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Colin Swards Annual Solstice Party

The annual Colin Seward Solstice party was held on Dec 16th at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. There were about 40 people present and lots of good food provided by Metroplex Atheists and the attendees. A “white elephant” gift exchange was held with plenty of gift stealing and fun had by all. There was also a blind auction which helped offset the costs of MA hosting the event. Afterwards there was a cards against humanity tournament during the after party at the Radisson Hotel.. Mark Moore was awarded a plaque for coming in first place in the tournament.

Metroplex Atheists Educate SMU Journalism Class

Randy Word and Courtney Stewart were invited to an SMU journalism class that was studying world religions and the non religious. Randy gave an introductory talk about what atheism is and what it is not followed by Q&A. This type of MA education does not involve debate but is purely educational and hopefully the students in this class will become non-biased journalists when they graduate into the real world.

New MA Officers Elected

Metroplex Atheists elected new officers at the Oct. business meeting. Elected were President Courtney Stewart, Secretary Jim Hall and board member Mark Moore. Re-elected were Vice President Jim Wright and Treasurer Terry McDonald along with board members Randy Word and James Hardwick. Officer terms are for 2 yrs. To be eligible for officer/board positions you must be a dues paying member and have attended at least 3 business meetings in the previous 12 months.

Metroplex Atheists would like to thank Britt Baker and Brandy Jones for there service as President and Secretary of MA for the past 2 years.

Fort Worth Gay Pride Parade

Metroplex Atheists participated in the Fort Worth Gay Pride parade on Oct 16th. We marched in the parade but were disappointed that only a handful of people showed up to march with us. But it was fun anyway and the protesters were out in force as usual. We also sponsored a table in the festival area where we sold various MA merchandise and took donations to help cover our parade costs. Please come out next year and support us in this effort of backing our LGBTQ members and friends. It is very important especially considering the current political scenario.

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

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.

Catholic/Atheist Dialogue

Randy Word and Terry McDonald took part in a Catholic-Atheist dialogue at the home of a Catholic in Colleyville. There were about 10 Catholics present and they all had questions for Randy and Terry. Our meeting with them was a continuing series they are having on different religions and no religion. The conversation was civil and some of the questions evoked debate among the Catholics themselves who held conflicting viewpoints on some of the issues raised during the conversation. Randy and Terry also got to eat and drink well— thanks Catholics, we do have something in common for sure.

Support Secular Values

MA is an endorsing organization for the Secular Coalition of America (SCA) which is a secular values lobbying group. SCA has an option for email Action Alerts to contact your local representatives about specific legislative concerns - secular.org. This is very important to all of us based on the current political climate. It is time to resist!!!!

Town Hall Project is a simple website where you can type in your zip code and it will list when/where any local, upcoming town hall meetings are happening - townhallproject.com.

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.

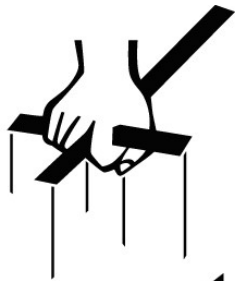
Please report any violations of separation of church and state or religious civil liberties to Metroplex Atheists at director@metroplexatheists.org.

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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.

Metroplex Atheists is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organized for the purpose of education, maintaining Constitutional separation of government and religion, protection of atheists' rights and to provide social meetings for those of similar worldviews. We are affiliated with American Atheists, Secular Coalition of America and the Dallas Fort Worth Coalition of Reason.

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