

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

**Keisers' home (755 SE 10th St., North Bend, WA 98155)
January 25, 2012 at 7:00pm**

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large – Jennifer Jackson, Brian Jackson, John Keiser, Mary Keiser

Action Items:

- * Chuck: Finish half-hour presentation about CQNW. Deadline: January 31.
- * Chuck: Start doing background checks.
- * Chuck: Create a job description document.
- * Chuck: Give Jennifer access to the Wordpress site.
- * Chuck: Finish letter of thanks to Humanists of North Puget Sound.
- * Chuck: Prepare an announcement to give at the beginning of the Darwin Day event.
- * Chuck: Agenda item: a proposal for retreat plan.
- * Brennon: Look into amending the Bylaws about dissolution of group.
- * Brennon: Contact AAI about the conference and tell them we're interested. Ask if we can promote CQNW.
- * Brennon: Contact band camp parent about schedule conflict.
- * Brian, John, and Chuck: Press release about Humanists of North Puget Sound donation.
- * John: Update website donation widget.
- * John: Get Google Apps set up.
- * Jennifer: Contact Amanda to get information about training staff members.
- * Jennifer: One-hour training module for staff members. No rush.
- * Jennifer: Add information to website about what Camp Quest is, and what they can expect.

- * Jami: Work on a flyer and other promotional materials.
- * Jami: Work on additional website banners.
- * Jami: Bring CQNW banner to Darwin Day.
- * Jami: Create Meetup for retreat once Brennon confirms it with Kirby.
- * Jerry: Bring CQNW t-shirts to Darwin Day.
- * Jerry: Ask NWFC if we can have a table at the conference and pitch CQNW.
- * Jerry: Ask volunteers if anyone wants to go to Camp Fair.
- * Jerry: Ask Seattle Atheists if they are willing to reschedule the April board meeting to accommodate the CQNW retreat.
- * Mary: Contact Parent Map about getting in the magazine. Also inquire about advertising options.
- * Everyone: Update inventory sheet with supplies you have (t-shirts, food supplies, activity supplies, etc.).

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:30 p.m.

- * Previous meeting minutes were adopted.

Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- * Chuck: Send out follow-up email about finding a registrar. **[Done.]**
- * Chuck: Email Jami with information about registration dates and early bird dates (for website banner). **[Done.]**
- * Chuck, Jerry, and John: Keep working on registration IT. **[Done. 5 campers so far.]**
- * Chuck: Finish half-hour presentation about CQNW. Deadline: January 31. **[Pngoing]**
- * Chuck and Sam: Work on website changes. **[Ongoing. Modifying the current theme for now.]**
- * Chuck: Start doing background checks. **[Later.]**
- * Chuck: Set up teleconference to elect Brian to the board – two weeks from now. **[Done through email.]**
- * Chuck: Create a job description document. **[Ongoing]**
- * John and Chuck: Coordinate with Robert from Humanists of North Puget Sound about photo shoot and ceremonial procedures. **[Done. Unfortunately the photo shoot conflicts with the Seattle Atheists board meeting.]**

- * John and Chuck: Press release about Humanists of North Puget Sound donation. [**Ongoing. Brian to help.**]
- * Brennon: Look into amending the Bylaws about dissolution of group. [**Ongoing**]
- * Brennon: Send email to Amanda with all camper information. [**Done**]
- * John: Give Eliza access to the Wufoo account (medical) and show her how it works. [**Done**]
- * Jennifer: Once Sam is finished with the website, send Jami the dimensions needed for the banner. [**We just went with the current theme.**]
- * Jennifer: Let the board know when Module 2 is ready to go. [**Ongoing**]
- * Jennifer: One-hour training module for staff members. No rush. [**Ongoing. The information is ready, don't need it until June. Check with Amanda to get whatever training materials they have.**]
- * Jami: Work on a flyer and other promotional materials. [**Ongoing**]
- * Jami: Talk to SA about sharing a storage unit. [**Done. Depending on prices, this is an option we'll keep open for the future, but for right now, SA has found a temporary solution.**]
- * Jami: Work on new website banner. [**Done, but she wants to make several.**]
- * Jami and Jerry: Add white canopy to next SA meeting agenda. [**Done. SA will sell it to us for \$50.**]
- * Everyone: Work on Jennifer's training modules. [**Ongoing**]
- * Everyone: Update inventory sheet with supplies you have (t-shirts, food supplies, activity supplies, etc.). [**Ongoing**]
- * Everyone: Write a personal letter of thanks to Humanists of North Puget Sound for their generous donation. [**Chuck is writing it.**]

Financial Report:

- * Jerry is having technical difficulties. Will have a report once his machines are repaired.
- * We're square with Seattle Atheists.
- * Balance is about \$15,000.

Board Nomination

- * At the last meeting, Chuck nominated Brian Jackson to the vacant member-at-large position. We elected him unanimously through an email vote.

Atheist Alliance International participation

- * Imagine No Religion II campaign. AAI is already doing free daycare for young kids, and they've asked us if we'd like to do a mini CQNW for kids, ages 6 – 17. They might be willing to cover our expenses.
- * Convention runs from May 18 – 20. (The date conflicts with U-District Street Fair, which means Seattle Atheists folks may not be able to participate.)
- * Location: Kamloops, Canada, which is about 6 hours north.
- * Consensus: We've interested. Let's try to find a volunteer to come with us.

- * Background checks need to be done before this event.
- * Passports are required.
- * They have a pool. Would be ideal to find a volunteer with lifeguard training.
- * Brennon will see if we can give them a pitch for CQNW.

Darwin Day

- * CQNW can run the kids' room, provided we have enough volunteers.
- * Mary has activity supplies and curriculum, if we want to use this. Everything is very organized, complete with instructions.
- * Greg King has Mary's bags of supplies. Needs to be transferred to CQNW.
- * Jennifer is interested, but she needs assistants. Kofi and Greg have volunteered to help.
- * Chuck will post to the volunteer list and ask for help.
- * Jami: Bring CQNW banner.
- * Chuck: Prepare an announcement to give at the beginning of the event.
- * Jerry: Bring CQNW t-shirts.
- * We want to have a table with information. Have the ability to register campers on site.
- * We need to update Meetup to reflect our participation.

Donation Widget

- * Explain what the donations are being used for (supplies, camperships, etc.). Don't have a specific campaign at the moment. John will do this.

Ask an Atheist advertising

- * Chuck gave the go-ahead to Becky. Running our old ads for now.
- * We need new ads with specific information about the camp, the early-bird discount.
- * They should contact Jerry to square away payment.

Northwest Freethought Conference

- * We should have a presence there. Don't have bandwidth for activities and childcare, but we can have a table. Who wants to run this?

* Jerry: Ask NWFC if we can have a table at the conference and also give a little talk about CQNW.

Camp Fair

* Expensive. \$350 for a booth.

* Parent Map has an entire issue full of camps. Mary will contact them for more information. If nothing else, we might be able to pay for advertising.

* Jerry: Ask volunteers if anyone wants to go to Camp Fair. Get information.

Registration Update

* Current campers: 3 board members' kids, 2 non-board kids.

2013 Camp Location Update

* Brennon and Chuck have been researching this. Locations are filling up fast.

* Camp Kirby: The dates should be available, but we can't book anything yet. Still need to do a mid-week to mid-week reservation.

* Niwana is still available. The campsite needs a lot of work, but this is something we can help with. It's a future plan, later than 2013. But it may be our best choice for a long-term solution.

* Waskowitz: Available during July 4th week, or the very end of August. At every event, keep asking if parents would be okay with a camp that conflicts with July 4.

* Brennon: Contact band camp parent about schedule conflict.

Camp Planning Retreat Discussion

* Need lots of input from lots of different people.

* Come up with a matrix to fill.

Retreat to Camp Kirby

* April 14 – 15. Conflicts with Seattle Atheists board meeting. Jerry will ask the board if we can reschedule it.

* Chuck: Agenda item: a proposal for retreat plan.

* Accommodations for the retreat: Bring your own bedding. We cook our own food.

* Jami: Create Meetup for the retreat once Brennon confirms it with Kirby.

* John: Get Google Apps set up.

* Leaders Retreat in Ohio: March 3 – 4. Who will go to this? Jennifer will get back to Brennon asap.

* Becky Friedman says she's interested in being involved. She asks for a meeting place in South King County for the next board meeting. Mary: Round Table has a big room.

Next Meeting:

Round Table Pizza (15730 1st Ave S, Burien, WA)

Wednesday, February 22, 7pm sharp

End time: 9:34pm