

1997

ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.

Fifth Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Tampa, Florida
April 27, 1997

The fifth annual board meeting of Atheists of Florida, Inc. was held Sunday, April 27, 1997 in the conference room of the office of Atheists of Florida member Ed Golly at 5103 South Westshore Blvd., Tampa, Florida.

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by President Christos Tzanetakos at 1:20 p.m.

The President noted that this was the annual board meeting called by the directors of the above named corporation pursuant to the bylaws of said corporation for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and other items specified on the agenda which had been delivered to all board members along with the minutes of the previous meeting over one month prior to the meeting.

2. Roll call.

The President introduced the guests who were in attendance at the meeting:

Robert Curry, member, Atheists of Florida
Dr. Michael Brannon
Christopher Jones, Director, Miami chapter of Atheists of Florida

The President then called roll and found the following board members to be present:

Christos Tzanetakos, <i>president</i>	Charles Schisler
Ed Golly, <i>secretary</i>	Steven Miles
Nan Owens	Florence Morgenroth
Jan Eisler	Ed McDougall, Sr.
Edwin Corl	Albert Lyngzeitson, Ph.D.
Allan Altman	

The President noted that a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read by the Secretary. The following revisions were noted and ordered:

- 07.07 — Change all references to Humanists of Florida to
Humanists Association: St. Petersburg.
- 06.05 — Add Jan Eisler to the Library Committee.

Upon MOTION duly made by McDougall and SECONDED by Morgenroth and carried by unanimous VOTE, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as corrected.

4. Treasurer's report.

In the absence of Treasurer Ross, the president gave the financial status of the organization. The current balance of the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund stood at \$ 703.96. Last year, the Fund distributed \$ 800.00 in awards. Atheists of Florida, Inc. will repeat the same campaign to raise funds for the Fund this year in hopes of raising the awards by another \$ 100.00.

The statement of revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1996 was as follows:

	General Fund	
Revenues:		
Memberships:	\$ 3,675	
Contributions:	<u>3,894</u>	
Total Revenues:		\$ 7,569
Expenditures:		
<i>Program services:</i>		
Book purchases	398	
Contributions to Scholarship Fund	1,025	
Newsletter & postage	1,860	
Hotline services	1,185	
Legal fees-first amendment cases	1,600	
Television forum	<u>823</u>	
Total program service costs		6,891
<i>Administrative costs:</i>		
Bank charges	3	
Dues, subscriptions and memberships	150	
Licenses & taxes	115	
Office expenses	<u>96</u>	
Total administrative costs		<u>364</u>
Total expenditures		<u>7,225</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures		314
Fund balances:		
Opening balance		<u>2,425</u>
Ending balance		<u>\$2,739</u>

5. President's report.

The President gave his annual report to the Board. Treasurer Ross was not present to give the financial report, so Tzanetakos reviewed the financial figures presented in the Annual Report which had been sent to all board members.

The status of the lawsuit filed by Atheists of Florida, Inc. against the State of Florida regarding the tax-exempt status of non-profit organizations was reviewed. Tzanetakos announced that Atheists of Florida, Inc. had submitted an application to the James Hervey Johnson Foundation seeking a grant of \$50,000.00 to be used to continue the case and to bring a lawsuit against the Tampa International Airport Authority seeking to stop the approved construction of a chapel in that airport. Notification from the Johnson foundation is expected on July 15, 1997.

The issue of offensive religiously oriented roadside markers depicting accident sites had been resolved by Atheists of Florida, Inc. with the State Highway Department ordering their removal.

The recipient of the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund for 1996 has started a Humanist group on the University of Florida campus where he is a student.

The *Atheists of Florida Forum* video production had received two awards last year, including the 1997 Southeast Region of the Alliance for Community Media award of recognition for Outstanding Community Programming.

Tzanetakos had taken six *Forum* videos to the Vero Beach Public Library. After several months they passed review and have moved to the next level. The *Forums* have been accepted and are in the process of being cataloged.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.01 Atheists of Florida Web page.

Curry gave a report on the setup of a website. The cost would be \$100.00 for a domain name registration for the first two (2) years, thereafter \$50.00 per year. Corl suggested the development of giveaways to promote the website such as pens.

Eisler introduced a RESOLUTION that the Public Relations committee oversee the web page. It was SECONDED by McDougall. An AMENDMENT was submitted and accepted to authorize the Public Relations committee to add members as necessary to produce the web page. VOTE in favor of the resolution was unanimous.

Golly introduced a MOTION to authorize the expenditure of \$100.00 for production of the Atheists of Florida web page, then the continued expense of \$50.00 per year thereafter to maintain the page. The motion was SECONDED by Eisler and, following discussion, was approved by unanimous VOTE.

6.02 Greeting cards and calendars project.

Golly gave a report on the activities of the Membership/greeting card Committee to date. Atheist of Florida membership cards had been produced and distributed for 1996 and would be produced for 1997. These cards had been produced entirely in-house requiring only the cost of mailing which was absorbed out of general expenses. The board discussed ideas for the committee to work on. The committee was instructed to produce a postcard featuring a quote from a famous freethinker and solicit orders through the newsletter. Upon generation of a suitable number of orders the cards will be produced.

6.03 A of F Forum outreach project.

Tzanetakos gave an update report on the activities of the committee. Miles, who had not received a video to attempt placement on the Gainesville public access channel, was given three videos to use for that purpose.

6.04 A of F Library.

Morgenroth gave a report on the status of the Library committee. It had cataloged all books and periodicals in the inventory and produced a list of them. Any quantity over two (2) is now available for sale. The committee was instructed to produce the list of all books for sale as an insert for the newsletter within the next six months.

6.05 The Mark Twain Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Tzanetakos gave a report on the activities of the Fund. An announcement of this year's competition was to be made several times in upcoming newsletters along with an application form for participants. The title for this year's competition is "Imagine A World Without Religion." Applications will be sent to U of F and The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, and should be sent to USF, Eckerd College, and other similar institutions within Florida.

6.06 Atheists of Florida, Inc. Bookstore.

This topic had been discussed under 06.04 above and was dropped from the agenda.

6.07 Mike Perdomo's book *The Book of Revelation*.

This topic was dropped from the agenda.

6.08 Atheists of Florida Investment Club.

McDougall, as president of the Investment Club, gave a report. The Club had joined the National Association of Investors Clubs (NAIC), and currently had a roster of seven members, all of whom had joined NAIC individually. The Club was conducting regular monthly meetings and was engaged in learning to utilize the forms provided by the NAIC.

All other existing committees were asked to give a report.

T-shirt Committee:

Golly reported that t-shirts had been produced in compliance with the previous board meeting and were stocked on the premises.

Membership Expansion Committee:

Eisler reported that she had developed a list of about 100 names of potential members in the Tampa Bay area. The committee had planned to host an introduction party for those potential members this summer to try to entice them to join Atheists of Florida.

Tzanetakos announced that a new chapter of Atheists of Florida was potentially forming and would announce same if and when it was officially formed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.01 Investment of 1997 Life memberships.

Tzanetakos reported that the first of two checks for life membership in the amount of \$500.00 had been deposited in a CD. Two other checks were not yet invested. Schliefsstein

was not present at the meeting. It had been hoped that he would have offered alternative investment instruments for the board to consider. McDougall made a MOTION for the board to invest the \$1,000.00 represented by the other two checks into another CD which was SECONDED by Eisler. VOTE in favor was unanimous.

7.02 Create or sponsor a social program which can be funded by government money.

Dr. Michael Brannon was introduced to the board and reported on his facility and his concept of several types of programs which he could develop and manage. These could function as social programs which would receive funding from local government agencies. Lyngzeitson introduced a MOTION that Dr. Brannon establish a substance abuse program after which Atheists of Florida, Inc. would attempt to obtain public and/or private funding. The motion was SECONDED by Morgenroth. Brannon submitted that it would require six months to establish the program. Lyngzeitson offered a FRIENDLY AMENDMENT that he assist Dr. Brannon with the program. Tzanetakos announced he would offer announcement of the service on the Atheists of Florida telephone hotline. It should also be announced on the website. VOTE in favor of the motion was unanimous.

7.03 Atheists of Florida Publications Committee.

Under MOTION duly made by Tzanetakos and SECONDED by Morgenroth and adopted by unanimous VOTE, a publications committee would be formed to screen, edit, and approve manuscripts for publication by Atheists of Florida. The committee was formed consisting of: Lyngzeitson, chairman, Altman; Morgenroth; and Owens. It was decided that three of four votes would be required by the committee to approve a manuscript for publication.

7.04 Camp Quest project.

Eisler reported that Camp Quest is attempting its second year of operation as a camp for Secular Humanist/freethought children between the ages of 8 to 12 years. The camp is located in Burlington, KY and runs for one week in August. Eisler requested the board to consider allocation of \$225.00 to sponsor the attendance of one child this year. Tzanetakos introduced a MOTION for Atheists of Florida to allocate \$225.00 to sponsor one child at Camp Quest for the year 1997. The motion was SECONDED by Lyngzeitson. A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT was submitted by Eisler that a closing date must be established for allocation of the funds. The amendment was accepted and VOTE in favor of the motion was unanimous.

7.05 1997 Miami Book Fair International.

Upon MOTION duly made by Tzanetakos, SECONDED by Eisler and following discussion adopted by unanimous VOTE, Atheists of Florida, Inc. will participate in the 1997 Miami Book Fair International.

7.06 Election of a trustee for the Twain Scholarship Fund.

Upon resignation of Sturgulewski as a trustee of the Twain Scholarship Fund, Schisler was NOMINATED to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the position's time. The

nomination was SECONDED by Eisler. With no other nominations offered, Schisler was appointed by acclamation.

7.07 Election of officers for 1997-98 term.

Lyngzeitson NOMINATED **John Xanthopoulos – Chairman of the Board**. SECONDED by McDougall. With no other nominations, Xanthopoulos was appointed by acclamation.

Tzanetakos NOMINATED **Charles Ross – Treasurer**. SECONDED by Golly. With no other nominations, Ross was appointed by acclamation.

Tzanetakos NOMINATED **Ed Golly – Secretary**. SECONDED by Lyngzeitson. With no other nominations, Golly was appointed by acclamation.

Tzanetakos NOMINATED **Charles Schisler – Vice President**. SECONDED by McDougall. With no other nominations, Schisler was appointed by acclamation.

Eisler NOMINATED **Christos Tzanetakos – President**. SECONDED by Lyngzeitson. With no other nominations, Tzanetakos was appointed by acclamation.

7.08 Election of Atheist Alliance representatives.

Atheists of Florida utilizes two representatives at the board meetings of the Atheist Alliance representing ½ vote each. Owens and Miles volunteered to represent Atheists of Florida if necessary. At present, Golly and Tzanetakos will represent Atheists of Florida, Inc. at the next board meeting at the 1998 convention.

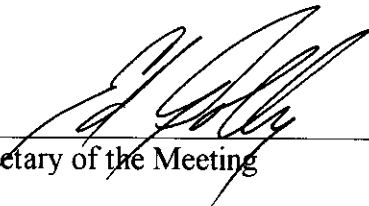
7.09 Group picture of the Board/new officers.

A group photo of the board members and new officers of Atheists of Florida, Inc. was made.

7.10 Adjournment.

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

DATED this 27th day of April, 1997.


Secretary of the Meeting

ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Pembroke Park, Florida

December 7, 1997

A special board meeting of Atheists of Florida, Inc. was held Sunday, December 7, 1997 in the conference room of the office of Atheists of Florida Treasurer Charles Ross located at 3845 S. W. 41st Street, Pembroke Park, Florida.

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 12:20 p.m.

The chairman noted that this was a special board meeting called by the president (Christos Tzanetakos) of the above named corporation for the purpose of establishing policy guidelines for the organization and other items specified on the agenda which had been delivered to all board members on November 3, 1997.

2. Roll call.

The chairman introduced the guest who was in attendance at the meeting:

Christopher Jones, Director, Miami chapter of Atheists of Florida

The secretary then called roll and found the following board members to be present:

John Xanthopoulos, chairman	Nan Owens
Christos Tzanetakos, president	Steven Miles
Charles Schisler, vice president	Anthony Schleifstein
Ed Golly, secretary	Rebecca Porto
Charles Ross, treasurer	James Strayer
Florence Morgenroth	Celia Glantz
Albert Lyngzeitson	

The chairman noted that a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

Tzanetakos introduced a MOTION for the board to request the resignation of Albert Lyngzeitson from the board and also for the board to request the resignation of Christopher Jones from the position of Chapter Director of the Miami Chapter of Atheists of Florida. The motion was SECONDED by Schleifstein. Tzanetakos presented a lengthy explanation of his position and reaction to his memo of June 20, 1997.

Lyngzeitson submitted an INCIDENTAL MOTION to allow Jones to address the board which was SECONDED by Xanthopoulos. Jones gave his full explanation of his reaction to the situation to the board.

new Atheists of Florida center. The motion was SECONDED by Xanthopoulos. Golly offered a FRIENDLY AMENDMENT to the motion to define a plan of dissolution of the fund if no building is ever purchased. The plan of dissolution was that in the event no building were purchased, any funds collected would revert to the general operating fund of the organization. The friendly amendment was accepted. Following discussion of the motion, VOTE on the motion was unanimous.

6. Chapters.

The president verified that all chapters must have a director, a co-director, and a secretary. Each chapter, in compliance with the bylaws of Atheists of Florida, Inc. must submit a report to the president at the end of each calendar year describing the status and activities of the chapter which the president will include in the annual report of Atheists of Florida, Inc.

7. TV Forum production and distribution.

Tzanetakos had been producer of all Atheist of Florida and Mark Twain Scholarship Fund video productions since production began. He announced it was time to designate a new producer. That producer should be either the Miami chapter director or a board member who lives in the South Florida area.

Golly submitted a MOTION for the board to appoint a new producer for the Atheists of Florida video productions to be nominated from either the director of the Miami chapter or a board member who lives in the South Florida area. The motion was SECONDED by Tzanetakos. VOTE on the motion was unanimous.

Xanthopoulos nominated Christopher Jones and Rebecca Porto as co-producers. Jones declined the nomination and Porto was appointed video producer for Atheists of Florida, Inc. by acclamation.

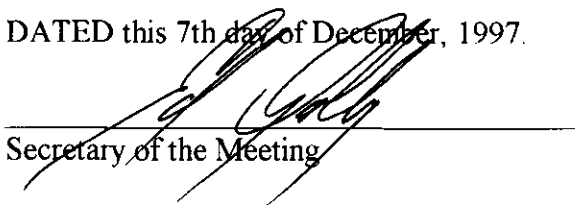
8. Atheists of Florida, Inc. social programs.

Board discussion of the proposed social programs concluded that Xanthopoulos will make telephone contact with Dr. Michael Brannon to ascertain his disposition regarding the project introduced at the previous board of directors meeting.

9 Adjournment.

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.

DATED this 7th day of December, 1997.


Secretary of the Meeting

Atheists Of Florida, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January, 1998

Directors terms are three years. Board members elected in 1994 have had their terms extended two years to coincide with members elected in 1996.

Board Members elected in 1994

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Board Members elected in 1996

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Atheists of Florida Committees

January, 1998

Membership Expansion Committee

Purpose: Expansion of Atheists of Florida membership

Members: Jim Strayer, *Chairman* Ed McDougall, Sr. Jan Eisler

Fund Raising Committee

Purpose: 1. To create a monthly leaflet for the newsletter
2. To solicit funds from other foundations.

Members: Christos Tzanetakos Anthony Schleifstein

Membership/Greeting Card Committee

Purpose: To produce and distribute Atheists of Florida, Inc. membership cards and produce and sell season greeting cards and new year calendars for the year 1998.

Members: Ed Golly Ed McDougall Charles Ross Rebecca Porto

Public Relations Committee

Purpose: To promote the organization by placing cable TV Forums on public access cable channels around the state, and to disseminate information about Atheists of Florida's existence and activities to other groups.

Members: Christos Tzanetakos Ed Golly Steven Miles

Library Committee

Purpose: Maintain and catalogue periodicals, newsletters, archival materials and videos.

Members: Florence Morgenroth Ed Golly Jan Eisler

T-Shirt Committee

Purpose: To design and create shirts for sale by Atheists of Florida.

Members: Ed Corl Nan Owens Jan Eisler Ed Golly

Publications Committee

Purpose: To screen, edit and approve manuscripts for publication by Atheists of Florida.

Members: Allan Altman Florence Morgenroth Nan Owens

Guidelines Committee

Purpose: To formulate official guidelines for policy representation of Atheists of Florida.

Members: Charles Schisler, *Chairman* Ed Golly John Xanthopoulos

Organizational Manual Committee

Purpose: To draft an organizational manual for Atheists of Florida chapters.

Members: Nan Owens, *Chairman* Ed Golly Tony Schleifstein