

PRairie UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
a summer newsletter
JUNE 15, 1969

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

At its first regular meeting, the new board took a number of important steps forward:

1. Bill Burns was appointed Chairman of the Housing and Property Committee. Bill will complete negotiations with the YMCA for a Prairie Society meeting place next fall. The YM has offered us a most attractive arrangement and final word should be forthcoming by the next board meeting.
2. The board asked Sydney Lannerin to continue as Membership and Hospitality Chairman. Syd is considering the request and has promised to give her answer by the next board meeting.
3. Pat Costloy is heading an ad-hoc committee looking into office matters, secretarial services, duplicating, etc. A recommendation for regular administrative services is expected at the next board meeting.
4. Oris Loucks plans to publish a newsletter every two weeks starting in the fall. It will publish as needed during the summer.
5. Roland Parrish and Ted Peters are investigating the possibility of hiring a part-time professional...minister, group leader, prophet-in-residence, or what-have-you... this fall. A preliminary report will be made at the next board meeting.
6. Read the following communication from the finance chairman to find out what was done about finances.

THE BOARD WILL MEET Thursday, July 3rd, at 8:00 P. M. at the home of Boris Frank... 5600 Kronke Drive. All are welcome. Board meetings will be held regularly on the 1st Thursday of the month.



FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE OR "ANOTHER APRON-STRING CUP"

We are currently in the process of receiving all Prairie financial records and funds-due-us from the First Society. To many of us this will represent a huge step toward the independent operation of our own Society. Such a leap should not be taken without some consideration of the responsibilities which accompany fiscal independence.

Our current financial status is healthy when we consider our operating expenses only. If we are going to be able to afford professional assistance or any kind of housing of our own in the future, we must begin to build a capital fund. At the rate our pledges are being paid, it is doubtful that we will have the income that was pledged for 1969-1970. Many of our members were unable to pledge last fall and others who did pledge have paid nothing or very little toward it to date.

At the board meeting on June 5, 1969, it was decided to change our pledge year and our fiscal year to run concurrently from October 1 to September 30. This change is going to cut the current pledge year to eleven months while lengthening the current operating year to thirteen months. The board voted this change realizing that it might be more difficult for all of us to get our current pledges paid by September 30, and so agreed to consider pledges paid-in-full if eleven twelfths of the amount pledged is paid by September 30, 1969.

In considering these problems that we encounter as a result of our growth and development toward independent operation of our Society, you might consider your own financial situation and the status of your pledge payments. On the bright side of the ledger is the fact that two members and one friend of the Prairie Society who did not make pledges in the fall have started sending in contributions. Perhaps there are one of you who did not pledge but now find that you can and would like to offer some financial assistance to the Prairie Society. If this is the case, you can be certain that your contributions will be welcomed.

We now have a checking account and post office box in the name of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society. Will you please make all of your future checks payable to the Prairie U.U. Society and all them to:

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
P. O. Box 4037
Madison, Wisconsin, 53711

Joan Burns, Finance Chairman

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE SOCIETY....Any society correspondence can be mailed to the above address.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Committees are now being formed for the coming year. If you are interested in serving, please contact the chairmen now. Members and friends are eligible to serve.

Finance.....	Joan Burns	258-4522
RE.....	Jane Ruck	258-1620 (after July)
Housing and Grounds.....	Bill Burns	258-4522
Social Action.....	Rachel Siegfried	258-4979

If you want to be on a committee but you're not sure which one, call Boris Frank at 258-2281 for a little informal dialogue. Lots of help is needed.



FAMILY DINNER JUNE 29th

The first summer outing of all Prairie members, friends, and guests will be held on Sunday, June 29th, at Stewart Park in Mount Moreau. Each family will be responsible for his own food and drink. Games will be organized, there is a fine small lake for fishing or boating (no motors allowed...bring your canoe or rowboat), hiking is great, and a giant (and probably very disorganized) softball game will be held on the green.

Start arriving any time after 1:30. A fire will be going for those of you with steaks and chops.

Boris Frank is organizing this one...so call him for further information or if the weather looks bad and you have doubts. Cancelled if it rains. Boris's number is 258-2281.



YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL

A very big thank you to all of the teachers, the RE committee and especially to Nancy Gear from all of us for the good year our children have had at the society. Your gift of time, effort, concern, and imagination has been very much appreciated.

In May the children contributed money for a gift for the seminary; a book of posters by Marc Chagall was chosen. It seemed especially appropriate because we had enjoyed the boys' posters in the seminary halls and classrooms so much. We have received thanks from Leonardner Hartz.

Teachers will be receiving materials over the summer. There will be a meeting the first week of September.

Junior Dance suggested that relating to children in a provocative and meaningful way in the area of "religious experience" may be seen very appropriately as social action. We still have an opportunity or two left for the coming year. If you'd like to try, call Karen Peters right away at 258-7716.



see you on June 29th

