

2000

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.
FOR THE YEAR 2000
Tampa, Florida
May 21, 2000

The annual meeting of the Directors of ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Florida Corporation, was held on Sunday, May 21, 2000 in the conference room of Raytheon Aircraft, 2450 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, Florida.

The chairman 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 directors for the coming year and other items specified on the agenda which had been delivered to all Board Members one week prior to the meeting.

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anthony Schleifstein at 12:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

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

Anthony Schleifstein, <i>Chairman</i>	Steve Miles
Ed Golly, <i>President</i>	Jim Young
Jim Strayer, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. James Williamson
Christos Tzanetakos	Brent Yaciw
Patrick Bens	Charles Schisler
Jim Peterson	

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the special Board Meeting had been mailed to members of the board. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report.

A letter of resignation from Charles Ross was read for the record and directed to be attached to these minutes. Golly estimated that the current checkbook balance stood at \$1,000.00. Certificates of Deposit are due June 4, 2000. They will not be renewed and the money will be invested in the Vanguard 500 Index Fund. There is almost 100% renewal of past members.

A MOTION was made by Peterson that the board write Charles Ross and thank him for his past service. SECOND by Williamson. APPROVED unanimously.

5. President's Report.

Golly reported that he had maintained contact with Jennifer Gallo. Her schedule had been keeping her very busy, but she expects to soon have time to begin working on development of the Orlando chapter.

Golly had been contacted by a student in Naples who had expressed interest in starting a chapter in that area. The Board agreed that Golly should pursue the possibility of forming a Naples chapter.

The Scholarship Fund is well funded. In 1999, first and second place winners were awarded \$500.00 each and third and fourth winners were awarded \$300.00 each. The same amounts will be awarded in 2000.

We will renew the A of F table at the Miami Book Fair International this year.

We have continued to advertise the Tampa Bay chapter in the *Weekly Planet*.

The A of F WEB page is complete and published on the Alliance site. As a result of our membership in the Alliance, there is no charge incurred to us for publication of our Web page.

Production had begun within the year on the new membership cards. They are being mailed to all new members and all renewals.

The A of F videos are still being shown regularly on the Public Access channel in Tampa.

6. Committee Reports.

6.1 Membership Committee—Jim Strayer

This committee had taken no action. Advertising did not result in any new members. Discussion.

6.2 Fund Raising Committee—Tzanetakos

Tzanetakos had edited and copied a video featuring a seminar on nonprofit organizations. Several copies of the video had been sent to all board members with instructions to view it and send it on to specific other board members until all had viewed it and returned them to the Tampa Post Office box. Since only one video had completed its rounds, most board members had not received or viewed it. The video focused on the function of a nonprofit board and fund raising efforts for an organization like ours.

6.3 Membership Greeting Card Committee—Rebecca Porto

Report by Golly. He had not been contacted by Porto regarding further development of the greeting cards and was not aware of the status of that project. He had reported on the status of the membership cards in his President's report.

6.4 Library Committee—Golly

All books and pamphlets had been cataloged. Extra titles are available for sale. Some are offered for sale periodically in the newsletter. All literature is stored in the building in which his office is located and ample space remains for all storage.

6.5 Publications Committee—Nan Owens

Report by Peterson. The main emphasis had been to establish a set of guidelines for documents to be published by Atheists of Florida. Some materials had not yet been evaluated because Owens is temporarily out of the state. Much discussion followed.

6.6 Organizational Manual Committee—Nan Owens

No manual had been produced as yet because of lack of time by Owens to work on it.

6.7 Meeting Facilities Committee—Bens

Bens reported that Atheists of Florida member Mike Zaccar had recently amended an annuity naming Atheists of Florida, Inc. the beneficiary. The amount of the annuity is over \$98,000. Receipt of this annuity will enable the A of F to purchase a building to designate as a center.

MOTION by Tzanetakos for the Board to establish a Building Fund that would solicit interest free loans from A of F Board Members or members at large against the receipt of the annuity. SECOND by Young. Discussion followed and the motion was tabled to be revisited under New Business.

6.8 Chapel Lawsuit Committee—John MacKay

MacKay had resigned from the Board on November 10, 1999. He had determined that it would constitute a conflict of interest to represent Atheists of Florida in any legal action on our behalf against the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority.

Yaciw and Golly had met with MacKay within the past year to discuss possible legal action against the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. MacKay determined that since the chapel has no religious decor displayed, no specific religion is being promoted. Given this circumstance, it would be difficult to demonstrate a State constitutional violation. We therefore agreed that it would be imprudent to pursue legal action.

MacKay had learned that the Aviation Authority had granted employee parking status to Shields Moore and two of his minions to allow them to act as chaplains at the airport. MacKay requested three parking permits for Atheists of Florida which were denied. As a result of our request, the airport reversed its decision to allow the parking permits for Moore and his minions since they were determined to be visiting the airport only as private citizens and not as airport employees.

6.9 Outreach Committee—Young

Due to personal family difficulties, no action had been taken to date.

7. Old Business.

7.1 WEB Page—Peterson

The Web page is progressing nicely. The new Web page has eleven pages. It lists a translation page. There was much discussion on this issue. As a result of our membership in the Alliance, A of F incurs no charge for publication of our Web page. There is much room for expansion since the Page utilizes only about a fifth of the available space.

Any changes in the Web pages should go through Peterson.

We can have our library books listed and we can also connect to other Atheists groups.

It was decided that Peterson, The Web Master, would make the decision as to starting our own site.

The Web Site URL is: <http://www.atheistalliance.org/florida/>

At the 1999 Special Board of Directors Meeting, (7.1) \$450.00 had been pledged by three Board Members to cover anticipated expenses for production and publication of the Web page. Since no expenses were incurred, the Board offered return of the donations. All three Board Members declined. Miles directed that his donation of \$300.00 be utilized for our participation in the Miami Book Fair International this year.

7.2 Orlando Chapter—Jennifer Gallo

Golly reiterated that Gallo is working on establishing the Chapter.

7.3 Report on the Atheist Alliance International

Discussion on cooperation of Atheist and Freethought groups.

8. New Business.

8.1 Annuity

MOTION by Tzanetakos that this Board establish a Building Fund that would solicit interest free loans from A of F board members or members at large against the receipt of the Zaccar annuity. SECOND by Young. Discussion.

There was no vote on the motion.

The MOTION was restated by Young, "The A of F establish a Building Fund for the purpose of eventually having facilities." SECONDED by Miles.

APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

MOTION by Tzanetakos for the A of F Board to issue a certificate of appreciation to the first Floridian Benefactor, Mike Zaccar. SECOND by Golly. APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

8.2 Motion for dissolution of Committees—Golly

Golly outlined the basis for his upcoming motion.

MOTION by Golly to reconstruct all committees of A of F except the Publications Committee, into individually run projects conducted by a project manager, who is now listed as the chairman of that committee.

Discussion.

An AMENDMENT was submitted and SECONDED to exclude the Publications Committee. Discussion. VOTE on the Amendment was 5 FOR and 5 AGAINST. The Amendment failed because the chairman vote carries the vote.

Discussion returned to the main motion. The Chair called for a VOTE and it was APPROVED unanimously.

8.3 Camp Quest

No sponsorship necessary because Camp Quest has a full complement of campers. Individual donations can be made.

8.4 Limited Income Membership in Atheists of Florida.

MOTION by Golly that A of F provide a limited income membership for people 65 and older of \$10.00 a year. SECOND by Tzanetakos. Discussion. APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

8.5 Financial Aid to Atheist Alliance International.

Schisler made a MOTION to send five hundred dollars to the Atheist Alliance. SECOND by Golly. Discussion

Golly submitted an AMENDMENT to change the amount to one hundred and twenty five dollars. SECONDED by Bens. Discussion. VOTE in FAVOR of the amendment was unanimous.

VOTE in FAVOR of the main motion unanimous.

The Motion reads, "The A of F will contribute one hundred and twenty five dollars to the Atheist Alliance International which may be paid in full or in quarterly installments at the discretion of the Treasurer."

8.6 Nominations for Honorary Membership

Golly NOMINATED Gael Murphy Honorary Life Membership in Atheists of Florida for her stand against God-orientated oaths for jurists in the Hillsborough County Court system. SECONDED by Peterson. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

Golly NOMINATED Max Weatherly of Del Ray for his contributions to Atheism. SECONDED by Schisler. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

Mike Zaccar was NOMINATED by Bens, SECONDED by Golly. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

Tzanetakos made a MOTION that all Life Members receive along with the Life Membership Card, a certificate and that Mike Zaccar receive a Plaque in honor of being the first Floridian Benefactor. SECOND by Golly. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

8.7 Expansion of advertising for Atheists of Florida.

The Board discussed the possibility of placing a regular column in local weekly newspapers.

A MOTION was made by Golly to create a project manager responsible for advertising, who will find a new source of funds over and above regular funds. SECONDED by Young. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

Golly accepted the position of Advertising Project Manager.

8.8 Committee to study the feasibility of opening an Hispanic chapter.

Bens made a MOTION to have a Spanish language outreach coordinator. SECOND by Tzanetakos. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

It was MOVED by Peterson that Bens be appointed Project Manager. SECONDED by Young. APPROVED by unanimous vote.

8.9 Requirement of all Atheists Of Florida Board members to contribute \$1.00 per day to the A OF F treasury.

Bens submitted a MOTION to require all Atheists of Florida Board Members to contribute \$1.00 per day to the A of F treasury. SECONDED by Golly. Discussion.

Yaciw offered an AMENDMENT to change the word "require" to "suggest." SECONDED by Peterson. Discussion. The Chair called a VOTE on the amendment and it was DEFEATED.

The Chair called for a VOTE on the main motion. The vote count was 2 FOR, 8 AGAINST. The motion was DEFEATED.

8.10 Election of five trustees for a three year term for the Mark twain Scholarship Fund.

Tzanetakos NOMINATED Yaciw to replace Ross as a Trustee and to keep the four existing trustees. SECONDED by Schleifstein. APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

8.11 Atheist Alliance representatives.

Tzanetakos submitted a MOTION: Atheists Alliance file an official complaint and demand the repeal of the "Holy See" as a UN Non-member State Permanent Observer. SECONDED by Young. APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

8.12 Miami Book Fair International.

MOTION by Golly that the A of F participate in the Miami Book Fair International this year (2000). SECONDED by Young. APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

8.13 Election of Officers.

The following were elected.

Ed Golly—Chairman of the Board of Directors

Nan Owens—President

Charles Schisler—Vice President

James Young—Secretary

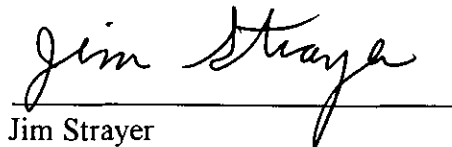
Ed Golly—Treasurer

8.14 Cable TV Production.

Tzanetakos NOMINATED Yaciw to be the Project Manager in charge of Cable TV production. SECOND by Golly. APPROVED by unanimous VOTE.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2000



Jim Strayer
Secretary of the Meeting

Subj: **Board Meeting**
Date: 5/17/00 7:30:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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May 16, 2000

Ed Golly, President
Atheists of Florida
Tampa, Fl

via E-Mail

Dear Ed:

Unfortunately, I was unable to restructure my schedule since I received your E-mail. Therefore, I will not be able to attend the meeting.

Further, after serious deliberation, I have decided to resign from the board. I do not have the time to be active in the organization as a board member. However, I will be happy to contribute the accounting and tax services as I have in the past if the board so desires.

It has been my pleasure serving the association as a founding board member and treasurer for the past eight years.

My principle purpose when I joined the organization was the promotion of separation of church and state. I hope that the Atheists of Florida in the future will continue to stay focused in the pursuit of this goal.

Sincerely,

Charles Alan Ross

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10 November 1999

Ed Golly
Atheists of Florida, Inc.
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Re: Atheists of Florida

Dear Ed:

I hereby tender my resignation as Board member of the Atheists of Florida, Inc. This is because the Board wants me to represent it in the Chapel suit, and I want to avoid the appearance of any impropriety. I offer to serve the Board as counsel, in an advisory capacity.

Sincerely,


John W. MacKay

JWM/ka

Atheists of Florida, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May, 2000

Directors' terms are three years. This roster will serve until March, 2002.

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Atheists of Florida Committees

May, 2000

Publications Committee 4/97—7.03

Purpose: To screen, edit and approve manuscripts for publication by Atheists of Florida. Three of four members must vote to approve any publication.

Members: *Chair:* Nan Owens Jacques Musy Abigail Martin Jim Young

Projects

Membership Expansion 11/94—8

Purpose: Expansion of Atheists of Florida membership

Project Manager: Jim Strayer

Fund Raising 11/94—10

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

Project Manager: Christos Tzanetakos

Membership/Greeting Cards 11/94—3

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

Project Manager: Rebeca Porto

Library 11/94—11

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

Project Manager: Ed Golly

Organizational Manual Project 12/97 SPL—4

Purpose: To draft a manual to guide the organization of new Atheists of Florida chapters.

Project Manager: Nan Owens

Chapel Lawsuit Project 10/99—7.5

Purpose: Determine feasibility of bringing suit against the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority to change name of TIA Chapel or devise alternative actions in lieu of legal action.

Project Manager: Ed Golly

Meeting Facilities Project 10/99—8.5

Purpose: To locate meeting facilities for chapters or board meetings for Atheists of Florida, Inc.

Project Manager: Patrick Bens

Outreach Committee 10/99—8.7

Purpose: To organize and engage in board approved outreach activities that promote and nurture atheism.

Project Manager: Jim Young

Advertising 5/00—8.7

Purpose: To assume responsibility for advertising and find a source of funds other than regular funds.

Project Manager: Ed Golly

Hispanic Chapter 5/00—8.8

Purpose: To establish a Spanish language outreach coordinator.

Project Manager: Patrick Bens

CABLE TV 5/00-8.14

Project Mgr: YBCIW