

## **Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes**

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

**Monday, September 17, 6:30pm sharp**

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large – John Keiser, Mary Keiser, Yuichi Shoda

Others in attendance: Lou Amadio, Becky Friedman, Sam Mulvey, Brian Demong

### **Action Items:**

- \* Chuck: Finish half-hour presentation about CQNW.
- \* Chuck: Email PO Box and storage unit information to the board list.
- \* Brennon: Book Camp Kirby planning retreat: March 22-24.
- \* Brennon: Find and book location for staff/board retreat: October 28.
- \* John: Write a blog post about the ABC Nightline segment.
- \* John: Continue working on new Billy ads for Ask an Atheist.
- \* Jami: Update board webpage.
- \* Jami: Create Meetup for October retreat.
- \* Lou: Follow up with Microsoft about giving campaign contributions going to CQNW.
- \* Lou: Collect staff survey information, feedback, and notes about summer camp for debriefing.
- \* Lou/John/Jami: Continue working on Google Adwords.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

**Start time:** 6:30 p.m.

- \* Previous meeting minutes were adopted.

### **Review of Action Items from Previous Meetings:**

- \* Chuck: Finish half-hour presentation about CQNW. [**Ongoing.**]
- \* Chuck: Work on the camp budget. [**Chuck has made some rough calculations.**]

- \* Chuck: Look into setting up a PO Box. **[Done.]**
- \* Chuck: Continue looking into PA system. **[Done.]**
- \* Jerry: Report on charitable contributions to campership fund after January 1. **[Later.]**
- \* Lou: Assist John with Google Adwords. Make at least one ad about donating to CQNW. **[Will work on this now. John reminds us that we need to sign in and use AdWords to keep the account.]**
- \* John: Work on new Billy ads for Ask an Atheist. **[Kyle and John are working on this.]**

### **Financial Report:**

- \* Contributions: \$33,368.95
- \* Expenses so far: \$18,820.20
- \* Balance: \$14,548.75
- \* Chuck moved that we make Brennon Church a signer on the BECU bank account. A vote was held and he was approved unanimously.
- \* \$200 in Microsoft matching from one gentleman.
- \* Brian Jackson contributed \$600.
- \* Lou reports that Camp Quest NorthWest is an official endpoint in the giving campaign.
- \* Chuck ran the calculations of what it cost to run camp: about a \$4,000 deficit. Priced ourselves perfectly at \$500. Need to raise about \$5,000 to break even with camp next year, based on our expenses this year (includes money for camperships). We want to raise more, but \$5,000 is our goal. Key emphasis on camperships.

### **Member at Large Election: Lou Amadio**

- \* Lou was nominated to the board in place of Brian Jackson.
- \* The board voted, and Lou was elected unanimously.

### **Reunion, Taste of Camp Quest:**

- \* Another opportunity to boost interest and keep in contact with current volunteers. Get counselors, parents, and kids excited.
- \* Date: Try for some time in February, midway between camps. Target February 24.
- \* Jami points out that February is the month of Seattle Atheists' Darwin Day (Feb. 12) celebration. We could combine the events, or bring a piece of Camp Quest to SA's Darwin Day, in addition to Taste of CQNW. Just something to keep in mind. After some discussion, we decided that we want to focus completely on our own event, and that way two kid-friendly freethought events will be available instead of one.

- \* Find a location asap, try for Seattle. Mary suggests the 2100 Building (can't book earlier than 3 months in advance).
- \* Becky: Coordinate overall activities.
- \* Mary: Will handle little kids.
- \* Lou: Will lead activities for the older kids.
- \* We'll discuss more at the October board meeting.

### **Review of Summer Camp:**

- \* With very few exceptions, kids, parents, and staff were incredibly happy with the inaugural week of camp. Kids had a blast, and the staff and counselors worked very well together.
- \* Sam played his episode about CQNW. The material is so great that it sounds like a documentary. Sam mostly just let the narrative of the camp tell itself, with very little voice over.
- \* We need to have all of our planning done earlier in the year. Staffing ideally finished by the end of April.
- \* Chuck concedes that we need a songbook for camp.
- \* Suggestion: Have a board/staff retreat to energize everybody and brainstorm. Detailed recap of camp while memories are fresh. We need a detailed review of all the data.
- \* Board and Staff Debriefing Retreat: Sunday, October 28. Brennon will look into a location.
- \* Staff Planning Retreat: March 22-24. Camp Kirby.

**End time:** 9:00pm