

Humanists of Minnesota
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

Attendees:

Officers: Audrey Kingstrom (President), Harlan Garbell (Vice President), David Guell (Secretary), Rohit Ravindran, Mahad Muhammed

Not Present: Brad Bolin (Treasurer), Dale Handeen, Christina Royal, Mark Coffey

Minutes: The December meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Media/Tech: Rohit reported on work done with Seth Engman to make the newsletter distributable as the body of an email message (formatted in HTML). Rohit also reported on his findings concerning making the newsletter more trackable, more dynamic and doing it in WordPress rather than Joomla. Seth is creating an HTML template mockup for what it would look like. Rohit also reported some findings concerning using SquareSpace for developing and hosting the website.

David reported findings concerning the MembershipWorks CRM system. In his email thread with the CEO of MembershipWork concerning business continuity, the CEO agreed that they understand and acknowledge the need for them to notify customers to extract their data from the system in the event of an impending insolvency. [Note: this is just a contingency not an impending event, since, according to the company, they are currently solvent and profitable.] David reported having surveyed the available MembershipWorks help and training and that the system appears to have all the desired functionality. However, in order to demonstrate and confirm that, it is necessary to host a demo instance of a test website in which to test an implementation of it.

Membership Committee: Harlan led an extensive discussion on ways for the organization to be more engaged in issues, for example engaging with PALLS (Politically Aware Left Leaners Socializing). The January 29 Meetup on Issue Action was also discussed as a springboard to establishing priorities for the organization.

Leadership Training: Audrey moved to pay \$320 for two people to attend the Nonprofit Communications and Technology Conference on February 21. The motion passed 5-0.

Summer Picnic: Audrey moved to hold the Summer picnic at Columbia Park. The motion passed 5-0.

Chris Stedman: Audrey moved that Humanists of Minnesota support Chris Stedman's exploratory efforts for secular collaboration and Humanist Center in Minneapolis. The motion implies no financial commitment at this time. The motion passed 5-0. Audrey also moved to submit an AHA grant proposal to contribute financially to a position for Chris as local humanist leader by Jan 31. The motion passed 4-1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.