

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

**Round Table Pizza (15730 1st Ave S, Burien, WA)
Thursday, November 29, 6:30pm sharp**

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large – Yuichi Shoda, Lou Amadio

Others in attendance: Becky Friedman, Brian Demong

Action Items:

- * Chuck: Finish half-hour presentation about CQNW.
- * Brennon: Cancel Niwana and confirm Camp Kirby for 2013.
- * Brennon: Switch Camp Kirby retreat to March 15-17.
- * Jerry: Bring Hex Chess games to next board meeting to be put in storage unit.
- * Jerry: Tell SA that CQNW would like to combine our reunion event with Darwin Day.
- * Jerry: Investigate what constitutes the revenues that apply to the \$50,000 limit.
- * John: Write a blog post about the ABC Nightline segment.
- * John: Continue working on new Billy ads for Ask an Atheist.
- * Jami: Update board website.
- * Lou/John/Jami: Continue working on Google Adwords.
- * Becky, Brian, Lou, and Brennon: Coordinate with Jerry/SA about Darwin Day.

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:00 p.m.

Review of Action Items from September Meeting:

- * Chuck: Finish half-hour presentation about CQNW. [**Ongoing**]
- * Chuck: Email PO Box and storage unit information to the board list. [**Done.**]
- * Brennon: Book Camp Kirby planning retreat: March 22-24. [**Done, but we need to decide where we're going.**]

- * Brennon: Find and book location for staff/board retreat: October 28. **[Done.]**
- * John: Write a blog post about the ABC Nightline segment. **[Not done.]**
- * John: Continue working on new Billy ads for Ask an Atheist. **[Not done.]**
- * Jami: Update board webpage. **[Done.]**
- * Jami: Create Meetup for October retreat. **[Done.]**
- * 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. **[Done.]**
- * Lou/John/Jami: Continue working on Google Adwords. **[Ongoing.]**

Financial Report:

- * Contributions: \$33,368.95
- * Expenses so far: \$19,911.88
- * Balance: \$13,457.07
- * These numbers don't include some expenses, such as the PA system.
- * Chuck paid for a storage unit (whole year) at Heated Storage at the Crossings.

2013 Budget

- * Chuck created a budget for 2013 and shared it on Google Drive (formerly Google Documents). The board went over it and discussed the projections.
- * Math needs to be done differently depending on which camp we choose and what the adult/child ratio is.
- * Discussion about ratio: We could probably do fine with a 3:1 ratio, but Chuck would prefer a 2:1 ratio. There were times at camp when he felt like he could have used a few extra people. Might shoot for a 2.5:1 ratio.
- * Jerry suggests: Have a separate column with updated forecast and keep the original budget as of December 31. That way we can compare budgets.
- * Chuck explained how he's budgeting for tuition and camperships.
- * Proposal from Jerry/SA: Have a Camp Quest fundraiser at Seattle Atheists' Darwin Day celebration. February 10. CQNW would run the kids' room. At would be nice to have some CQNW activities, but nothing too involved so we don't burn out before Taste of Camp Quest, which we were planning for February 24. After some discussion, we thought it might be a good

idea to combine Taste of CQNW with Darwin Day. We would feature more exploratory activities, such as renting a science box with fun things to look at and play with. Becky, Brian, Lou, and Brennon will lead. Jerry will let SA know of our commitment.

Board Nominations and Election

- * Chuck announces that Mary Keiser and Jennifer Jackson have both resigned from the board. Brennon seconds the acknowledgment. The board unanimously accepts their resignation.
- * Chuck nominates Becky Friedman and Brian Demong as Members-at-Large to the Board. Jerry seconds.
- * Discussion about Bylaws in regard to election of board member positions.
- * Chuck motions to vote as a block to retain position of current officers and members-at-large. Jerry seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The current members will be in these positions through September 2014.
- * Jami will update website.
- * Jerry: Investigate what constitutes the revenues that apply to the \$50,000 limit.

Camp Location and Date Selection

- * Niwana: July 6-14 Cost: \$6,960, assumes 60 people total. Pay for our own caterer. \$1,000 for activities.
- * Kirby: August 11-17 (Staff would arrive on Saturday, and have a party the last night of camp.) Cost: \$4,900 for 75 people.
- * Discussion: Swimming is better at Niwana because it's a lake, though it's still going to be cold in July. Generally more rustic. Conflicts with Camp Quest West. Niwana also needs a lot more work, and the cabins are cruder. Niwana has a challenge course (low ropes), but no climbing wall. Better possibility for a long-term home.
- * Discussion: At Kirby, the climbing wall is a big plus, but the kids didn't like the salt water. Downside: Could see an industrial area from Camp Kirby. There's more cabin space at Kirby, though the layout isn't ideal. Because of Campfire scheduling, might not be best for the long-term.
- * Also, Camp Kirby got hate mail because of CQNW's involvement at the camp. Suggestion: shift retreat to March 15-17 to be a part of their dinner/auction on March 16.
- * Chuck motions: All in favor to use Camp Kirby for 2013.

* Chuck, Jerry, Jami, Lou, and Yuichi vote yes. Brennon abstains.

* Camp Kirby will be our camp in 2013.

**Next Meeting: December 20, 2012. 6:30pm.
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End time: 9:15pm