

The Atheist Voice

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Metroplex Atheists Officers

Both La Verda Feagans and Tuesday Morris have resigned their respective positions of VP and Secretary this year. Both contributed greatly to the success of Metroplex Atheists and will be sorely missed. Bi-annual elections will be held at the upcoming October business meeting for all four officer positions and at least two board member positions so please attend if you can.

Jim Wright was elected by the board of directors as the interim VP for the remainder of 2015. The Secretary position for the remainder of 2015 is still open. Please let MA know if you would be interested in this interim position.

Rowlett City Council Prayer

Rowlett is still in violation of the Greece, New York ruling by the Supreme Court but we cannot get legal assistance to pursue a lawsuit because of the conservatism of the 5th District we reside in. However, FFRF/AU/ACLU have filed a suit in the 7th District against a city council in Florida that is committing the same violations of the Greece ruling as Rowlett. MA will be following this suit to its conclusion and will make a decision on what strategy to follow regarding Rowlett when that decision is rendered.

MA Membership

Metroplex Atheists membership enrollment is now accessible on our web site. Membership is not required to participate in any MA event but by joining, at any of the membership levels we offer, you help us to continue to provide a wide variety of events and other services to the non-believing community in the Metroplex.

You can also join by filling out a membership form, available from an officer of MA at any of our events or social gatherings, and return it to an officer or mail it in when completed.

Memberships start at \$12 per year. Student memberships are free.

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To submit an article or letter to the editor, please email us.
The Atheist Voice Editor: editor@metroplexatheists.org

DFWCoR Picnic

The annual DFWCoR picnic was held at Cedar Hill State Park on May 3rd. We again overflowed the main pavilion and almost every Coalition of Reason affiliate was represented. We enjoyed a pot luck meal and everyone got to mingle and schmooze with like minded people from all over the DFW area. Many new friendships were established.

Laura Cox is the new DFWCoR Coordinator serving a 2yr term with Jason Hollis as the assistant coordinator.

Adopt-A-Highway

This volunteer effort provides us with the satisfaction of contributing to the community by helping to keep it clean, and with the signs displaying our name on a heavily trafficked street we get visibility as well. We have had several like minded people find out about us by seeing these adopt-a-highway signs.

Our adopt-a-highway is located on Davis Blvd just north of Loop 820 in North Richland Hills, Tx. Come out and help us if you like. We do a trash pick up every 3mos. Just watch for the Meetup announcement.

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.

Metroplex Atheists Business Meeting Location

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



TEMPTED?

Go to www.metroplexatheists.org

MA Invited to SMU Journalism Class

Randy Word, Terry McDonald and Tuesday Morris represented Metroplex Atheists at a journalism class at SMU on April 15th. The intent of this class lesson was to educate the future journalists on atheism so they can intelligently report on world religions including non-theists. Terry gave his presentation on atheism and then a Q & A was held with Terry, Tuesday and Randy. The questions asked by the students were non-argumentative and non-biased so it appeared the students were learning to be good journalists.

Metroplex Atheists Volunteers Needed

Metroplex Atheists needs volunteers to help with the Solstice party coming up in December, the weekend meetup scheduling and fund raising. We are an all volunteer organization so the number and robustness of activities and events MA can do for the local non-theist community is totally dependent on the level of volunteerism we have at any given time. If interested please contact Randy Word at 972 342 7958.

MA By-Laws

The Metroplex Atheists Board of Directors has created a new set of by-laws since incorporating last year. We maintained our three initiatives from our association by-laws as well as the basic officer/board member qualifications but did change some other details. These by-laws were voted on by our members at a business meeting recently and were approved. These by-laws are now available for viewing on the MA website at Metroplexatheists.org.

Birdville Independent School District Win

Americans United has recently filed a lawsuit on behalf of a former Richland High School student, Isaiah Smith, challenging the BISD Board meeting practice of opening their meetings with an invocation delivered by a selected student at each meeting. The BISD Board has dropped this practice but the lawsuit is still pending. Isaiah asked Metroplex Atheists to support him and AU in this effort and in regards to that request several MA members have attended a BISD Board meeting with Isaiah.

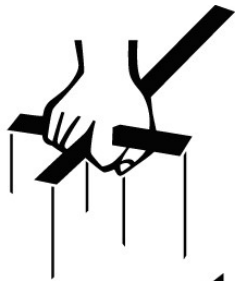
Web Site Update

We are in the process of updating and redesigning the MA web site. We are currently testing various software platforms to support the real time integration of our web site with Facebook and Twitter. Once the social media integration phase is complete we will work on the redesign of the web site. Please email any suggestions you might have to director@metroplexathesits.org.

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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