

Minutes of February 11, 2016
Humanists of Minnesota

Attended by:

Officers: Audrey Kingstrom (Pres.), Sarah McPherson (Vice Pres.) Brad Bolin (Treasurer) Juliet Branca (Secretary),

At-Large Board of Directors: Mark Thoson, Mark Coffey, Suellen Carroll, Rohit Rovidran (phone in), David Guell. Absent: Dale Handeen

Housekeeping: Agenda and minutes approved. Treasurer reported that a donation of \$1400 got us in the black for budget year 2015.

Budget for 2016: the finance team made only a few minor changes to budget structure, more to come when Finance Committee is established. A decision will be made next month whether HoMN continues to pay \$1,300 for ads on Atheist radio program. The board will create a policy that establishes our fiscal year as June 1-May 31st starting in 2017.

Bylaws Taskforce update: major changes by committee as follows: Membership meetings will be separate from chapter meetings. 2) budget will be presented to members at May annual meeting. 3) elections switched to May annual meeting. 4) changes in quorum requirement. 5) Require board to have minimum 5 at large members at all times. 6) establishment of three standing committees (Finance, Nominating, Program).

The existing bylaws require that any changes must be published in the newsletter prior to a membership vote. We will publish in newsletter with a link to revised bylaws (given that it is a 16 page document) and available in print upon request.

A special board meeting of the board will be held February 29th for acceptance of bylaw revisions.

Speakers: February, March, and April are all set. Ideas for agenda for May annual meeting to be decided on at next two board meetings.

Nominations Committee and elections process: the Nominating Committee: Suellen Carroll, Rohit Rovidran, Dave Guell (chair), and Greg Hart, will be voted on by members at the February chapter meeting.

Promotional materials: the board thought it a good idea to start small with bookmarks designed by a member of the organization and go on from there.

Google Drive: Mark Thoson offered to craft a policy for the use of Google Drive by the board.

Day of Reason: Audrey downloaded government form for proclaiming and instituting Day of Reason by the state of Minnesota to counter the national Day of Prayer. Board enthusiastically supported Audrey.

New online Newsletter format: our newsletter needs to be reformatted and hope to engage member Suzanne Perry, who has helped Nate do editing and writing for the newsletter.

Adjourned: 9:05 Next board meeting at Suellen's on March 10