HumanistsMN Board Meeting Minutes

12/10/2025

Location: zoom

Time: 600-730PM

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

Absent: Dave Breeden, Corey Brodeur

1. Call to order (Paul)
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of secretary's meeting minutes
    a. Moved-Mitch
    b. Second-Sally
    c. Motion carried
4. Treasurers report (John)
    a. In the process of submitting annual reports and will be shared with the finance team when they are completed. Approval tabled until next month when reports are completed.
    b. Add EIN to the donate page on our website for planned giving purposes.
    c. Create paper receipts for donors who send paper checks that meet IRS standards for deductions. ACTION: John verify receipts process
    d. Create system to track large donations
5. New business
    a. Sponsorship request from for profit business for Religious Freedom Day. Discussion: Does this fit with the mission and ethics of HMN? What criteria would needed to be developed for HMN determine which businesses to partner with? Does this create liability for HMN? Discussion tabled for the future.
    b. Moderating of social media comments. Suzanne and Dave monitor Facebook but there is no moderator for MeetUp. Discussion to disable comments section on the main MeetUp page. ACTION: Audrey to ask Ellie (she has admin access to our MeetUp) if that is possible but a cursory search

indicates it cannot be disabled. Should we limit how much online discussion we promote or encourage? How do we leverage social media to drive in person attendance to events?

c. Opportunities to partner with other humanist organizations (Paul)

6. Committee reports
    a. Marketing- nothing new to report
    b. Programming- continued planning for HMN National Religious Freedom Day (see below for more details)
    c. Member connections- nothing new to report
    d. Humanists in Action- ongoing activities
    e. Tech- nothing new to report
    f. DEI advisory group
        i. Started training
    g. National Religious Freedom Day (Dayna)
        i. Review of agenda
        ii. Updated time (8AM-200PM)
        iii. Stephanie requested reimbursement for Religious Freedom Award- $126.87
            1. Motion-Audrey
            2. Second-Dayna
            3. Motion carried
        iv. Discussion of security (Mitch)
        v. $1000 from sponsorships so far
        vi. Catering (Dayna)
7. Motion to adjourn
    a. Motion-Audrey
    b. Second-Sally
    c. Motion carried.