

HUMANISTS OF SARASOTA BAY
Annual Membership Meeting
April 18, 2016

Board members present: Chuck Smith, Baerbel Kavanaugh, Don Slate, David Callahan, Sandra Zellick, plus 35 members and one guest.

Louis Altman will serve as parliamentarian for this meeting.

President Dave Helgager called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Secretary's Report: Sandra Zellick reviewed highlights of the last annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Smith presented members with the budget for 2016-2017 year. John Beucheler moved to accept the budget as presented. David Callahan seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Chuck Smith gave the membership report. We have 126 members. Several people did not renew their membership and an equal number of new people joined HUSBAY.

General reports and Special Interests Groups:

Jacqui Kinney reported that 17 to 25 people attended the film group during "season" and about 12 people continue now.

Mike Gruenfeld rejoined HUSBAY and is chairing the book review group at our Wednesday lunch meetings.

Barry Zack takes care of the website and chairs the current events group at our Wednesday lunch meetings.

Vienna Taylor creates the monthly newsletter.

Darwin Soder chairs the Potter Park cleanup committee.

Rafael Haddock chairs the Anything Goes groups at our Wednesday lunch meetings.

Meigs Glidewell chairs the Free Writers' group at our Wednesday lunch meetings.

Susan Shucker chaired our Darwin Day celebration. Susan will not chair this event next year. We will need a new committee which will be selected by the Board. Dave Helgager suggested we return to the lovely site at Marina Jack based on member feedback which was overall positive.

Dave Helgager offered a big thank you to all for their active participation in these several HUSBAY activities.

Old Business: Our scholarship awards program presented a college student and a high school student with \$1000.00 each based on their applications and essays. The Secular Student Alliance handled the college award and Roy Wysnewski and his committee handled the high school award. The monetary amount of \$1000.00 will be continued. There were some high school applicants who did not understand the Humanist tenets and the high school winner suggested we include a more specific definition. Also to be included is the information that an applicant who is 18 years of age or older need not apply with parental permission.

New Business: The Board recommended deletion of the second sentence, first paragraph under Article II: Purposes and Tenets which included two organizations, one no longer in existence. The Board felt that our affiliation with the American Humanist Association needed to be noted. Replaced the sentence with the following: HUSBAY works in cooperation with the American Humanist Association and other Humanist organizations to meet these goals. Motion to approve this change made by Lois Schaper, seconded by John Beucheler. Motion carried. Members voted to approve the change with no objections.

Motion by Karen Koenig to include the word "secular" in the first sentence under Article II: Purposes and Tenets, seconded by John Beucheler. Discussion followed. Motion denied. Two-thirds of the membership was needed to approve. The amendment failed to get the needed votes.

Motion by Jacqui Kinnie to add the American Humanist Association paragraph printed on their cards headed: Humanism and Its Aspirations. "Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism or other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity." Seconded by Karen Koenig. Discussion followed. Motion denied. The amendment failed to obtain the needed two-thirds majority.

Nominating Committee Report and Election: Darwin Soder, Chair, Don Slate, Barry Zack, Sharon Robinson nominated Chuck Smith to continue as Treasurer, Baerbel Kavanaugh to a two year term, Barry Zack as Vice-President to fill vacancy left by resignation of Vice-President David Callahan. Motion to accept this slate made by Darwin Soder, seconded by Noel Smith. Motion carried.

Membership Comments: One member, Shirley Foss, praised the lecture programs for 2015-16.

Motion to adjourn by Jacqui Kinnie, seconded by Paul Temmer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Zellick, Secretary