



UU Fellowship of Winona NEWSLETTER

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Jan. 8

Presenter: Bob Wolensky

Coordinator: Nikki Civettini

Charity vs. Justice: A Macro Look at Compassion

Bob Wolensky, of Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, will focus on how social institutions such as government, economy, education, religion, and family can affect social justice in communities and societies. These will be compared and contrasted with typical approaches to creating a more compassionate society.

Jan. 15

Presenter: Dick Dahl

Coordinator: John Collins

I'm Right, You Are Biased

"A world in which we cease to listen to each other is a very scary place indeed." (Julian Treasure) Yet, psychologist Jonathan Haidt says nature provides innate differences which experience develops, especially about values of 1) in-group loyalty, authority/respect, and sanctity/purity. Asian wisdom recognized that both sides have something to contribute (Ying/Yang, Shiva/Vishnu). Zen Master Sent-ts'an: "Never be for or against. The struggle between "for" and "against" is the mind's worst disease."

Jan. 22

Presenter: Rev. Ann Tyndall

Coordinator: Deb Ward

New Theme: Beauty

Beauty's Allure

A contemplation on beauty in our lives and world. Rev. Ann Tyndall, Shambhala Buddhist and Unitarian Universalist minister, works as a staff chaplain at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse.

Jan. 29

Presenter: David Echelard

Coordinator: Sarah Dixon

Beauty, Music and Spiritual Practice

David Echelard, Director of the Blue Heron Consort and teacher of humanities at South East Tech, will share his experiences and perspective on all things musical that uplift the human spirit. David hopes to share vocal and instrumental examples of his musical spiritual practices.

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF WINONA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES of December 7, 2011

Present: Jim Armstrong, John Collins, Dick Dahl, Leslie Foote, Ray Kiihe, Nancy Quinn, Deb Ward, Jan Taylor

Treasurer's Report, Dick

- The income during November 2011 was \$2261.30 and expenses for the same month were \$2637.96 for a net loss of \$376.66.
- The treasurer continues to renew the 12-month certificates of deposit each month as they become due. Due to interest earned and reinvested, their total value is now \$6115.08.
- Pledges are unchanged from last month: We have received 2011-12 fiscal year pledge forms from 34 of our 49 adult members (eight couples and eight individuals) totaling \$20,035. In 2010-11 we ended up with pledges from 28 of 44 members totaling \$15,584.
- In December the treasurer will be making second quarter payments of \$710.50 to the UUA annual fund and \$281.75 to Prairie Star District. We should be receiving a rent statement from WSU for the first three months of the school year. Last year it was \$1620. The new bill will include the additional rooms that the Quakers are sub-renting from us.
- A motion was made and passed to check around for a better rate on our CDs.
- There was question about the balance remaining in the Social Action fund. Dick will check into it.

Fellowship Administrator's Report

- The Members and Friends list has been updated for 2011-12.
- Every year our Fellowship has to report the number of members we have to the UUA for "certification". The amount of dues we pay to UUA and to PSD is based on this number. The board decided that the membership number reported would include those members who were actively involved in the Fellowship, either by making a "contribution of record" in the pre-

vious or current fiscal year, or contributing their service in another way, such as working on a committee.

- Calendar reminder: Reserve the Lake Park Lodge for our Thanksgiving feast, November 18, 2012.

Old Business:

- The Quaker contract needs to be signed. Jim will email them another copy.

New Business:

- In order to place an ad for UU in the Yellowbook, we need to have a phone number listed. Jean Billman, whose number is currently listed, wants to stop being the contact. Jim Armstrong has agreed to be the contact. The change won't be made until the new Yellowbook comes out.
- Jan will add a page to the blue notebooks listing a few emergency aid numbers for people who are in need.

Committee Reports:

Social Action, Leslie Foote:

- Proceeds from the annual book sale went to Care and to the local food shelf.
- Donations have also been made to Goodfellows, Wisconsin-Nicaragua, Catholic Worker, and the YMCA Dream Card
- The Fellowship is again collecting for Guest At Your Table on December 18. Donations will go to UUSC projects.

Chalice, Ray:

The new cart to move the hymnals has arrived and is working well.

Sunday Service, Deb:

- Meeting next Wednesday. There are only a couple of openings left to fill for the year.
- Randy Schenkat has donated two recorders to our Fellowship. Margaret Kiihne and Carolyn Collins are learning how to upload the services so that they can be accessed on our website.

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Birthdays

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| Kaia van Tol | January 4 |
| Katie Bowler | January 15 |
| Sarah Dixen | January 10 |
| Dick Dahl | January 14 |
| Lynne Rabuse | January 14 |
| Matt Schultz | January 17 |
| Holden Bothun | January 19 |
| Ruth Charles | January 21 |
| Tonya van Tol | January 27 |
| Madeline Fletcher | January 27 |
| Adelaide Krase | January 28 |
| Liz Webster | January 30 |
| Patti Neal | January 31 |

BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

RE, Jim (from Debbie Sheets' report):

- Currently our RE enrollment is heavily weighted to the high schoolers and middle schoolers (about 26) vs. K-4 (about 10) and preschoolers (usually 1). The RE committee feels that better attention needs to be paid to the older kids and is thinking about requesting additional funds, possibly \$2000, to address their needs. **Discussion:** It would be good to ask the kids what they would be interested in, listing some possible suggestions or service projects.
- Current RE projects are: the Christmas pageant, and a "gift of nothing" with the K-4 group.

Caring/Hospitality, John:

- Comments have been made that during the social hour the fruit is not being eaten and the bread is gone before the Quakers come in. It is suggested that we change our order to 3 loaves of bread and no fruit. The cost will be about the same. (and so shall it be done)
- Three people in our Fellowship have had medical issues, which the Caring Committee addressed as was needed.

Social Events, Ray:

Over 90 people attended our ever-popular Thanksgiving feast.

Membership/Outreach, Nancy:

The committee hasn't met yet, but has talked. Questions they are being asked are, "Why become a member?", and "What is the difference between member and friend?" The board brainstormed a brief list of points and ideas that could be discussed.

Newsletter, Jan:

The newsletter deadlines are December 19 & January 23, Send articles/news/announcements to Emilie Falc efalc@winona.edu

Next meeting: January 4, 5:30 p.m., Ray Kiihne's house.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Taylor

"Joy isn't something we have to find. Joy is who we are if we're not preoccupied with something else." ~Charlotte Joko Beck

UUFW Board Members



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| Jim Armstrong | President, Board Chair RE Committee Liaison |
| Jan Taylor | Administrator/Newsletter |
| Dick Dahl | Treasurer |
| Ray Kiihne | Chalice committee liaison, Social Events committee liaison |
| Leslie Foote | Social Justice liaison |
| Nancy Quinn | Membership & Outreach liaison |
| John Collins | Caring committee liaison |
| Deb Ward | Sunday Service liaison |



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Questions / Suggestions for the UU Newsletter?

The UU Newsletter Editor is Emilie Falc.

Please send contributions to efalc@winona.edu.

Meditation Group Meets Monday Nights

A new silent meditation group meets at 7:30 pm Monday nights. Anyone is welcome. The focus is on creating a safe, quiet space for group meditation. Contact Emilie Falc for more information.

Notes from the RE Coordinator by Tove Wiggs

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had joyous and safe holidays. First of all, a great big THANK YOU to Patti Neal and Nancy Quinn for their great work coordinating our fabulous holiday service!! Thank you also to everyone else's who volunteered their time working on this project as well; it took many hands. And to our talented youth: excellent job! I am so proud!!

| Attendance | Adults | Children |
|------------|--------|----------|
| Nov. 27 | 41 | 17 |
| Dec. 4 | 31 | 13 |
| Dec. 11 | 30 | 15 |
| Dec. 18 | 55 | 25 |

The K-4 RE group will be spending the month of January with Jim and/or Laura Armstrong working on one of the children's favorite activities, the Heifer Project. They will be deciding what animals they would like to choose and how they would like to present their choices to the congregation. If you are unfamiliar with Heifer International or would like to let you children start thinking about the animals that are available here is a link:

<http://www.heifer.org/>.

There are still several Sundays available to volunteer to teach the K-4 class. The dates yet to be filled are: March 11, April 8, and May 20. I encourage all congregation members to consider volunteering. The curriculum and the supplies will be provided. If you would like to help with any of these dates please contact me.

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