

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

Solara Apartments (12736 Lake City Way NE, Seattle, WA 98125)

June 15, 2011 at 6:30pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Members at Large – John Keiser, Yuichi Shoda

Others in attendance:

Gayatri Salunke, Brent, Matthew

Action Items:

- * Chuck will make final changes to bylaws.
- * Chuck will secure the domains www.cqnw.org and www.campquestwashington.org.
- * Chuck will get the CQ brochures to Jami before the Fremont fair starts.
- * Jerry will give Brent's contact information to John and Jami.
- * Jerry: Start keeping track of expenditures, including SA's donations.
- * Jerry will create a Meetup for CQNW.
- * Jami will add Brent to Seattle Atheists' volunteer list.
- * John and Brennon will work on freethought activities for the August picnic.
- * John will work on getting the Google site set up, along with a mailing list. Will come up with temporary solutions until everything's in place.
- * Jami will work on several alterations of the Pacific American atom logo design and send them to the board. Will also finish the brochure inserts, small banner, and sign-up sheets for the Seattle Atheists Fremont booth and Pride table.
- * Mary will look into procedures for getting background checks on charter members.
- * Everyone: Be looking for suitable venues for the August potluck. Send possible locations to the board so we can reserve something asap.

Meeting Minutes:

Several new people attended the meeting. Introductions were made while Chuck was getting dinner.

Start time: 7:15 pm

The Bylaws:

- * We cleared up confusion about the different types of meetings (regular, special).
- * Yuichi talked about conflict of interest (Article VI, Section 8) and how that's been handled in other groups. After discussion, it was decided that the person with a potential conflict of interest should leave the room so others can discuss the issue. This suggestion should be codified in the bylaws.
- * Chuck went over the changes he made, including background checks (Article V, Section 2).
- * Article IV, Section 10 – Indemnification. Brent clarified what the section is about and made some suggestions. Chuck raised concerns about inflexibility of the language. Discussion of possible scenarios. In settlement cases where we don't want to pay, we don't want to have our hands tied. Should be up to the board's discretion to determine what's reasonable.
- * Important legal aside: If you sign a contract, make sure to disclose the agency.
- * It was mentioned that there will need to be training about the issue of being alone with one other person. Keep the Rule of Three in mind: always have at least three people present at all times to avoid situations where we only have one person's word against another.

Other business:

- * Add Brent to Seattle Atheists' volunteer list. He expressed interest in volunteering in the booth and parades.
- * Chuck relayed his discussion with Chris Lindstrom. She voiced that CQNW conflicts with her vision about a flagship West Coast CQ. Chuck pointed out that CQ, in general, has a fantastic culture of sharing. Ultimately, she found it disappointing, but would harbor no hard feelings. The board understood her concerns, but was still in agreement about organizing a Northwest chapter. We've got an independent and motivated group in the Pacific Northwest, and it would be more logical to form our own chapter. There's value to communicate with CQW and have a good relationship with them, but we need to be our own entity. The board plans to invite Chris and her volunteers to future meetings through Skype.

Advertising and Organizing:

- * Chuck has secured the domain name: www.campquestnorthwest.org

Brennon suggested www.cqnw.org for email addresses.
We also want www.campquestwashington.org.

* John to take care of Google sites, mailing list. Will come up with temporary solutions until everything is ready.
Mostly have to wait until we're incorporated.

* Jerry relayed that the Seattle Atheists Meetup was just transferred from Case to the Seattle Atheists org, meaning that SA has two more Meetups at their disposal. It was agreed that Camp Quest, for the time being, can use one of the extra groups.

* Word of caution from CQ Inc.: Meetup.com is touchy about groups that have anything to do with kids. They strongly advise that we make sure our Meetup specifies that it's run for adults and by adults. This is already our intent, as the Meetup will exist for organizing events.

* Logo: Jami brought several rough drafts to the meeting, some that strictly adhere to the suggested guidelines (Chili Pepper font, CQ infinite symbol), and some that don't. The members decided that the atom design (drawn in Pacific Native American style) fits CQNW well. Jami will polish the design and get it ready for use.

* As soon as possible, we'll put the logo on a 2' by 2' vinyl banner, cost about \$60. Deadline for final draft: A week before July 4, to ensure enough time for printing. Print out a temporary sign on paper (8.5" by 11") for the upcoming fairs.

* Seattle Atheists has agreed to donate \$200 to get the ball rolling.

* Jerry: Start keeping track of expenditures, including SA's donations.

* For the Fremont booth and Pride table, it was decided that we should have an email sign-up sheet. This is the best way to get people involved, rather than sending them to a website for more information. We'll need sign-up sheets for volunteers and for families.

* 4th of July Picnic: Dedicated welcome table for CQNW. We can borrow a canopy from Seattle Atheists.

* We plan to have a final approval of the bylaws by June 29th. Then we can submit application to CQ Inc.

* Potluck Picnic: Saturday, August 20, noon-6pm. Program to begin at 2pm.
Find activities from Minnesota's packet. We'll need different activities for different age groups. Brennon and John will work on this. The potluck will be a test for us – can we put on a fun event? Goal: to build enthusiasm, try to reach critical mass.

* Location? Outdoors, involving movement. Should be a suitable place for freethought activities. Several people will look into locations and get back to the board immediately. Try to get a covered space if possible, with at least one grill. There also must be enough parking.

* For all of our events: Make sure someone is taking pictures.

* Background checks – needs to happen asap. Mary?

Next meeting:

June 29, 6:30pm, at the Keisers' house (755 SE 10th St., North Bend, WA 98045).

We want all charter members present to sign the bylaws.

End time: 9:54pm