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Banners Go Ballistic

Metroplex Atheists sponsored a banner advertisement campaign during the first two weeks of July in downtown Fort Worth promoting our opposition to the national motto—In God We Trust. The banners displayed the message “In No God We Trust” as shown in the picture at right. There were sixty six of these banners on Main St that stretched for about eight blocks. The banners certainly got people’s attention!! The banners announced an educational seminar intended to show the exclusionary and divisive nature of the current national motto and explain why it should be changed to something all inclusive and unifying such as E. Pluribus Unum (out of many, one).

Needless to say, MA was not prepared for the reaction the banners caused. We were immediately hit with numerous requests for interviews from the media including radio stations, local and national TV stations and requests from Canada and Mexico for t-shirts and banners. Of course the media attention is the main goal of this campaign in order to get our message out as cost effectively as possible and that worked beyond our wildest expectations.

Four of the banners were vandalized on the first day but replaced immediately and no further vandalism occurred probably due to the fact that Main St. in downtown Fort Worth is well lit with 24hr police and camera protection. We did receive a lot of hate messages from the Christian community but also messages of support from Christians as well.

The educational seminar was held at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens and the attendance was estimated to be about 200. Of course there were a handful of Christian protestors there as well. Courtney Stewart and Aron Ra spoke at the seminar about the national motto and why it should be changed.

MA is already planning for a follow up campaign to continue the fight for equality against the Christian nationalist movement and their theocratic motives.

We have had numerous requests to purchase banner t-shirts and the used banners themselves. If interested please send an email to director@metroplexatheists.org.



Arlington 4th of July Parade



Metroplex Atheists marched in the Arlington, Texas 4th of July parade again this year. This was the first year we actually had a float thanks to Charlee Vance and the secular student group from UTA. Please sign up at Meetup.com for all of our event announcements and join us next year for this parade.

Metroplex Atheists Business Meeting Location

METROPLEX ATHEISTS MEETS AT 1:00 P.M. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON A SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT:
Irving, Texas—monitor Metroplex Atheists
Meetup announcements for the exact date and location**

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



TEMPTED?

Go to www.metroplexatheists.org

Remembering James Hardwick

James Hardwick passed away on September 22nd, 2019 at the age of 90. He will be remembered by all of us at Metroplex Atheists as a friend and long time dedicated supporter of the “cause”. James served in the Navy in World War II and was a stoic “atheist in a fox hole”. James served on the MA Board of Directors and volunteered to schedule the facilities used for our monthly business meetings. He showed up at every event we had as long as his health permitted. Our library has been renamed the “James Hardwick Library” in his honor. He will be missed.



Library Book Donation

Metroplex Atheists wants to thank Sammi Ruth Fowler of Abilene for donating over 80 books to the “James Hardwick Metroplex Atheists Library”. If the bible belt has a center of gravity it could very well be Abilene, Texas. Sammi’s collection of books is amazing and includes many books on the religious right and the history of Christianity. We now have over 200 books in the library available for check out. The library is located at Tilden Peacock’s home in Euless, Texas. For more information please email director@metroplexatheists.org.

Separation of Church and State

Possibly the most important initiative of Metroplex Atheists is the fight for the complete separation of church and state as well as “religious” civil liberties for non-believers under the Civil Rights Act.

Please report any violations of separation of church and state or religious civil liberties to Metroplex Atheists at director@metroplexatheists.org.

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WHY DO WE FIGHT?

‘Because we must. Because we have the call. Because it is nobler to fight for rationality without winning than to give up in the face of continued defeats. Because whatever true progress humanity makes is through the rationality of the occasional individual and because any one individual we may win for the cause may do more for humanity than a hundred thousand who hug superstition to their breasts.’

– Isaac Asimov, when asked why he fights religion with no hope for victory



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NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

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