

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

Gayatri's house (15812 NE 90th Way, Redmond, WA 98052)

August 10, 2011 at 7:00pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large – John Keiser, Yuichi Shoda, Shirley Portegys

Other members in attendance:

Baba Kofi Weusijana, Matt Bristol, Gayatri Salunke, Brian Jackson, Sam Jackson, Jennifer Jackson

Action Items:

- * Chuck: Continue blogging about CQ Ohio experience. Include pictures, perhaps?
- * Chuck: Contact Mikki Naught-Gremp about camp nurses to keep her in the loop.
- * Chuck: Code-breaking details.
- * Chuck: Get information about Socrates Café from Amanda.
- * Chuck: Pick up t-shirts from Jason once they're ready.
- * Chuck: Work on presentation and ice-breaker activities for August 20 Picnic.
- * Chuck and John: Work on Press Release for fundraising. Make sure Sam Mulvey gets it.
- * John or Chuck: Contact Liz Frost about paying for t-shirts.
- * John: Contact Dale McGowen about CQNW.
- * Jami: Send Shirley brochure inserts.
- * Jami: Contact Eliza again about camp nurses.
- * Jami: Write up a shopping list for picnic supplies.
- * Jami: Add to the Meetup: Bring lawn chairs, serving spoons for side dishes.
- * Jami: Work on information sheets, new brochure inserts.

- * Jami: Gather up supplies (including what we're borrowing from SA) for registration table.
- * Brennon: Contact Camp Kirby and set up tour date on August 18.
- * Brennon: Talk to Costco about payment options and get an idea of how much food will cost.
- * Brennon: Purchase supplies for the 20th.
- * Brennon: Finalize details for older kids' activities. Solicit volunteers.
- * Mary: Finalize details for younger kids' activities. Solicit volunteers.
- * Mary: Get a hold of North Bend gymnasium. Reserve and get details by next meeting so we can put information on flyers/brochure inserts for August 20 Picnic.
- * Jerry: Ask about borrowing projector and other necessary technology for August 20.
- * Matt: Purchase 100 lbs of cornstarch for Oobleck experiment.
- * Matt: Forward/research information about other campsites.
- * Shirley: Send a profile picture to Jami to be added to the board webpage.
- * Shirley: Write a fundraising letter and send it to Gayatri and the board.
- * Shirley: Contact the Dawkins Foundation about fundraising and auctioning items.
- * Gayatri: Look into fundraising options: Planned Parenthood Chocolateers and Bollywood music events.
- * Brian, Jennifer, and Kofi: Stay in touch with Brennon to help with older kids' activities.
- * Brennon, Jami, Chuck (and anyone else who's available): Tour Camp Kirby on August 18.

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:05 p.m.

- * Previous meeting minutes were adopted.

Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- * Chuck: On the email list, change "organizing committee" to "volunteer" **[Done]**
- * Chuck: Submit paperwork for background check. **[Ongoing]**
- * Chuck: Call Amanda about incorporation date and registering the name so we can do background checks, book camps, and other business. **[Done. Sept. 6 is the CQ Inc. board meeting]**

- * Chuck: Make sure volunteer list is up to date. **[Done. However, Google Groups has changed its settings so we can no longer add members directly. We can only send them invites. This means that we have a lot of people who gave us permission to be put on the email lists, but haven't accepted the invite. Might need to migrate to our server. Net river.]**
- * Chuck: Work on Socrates Café. **[Done]**
- * Chuck: Type up notes from CQ Ohio experience and send them to the list. Also, start once-a-week blog entries. **[Ongoing]**
- * Chuck: Contact Mikki Naught-Gremp about researching camp nurses and being our nurse next year. **[Ongoing. Not top priority, but will contact her to stay in touch. Jami to contact Eliza]**
- * Chuck: Investigate why CQNW email addresses aren't working. **[Brennon solved the problem. If you're using Gmail, you need to set up your "send as" information. Brennon will email instructions]**
- * Chuck: Contact parenting groups. **[Ongoing. Need to coordinate]**
- * Chuck: Confirm photographer contact. **[Done. Confirmed for picnic]**
- * Chuck: Work on monologue about CQ Ohio for August event. **[Ongoing]**
- * Jerry and John: Talk to Ranjan about Microsoft lists. Advertise August picnic and encourage donations. **[Ongoing. Can't officially donate to us until we're registered]**
- * John: Contact Dale McGowen about CQNW. **[Ongoing]**
- * John: Prepare to talk about CQNW at the Greta Christina event. **[Done]**
- * Jami: Finish 8.5" x 11" flyer. **[Done, will update for August 20th]**
- * Jami: Prepare logo for a dark t-shirt and send image to John and Jason. **[Done. T-shirts should be ready by next Monday. Chuck can pick up the t-shirts. Jami to send info]**
- * Jami: Send message to Seattle Atheists/Agnostics Meetup about August 20. **[Done, will send another message before the event]**
- * Brennon: Contact volunteer list for activity helpers. **[Done, no response yet]**
- * Brennon: Email Sam, cc Becky about Ask an Atheist. **[Done, haven't responded yet. An ad will cost about \$240 for 13 weeks, plus production costs. We'll set up an advertising plan at future meeting]**
- * Chuck, Brennon, and John: Stay in contact with Ask an Atheist for the show.
- * Mary: Schedule North Bend gymnasium rental for November 19 event. November 5 is a backup. **[Ongoing, waiting to hear back]**
- * Mary: Contact South Sound Atheist Parenting Meetup. **[Ongoing]**
- * Yuichi: Contact Parent Map. **[Done. Waiting to hear back]**
- * Everyone: Blog content. **[Ongoing. Great job, Brennon and Chuck]**

Financial Report:

- * Net income: \$2,326.80
- * Chuck and Jerry will be the signers at the bank.
- * Will probably use BECU. Good credit union, no fees.
- * When purchasing anything related to CQNW: Liz Frost (treasurer of Seattle Atheists) will reimburse, and if possible, have her pay directly. For example, she should write a check for campsite reservation, t-shirts.

Board nominations:

- * Shirley Portegys was nominated several weeks ago for Member at Large.
- * Vote: accepted unanimously.

Campsites:

- * Brennon gave an overview of the three camps (Kirby, Waskowitz, and Niwana) for the new people. (Descriptions can be found in previous minutes.)
- * Camp Kirby: Tours are available August 16, 17, and 18. We will try for a tour on August 18 and move the board meeting to that day. Located in Bellingham, so we should carpool. Brennon, Chuck, and Jami are available.
- * Informal poll of parents present: Would it be okay to have a camp during the first week of July? Discussed pros and cons, but general consensus is that it's okay. Hopefully Kirby will provide everything we need.
- * Idea for mini "Taste of Camp Quest" events: We can offer this as child care during atheist/humanist/skeptic events. Would especially be nice during a conference. This would be a perfect opportunity for us, since we'll already have had background checks and have a repertoire of activities for different age groups. Great way to get the word out about CQNW and create alliances with other groups.

August 20th Picnic:

- * Agenda:
 - * noon - 2:00pm - Registration, food, mingling.
 - * 2:00pm - 2:15pm - Presentation
 - * 2:15pm - 3:00pm - Icebreaker Activities
 - * 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Main events
- * General idea for each activity: Someone gives a brief explanation of the science behind the experiment, safety concerns if it's something dangerous (like the dry ice), and then we jump into the activity.
- * Brennon: Working on activities for older kids.
 - * Cokes and Mentos
 - * Baggie ice cream
 - * Oobleck Non-Newtonian fluid. Cornstarch and water. Punch it, it's solid. Pour it, it's liquid. We'll need 100 lbs of cornstarch and a container (like a kids' pool) that allows people to walk across it. Tarps to spread on the ground.
 - * Code-breaking. This will also be a social activity. Give kids a code and have them break it, then allow them to write a better code and trade it amongst themselves. Chuck to work on this.
 - * Dry Ice – Ice cream.
 - * Socrates Café. Chuck to get info from Amanda.
- * Mary: Younger kids (ages 0 - 7).
 - * Baggie ice cream

- * Make your own play dough.
- * Spend time at the playground.
- * Mary needs other helpers, probably parents.
- * Adults Activities
 - * Sit and mingle. Chuck to initiate conversations and lead a discussion.
 - * Talk about what it's like to raise a secular child. We can make use of multimedia – Video and pictures. Borrow materials from Seattle Atheists.
 - * Chuck: Parent presentation.
 - * Have ongoing pictures in the background.
- * Need program matrix: Plan for the entire day plus backup activities.
- * Still need to work out: supply lists, disposal, logistics.
- * Need volunteers:
 - * Brennon to do 8-12 activities.
 - * Brian, Jennifer, and Kofi to help with older kids.
 - * John to do 13-17
- * Approximate total cost of supplies: \$200. Costco trip. Jami will make a shopping list and send to the board before next meeting.
- * Matt offered to pick up the cornstarch.
- * Jami: Add to the Meetup: Bring lawn chairs, serving spoons for side dishes.
- * Greeters: Nametags, mailing list, brochures, information sheet (with next meeting) at the registration table. Avoid pods of clustering people. Questionnaire.
- * Jami and Matt can do this.
- * Time for volunteers to arrive: 10:00am
- * We should have a sign for the road.

Fundraising Plan:

- * Charity Auction. Chuck has solicited for prizes before. Have people donate prizes. Could have a parents' night, bring in a comedian.
- * Trivia night. A lot of bars do this for causes.
- * Dawkins Foundation. This is often done for schools, and they will ship items to you to auction. Only charge you 50%. Shirley has contact.
- * Speaker event plus auction: Easier to run. Low-key silent auction.
- * Jennifer explained that auctions are very involved to run. Logistical nightmare.

- * Gala event. Have a nice dinner, charge \$100 a plate.
- * Gayatri: We don't want to be restrictive to just atheist/humanist/skeptic groups. Try to reach a wider audience. Attract donors who like critical thinking, benefiting the education of kids.
- * Perhaps fly someone in for a speaking event. Depends on who the speaker is. They could talk about science or skeptical topic. Dawkins is going on a book tour in the near future, is publishing a relevant book. We might be able to set up a booth.
- * Book signings in general.
- * Bollywood music events. Money goes to a charity. Reach a much bigger audience. Only concern: Make sure it's in line with our mission.
- * Chocolateers. We can do something like this through Planned Parenthood. Gayatri will give them a call. Other summer camps sell candy to raise money.
- * Go ask companies if they're willing to support us.
- * Media coverage: Send out another press release. Chuck and John will work on this. Make sure Sam Mulvey gets it.
- * Chuck proposes activity to think about for future: Take apart appliances and see how they work. Next day you have to take the components and build something from them. Keep this in mind, start collecting appliances.

Next Meeting:

Shirley's house (26610 NE Miller St., Duvall, WA 98019)
Thursday, August 18, 7pm sharp

End time: 9:25pm