HumanistsMN Board of Directors Meeting
Date: Sept 10th 2025
Time: 615-730PM
Location: zoom

Present: Audrey Kingstrom, David Breeden, Mitch Thompson (vice president), John Walker (treasurer), Stephanie Schwinn (secretary), Dayna Wolhart, Abigail Jackson, Paul Rupp (president), David Guell
Absent: Sally Johnson, Corey Brodeur,

1. Call to order (Mitch)
2. Motion to approve agenda
    a. Audrey motioned to approve
    b. David B seconded the motion
    c. Approved
3. Review of secretary's minutes
    a. Audrey motioned for approval
       David B seconded
    b. Approved
4. Treasures report (John)
    a. Missing transactions of about $30 which John is trying to find. In the past this often is a result of a software error.
    b. June's reconciliation is done
    c. Quick books released Stripe integration which John is researching to see if it will be helpful
    d. Scholarships paid
    e. $1,000 sponsorship/donation to ACLU Evening of Dissent event will reserve 5 tickets for HMN
5. New business (Paul)
    a. Hamline professor has requested someone to come and speak on humanism; David B agreed to do this with Audrey as back up
    b. HMN Logo sent to ACLU for their Evening of Dissent event (Paul)
    c. Information about Navigators (alternative program for scouting) program promoted by AHA. Audrey would like to reach out to some families who've expressed interest in HMN. There would also be a opportunities for volunteers. Comes as a toolkit/curriculum which can be modified for individual organizations. ACTION: Audrey to reach out to interested families
6. Old business
    a. Discussion about Action Network, the AHA membership software offered through AHA but it is unclear if it will be helpful to HMN . HMN members Nathan Curland, who currently runs our membership software and Matt Brennecke are looking into this more.
        i. Mitch motioned that Matt B be given administrative privileges to Membership Works
        ii. Audrey seconded
            1. Dayna offered friendly amendment to ensure Matt gets proper training. Mitch accepted this amendment
        iii. Motion carried
        iv. ACTION: David Guell will grant Matt privileges and train him
    b. Discord promotion to members is in process
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    a. Cindy E (HMN member) informed Paul that she got a request from DFL chair for promotion on our MeetUp for door knocking event to inform people about tax exemptions for political donations. The board agreed his would not be appropriate. Discussion: may violate our 501c (3) status, organizers should be vetted and have activities vetted by members of program committee before posting.
    b. Paul, John and Zach Armstrong attended the OutFront Gala which was an opportunity for networking between HMN and OutFront.
8. Committee reports
    a. Marketing and communications (Audrey): review of committee members and roles of those members on the committee, TBD.
    b. Programming (Audrey): review of committee members, will be meeting soon. Mitch suggested creating documentation to help track programming events and planning through Basecamp. David B will assist. Sept 20th's programming will be a panel on how to help immigrants. Sally Johnson will moderate the panel. Audrey suggested we give the panelists honoraria. Audrey motioned for honoraria for panelists organizations for $150. David B seconded. Motion carried. October's programming TBD. Religious Freedom Day planning: Fish Stark current president of AHA has agreed to come, Rep. Mike Freiburg will be our recipient for the Religious Freedom award.
    c. Community Connections (Mitch): Sally Johnson will be leading this committee. They are recruiting new members for the committee, reviewing the charter and and its purpose etc.
    d. Humanists in Action (Stephanie): update on new committee members and projects.
    e. Tech (David G.): recruiting members and refining its approach
    f. DEI (Audrey): community affirmation needs to be added to the website. Developing trainings for leaders to be offered over the course of 2 sessions tentatively in Oct and November. Initially, by invitation to already existing leaders and facilitators. It will eventually be offered to other members.

    David B moved to adjourn
    Dayna seconded
    Motion carried