

Humanists of Minnesota

Board of Directors Meeting

August 10, 2016

Present: Audrey K (President), Harlan G(Vice-President), Brad B(Treasurer), David G(Secretary), Christina R (at-large), Mahad M (at-large), Susan C (at-large), Mark C (at-large), Molly Wilbur-Cohen (member)

Not Present: Rohit, Dale

Treasurer's report: Brad noted that we are up \$1744 for the year.

Christina addressed the topic of board development by posing the question "What is the relationship between the board and the constituents of the organization". Answers such as "a welcoming committee", "a representative body", "agents making decisions on behalf of", and "holding other board members accountable" were discussed. Audrey noted the distinction between a governance board vs. a working board. There was a general consensus that the board wanted to move more toward strategic topics rather than operational tasks.

Audrey raised the question of what the organization wants to accomplish in chapter meetings. Susan suggested enabling individual members to discuss what humanism means to them and how they got interested in it. Another idea was to have individual members give shorter presentations in place of guest speakers. The broader purpose of these ideas for chapter meeting was to build a sense of community among members.

Humanists of Minnesota has been asked by FUS as a co-sponsor of the Humanist Conference on October 15, to cover expenses for one out-of-town guest, (Phil Zuckerman). Motion to cover expenses of \$727.18 for two nights' hotel and airfare and \$500 honorarium made by Audrey, seconded by Mahad. Susan moved to amend (seconded by Mark) the motion to offer an unrestricted amount of \$1000 to cover program expenses, and Humanists of Minnesota will offer home accommodations for Phil Zuckerman two nights. The motion as amended passed unanimously by voice vote.

Molly Wilbur-Cohen has set up an event at 4200 Cedar Bldg. on Tuesday Sept 27 for speaker Cathy Hollander on climate crisis and oil transport across Minnesota. Susan moved to pay \$100 honorarium and \$50 for the location, seconded by Mark. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The topic of Family and Friends Programming was discussed. A motion was made by Christina and seconded by Susan to approve \$200 to incubate ongoing programming to give time for more organization and planning of the initiative. Approved unanimously by voice vote

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.