

# Prairie Fire

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Newsletter of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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Prairie Society meets each Sunday at the Woodland Montessori School at the corner of Colby and Van Deusen Streets. The Sunday services are indicated by an asterisk.

## CALENDAR

\* Sunday, April 29, 10:00 a. m. --The Moral Dilemma of Welfare--Julie Bonser

\* Sunday, May 6, 10:00 a. m. --Today's Wisconsin Law and Marriage--Norma Briggs

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p. m. --Solo Performances Group--at Laura Smail's home, 5059 Marathon Dr. All levels of performance will be appreciated. Start practicing now. Please call Laura to tell her what you will play or sing. Listeners are welcome.

## NEW PRAIRIE OFFICERS ELECTED AT PARISH MEETING

Aileen Nettleton was elected president; Richard Bonser, vice-president; Rod Stevenson, treasurer; Warren Hagstrom, secretary; Mike Briggs, program chair; Jack Jallings, long range planning; Roland Sarko, housing and property; Norma Briggs, finance; Shirley Lake and Joan Hall, co-chairpersons of R. E.; and Rachel Siegfried and Barbara Steinau, co-chairpersons of social action committees at the parish meeting held Sunday, April 22 at the Colby street meeting place.

Amendments to the by-laws were adopted which would add the chairperson of the program committee to the executive board, add the long-range planning committee to the list of standing committees, and provide that at least two weeks notice must be given for business meetings. Another proposal, changing the makeup of the committee on committees, was withdrawn when it became apparent that it needed some revisions.

Norma Briggs, Alice Bullen, Mel Micke, John Grindrod, and Al Nettleton were elected to the committee on committees.

A motion to discontinue the practice of paying lay ministers caused a long discussion involving whether other services contributed by members ought also to be paid. The motion failed to pass.

A report that an offer to purchase the Trading Post property had been rejected by Randall State Bank because of two higher offers, but that at least one of the other prospective purchasers would have to obtain a change of zoning led to the authorization for the board to continue negotiations with the bank, to look for other properties, and to establish a building fund if a suitable property is found.

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Galen and Rose Smith will be moving this week to their home in Whitewater and have asked to have their new address noted in Prairie Fire. They hope they will have visits and letters from their Prairie friends. These valued members will surely be missed by all Prairie members. The address: 445 W. Center St., Whitewater, Wis. 53190. Phone (414) 473-7322.  
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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF "BROWN vs BOARD OF EDUCATION" TO BE OBSERVED

The UU Brown Committee will host an observance May 17-19 at Topeka, Kansas of the 25th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision that no person may be excluded from public education facilities because of race. The program will be designed to assist UU's in updating our stance on race relations, educate the public concerning the rationale of the decision, and increase the awareness of a continuing lack of equal educational opportunities for blacks and other minorities.

Sponsors of the affair are the Unitarian Universalist Association, Prairie Star district of the UUA, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka, the Black Affairs Council of the UUA, and Unitarian Universalists for Black and White Action. The program will include major addresses by national leaders, workshops, and worship.

Registration fee will be \$10.00 per person, and limited travel subsidies may be available. Further information may be obtained from the UU Brown Committee, c/o The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4775 West 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604, (913) 272-9233.

-- Next Prairie Fire deadline Sunday, May 6 --

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