John). There is still \$6000 left for Ukraine refugees but that will toward a car so it will zero out.
  - b. Motion to approve (Nick)
  - c. Seconded (Abigail)
  - d. Motion carried
8. New Business
  - a. Khazi, secular scholarship recipient, going to Secular Student Association annual conference in Little Rock AK in June and asked if we'd like to send someone. If not we could still have a table or share a table with Houston Oasis (a humanist oriented organization) and HMN (represented by Khazi) would cost \$150. Benefit organizational networking (Suzanne)
    - i. Motion to pay for half table \$150 and \$100 for Kazi's fee
    - ii. Seconded by Jerry
    - iii. Motion carried
9. Old business
  - a. Elections
    - i. Need for a nominations committee.
      1. Members: Audrey, Mitch, and Christine or Nick.
    - ii. Current members and terms: Jerry, Suzanne and Nick in middle of 2 year term.
    - iii. The current status of the current board members is as follows: At large members who are in the middle of a two year term: Jerry Smith (board member since 2019); Suzanne Perry (board member since 2017); Nick Haylund (board member since 2017). Officers in the middle of a 2 year term: John Walker-Treasurer (board member since 2020, treasurer since 2021); Stephanie Schwinn -Secretary (board member since 2022, secretary since 2023). At large members up for re-election (up to 4 at-large seats are voted on in even years): Seth Engman (board member since 2018); Abigail Jackson (board member since 2022); Audrey Kingstrom (board member since 2023, filled vacancy for 1 year); one infilled seat. Officers up for possible re-

election: Ellie Haylund, president (board member since 2017, can only serve on more year); Mitch Thomspson, vice president (board member since 2019)

iv. March community meeting announcement of accepting nominations.

10. Presidents report (Ellie)

a. None due to absence

11. Committee reports

a. Finance Team

i. Budgeting update (Jerry)

1. Suggested changes to our accounting system for next fiscal year: have expense accounts for Humanists in Action (service, political action) instead of individual column/budget. Track expenses and revenues from special events (Solstice, Day of Reason) or designated donations (scholarship e.g) and book donations. Create expense account for sponsorships (Pride, VegFest e.g)

a. Move to change accounting practice (Jerry)

b. Seconded (Abigail)

c. Discussion: Allow us to better track how money is being spent. Changes can be accommodated in Quick Books.

d. Motion carried

2. Budget (Jerry)

a. Initial projections: adjust donations and dues, book donations estimated \$1000 annually, marketing spent none so far this year. Next years budget is yet to be determined because marketing committee is still exploring campaign

b. Loss of \$6000 for year, not a big difference from last year

c. Fiscal year 2024-2025 will need to be finalized in April.

ii. Staffing exploration

1. Start with fundraising campaign

a. Case statement in newsletter (Audrey/Mitch)

2. Funding

a. Establish separate account and pathway for donations

b. Marketing

c. Give to Max

d. Create a match using our reserve funds

i. Motion to move \$10000 from unrestricted net assets to restricted net asset for staffing (Jerry)

ii. Second (Abigail)

iii. No further discussion

iv. Motion carried

3. Present to members at annual meeting in May

b. Marketing team (Ellie/Suzanne)

i. Sahan Journal update

ii. Planning strategy to promote Day of Reason

c. Membership Committee

i. Nothing new to report

d. Humanists in Action (Stephanie)

i. Hygiene kit-limited number of participants

ii. Legislative update on Recovery options Act

- iii. Pride \*\*\*
- e. Media/tech
  - i. Website status update; landing page for Day of Reason is live
- f. DEI advisory board (Audrey)
  - i. Meeting next week
- g. Programming
  - i. Date for Summer picnic (July 21<sup>st</sup>)

## 12. Legislative Advocacy

- a. Update:
  - i. Recovery Options Act hearings were held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Passed out of committees.
  - ii. End of life Options Act still going through committees
- b. Day of Reason (Suzanne)
  - i. Met Sunday, working on marketing (creating video on importance of church-state separation). Reception the night before at Moscow on the Hill and charge a nominal amount.

## 13. Humanist social investments (Jerry)

- a. Nothing new to report

## 14. Adjourn

Google calendar subscription to manage events etc.