

SHCC Updates Newsletter – February 14, 2014

Happy Valentine's Day! We love you!

Upcoming Events

Debate Group - Debate on Industry Regulation in WV
Tomorrow - Saturday, February 15, 2014, 2pm
Kanawha County Public Library, 123 Capitol St., Charleston, WV
(Ray Room, 3rd floor)

The Debate Group, an SHCC sub-group, will hold a debate tomorrow, Saturday, February 15, on the topic of the regulation of industry in West Virginia. Everyone is welcome to attend.

February Potluck

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 12pm
Kanawha City Community Center - 3511 Venable Ave. SE, Charleston, WV

We hope you'll plan to join us for good food and friendly faces (without having to worry about being preached at!). Bring a prepared dish, a bag of chips, or a 2-liter--whatever you can manage.

We will have books from the SHCC Library available to lend. If you would like to request a specific book (or books) from the SHCC Library Catalog, just let us know and we'll make sure to bring it.

News

Successful Business Meeting

Our organizational meeting last Saturday was a success. We had a great turnout, and we reached some important decisions, as detailed below. We got through most of the items on our agenda (and also began implementing the Robert Rules meeting order techniques!).

New Approach to Membership Dues

During our business meeting, we decided to revamp our approach to the SHCC membership dues (which we hadn't been enforcing anyway). We voted to make the member dues now \$10 per year (or more, as a donation), with a monthly payment option of \$1 per month. The main reasons for this decision include the following:

- We concluded that member dues are not going to be a substantial source of funding in the near future. Fundraisers, instead, will generate our needed funds. (Our White Elephant Sale last fall generated substantially more money than we would have gotten even by enforcing membership dues.)

- What we need most of all at this point is to get more members, and people are turned away by high prices, of course.

- The reason to have membership dues at all is to encourage all the members' sense of ownership and investment in the group, as well as to better facilitate organizational matters (such as voting on decisions that affect the whole group).

Discussion on New Name

At the business meeting, we continued discussing the possibility of changing our name (as mentioned in the last newsletter). Two alternate names we considered were:

- Charleston Secular Community
- Charleston Freethought Community

We plan to continue discussing this at our future business meetings, and we will inform the group when we plan to hold an official vote about this matter.

Business Meetings to Be Held After Each Potluck

Our monthly potlucks, which are scheduled for the last Saturday of each month, will now be followed by a brief organizational/business meeting.

Member Announcements

If any of you have personal announcements you would like to have included in our newsletter, let us know.

Wrapping Up

Humanist Quote of the Week

“It is what we aspire to be that colours our characters—and it is our trying, not just our succeeding, which ennobles them.” --A.C. Grayling, *Meditations for the Humanist*

Thanks and Stay Tuned!

We appreciate you all, and we hope to see you at our next potluck!