

Iowa Humanist Meeting

Dec. 2, 2019

Secretary, Arlene Davis

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by Don Davis acting President.
A sign in sheet was passed around, 19 people in attendance.
Our guest speaker for this meeting is Channing Dutton, "A Path to Climate Action"
2. A quorum was verified by the outgoing Secretary, Dave Witke, and elections were held.
3. Elections-Nomination of Al Powers for President was made by Dave Witke and seconded by Ann Mowery.
Al Powers was elected President by acclamation for the term ending 12-31-2020
Don Davis resumed his position as Vice President for the term ending 12-31-2021.
Nomination of Arlene Davis for Secretary was made by Al Powers and seconded by Dave Witke.
Arlene Davis was elected by acclamation for the term ending 12-31-2021.
4. President report-Don gave an update of current activities including calendar reservations with the UU Church, ideas for more networking, and possible monthly get togethers. Dian Curran also asked for better relations with the atheist and free thinkers group to which Dave Witke responded. This opened a renewed positive dialogue with this group.
5. Secretary report- Dave Witke, gave the Secretary report encouraging membership renewals. Membership is \$15 a year. Membership applications were distributed. A total of 8 new or renewing memberships were received. Former Iowa State Senator Matt McCoy spoke at the last meeting is following .
6. Treasurers Report-Ned Miller, we are solvent. He will supply the full report at a future time.
7. Book Club Organizer-Dian Curran gave a overview of the Book Study group and how she ended up as organizer. The current book being read by the group is The Founding Myth: Why Christian Nationalism is Un-American by Andrew L. Seidle, The next meeting will be 12-15. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:30-10:30 am. At the Des Moines UU Church.
8. Old Business- none discussed
9. New Business- Dian will be working with the atheist and free thinkers group to get a meeting with the author of the current Book Club book in late January.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM
11. Our Speaker is introduced by Ned Miller