

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, April 23, 2006

Prelude - *Walk the World Now, Children*  
sung by Prairie children

Welcome

Prairie Bond of Union

\*Chalice Lighting

Minute of Silence

\*Opening Song - *The Garden Song*  
p. 59 in Prairie Song Book

Joys and Concerns

Presentation:  
*Appreciating Our Home and Doing Right by the Earth*  
by Mary Mullen and Lawrence Nahlik

\*Song - *All God's Critters*  
p. 241 in Rise Up Singing

Outdoor Activity - Seton Sitting  
(Older adults who find it difficult to do Seton Sitting will be  
provided with an indoor activity.)

\*stand as you are able

Discussion

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(additional announcements are in your order of service)

\*Closing Song - *This Land is Your Land*  
p. 51 in Prairie Song Book

**Welcome to our Service!** We are so glad you are here. Please stay afterwards for fellowship and coffee. This service was planned by Mary Mullen and Larry Nahlik. Our musicians today are Doleta Chapru, Mary Mullen, Carl Wacker, and Prairie children. Thanks to all of them for their service today.

## Announcements

**Parish Meeting** follows today's service.

**Right Relationship** presentations on April 30 and May 21 will share the first draft of an "Agreement for Right Relationship" for Prairie. You may attend one or all of the sessions.

**New Prairie Website** is up -- <http://www.uuprairie.org>.

**Playreaders:** Susan Hagstrom will be holding a Playreaders gathering at the Hagstrom residence, 916 Shorewood Blvd, 7:30 April 29th. The group will read G.B. Shaw's *The Apple Cart* (one of his more political plays), with discussion, cherry muffins and drinks served.

**Prairie Elders** will meet on April 25 to discuss "Moments of Radical Change and their Impact on our Lives". Meet in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Exercise Room of Oaks Building at Oakwood West and bring a small snack.

**Book Club** selection for May 7 is "Don't Think of an Elephant" by George Lakoff.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network:** Prairie next assists Midvale Lutheran in hosting homeless families the first week in May. This much-needed community service organized by the IHN depends on the many volunteers who provide food and support. New volunteers from Prairie are welcome, and children also have the opportunity to participate. Please contact Paula Pachciarz to volunteer or for more information.

**New Pictures Requested** - Rose and Galen Smith have been providing so many beautiful pictures for such a long time for our meeting room: Thank you very much!! But it's time for a change now. Anyone willing to put up a new set of pictures--paintings, graphics, photographs--please let Rose or Galen know when an exchange can take place!

## Calendar

**Sunday, April 23, 11:45 a.m.** Annual Meeting at Prairie

**Tuesday, April 25, 2:00 p.m.** Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West.

**Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.** Natural Step Class meets at Prairie.

**Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie.

**Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.** Playreaders at Hagstrom home.

**Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m.** "Sikhism: a Universal Religion" presented by Dr. Satwant Dhillon. Fifth in World Religions series.

**Sunday, April 30, 11:45 a.m.** ~~Right Relations Presentation.~~ Long Range Plan

**Sunday, April 30, 12:00 noon.** Humanist Union meets at Prairie

**Sunday, April 30 to Sunday, May 7.** IHN volunteer week for Prairie at Midvale Lutheran

**Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.** Natural Step Class meets at Prairie.

**Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal

**Sunday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.** "Hurricane Animal Rescue Work" presented by Marina Drake.

**Sunday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.** Book Club potluck and discussion.

**Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie

**Wednesday, May 10, 7:15 p.m.** 1<sup>st</sup> Session Story-Telling Workshop

**Sunday, May 21, 11:45 a.m.** Right Relations presentation

**Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie

**Wednesday, May 24, 7:15 p.m.** 2nd Session Story-Telling Workshop

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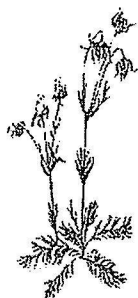
**SPRING PARISH MEETING**  
**April 23 2006**

## **AGENDA**

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| 11:45 | Convene  |
| 11:50 | Minutes  |
| 11:55 | Report of Committee on Committees and<br>election of officers for 2006-2007 <sup>1</sup> |
| 12:10 | President's report on renewal of consultant<br>minister contract <sup>2 3</sup>          |
| 12:30 | Committee reports  |
| 12:45 | Adjourn  |

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1. See reverse for nominations.
  2. Resolved, that Prairie shall engage a quarter-time consultant minister beginning August 1 2006 for a period not to exceed one year.
  3. Resolved, that Prairie shall offer the Rev. Jody Whelden a further contract as its quarter-time consultant minister, and that the Board be authorized to negotiate a contract with her for a period not to exceed one year beginning August 1 2006, subject to Prairie's budget and to the wishes and concerns of the congregation.

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## SPRING PARISH MEETING

April 23 2006

## NOMINATIONS

President	Mike Briggs
Vice-President	KK Anderson
Secretary	Jerry Simmons
Treasurer	Dirk Herr-Hoyman
Finance	Norma Briggs & Steve Vorass
Denominational Affairs	Larry Nahlik
Housing and Property Program	Judy Skog
Membership	Mary Mullen & ???
Long Range Planning	Paula Pachciarz
Religious Education	Ken Skog & ???
Social Action	Rachel Long
Committee on Committees	Sarah Lord & Dan Proud
Ceremonies	Jerry Simmons
Caring	???
	???

Nominations needed: Co-chair LRP; co-chair Program;  
Ceremonies; Caring Committee

## Lay Ministry Proposals

Andy Somers	Religion and Political Extremism
Judy Skog	Natural Steps to Sustainability
Rick Ruecking	That Vision Thing (in art and politics)
Kathy Converse	Considering Evolution (Spring)

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
FALL 2005 PARISH MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20, 2005

Meeting called to order at 11:50 am  
43 members present

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2005 Spring Parish meeting and this meeting's agenda were distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dirk Herr-Hoyman

Reports distributed. (See attached.) Pledges are on target for 2005. New expenses are minister, roof, and the sound system.

There has been a change in assets' assignment in this report. To finance the land acquisition for the new building, CD's have been cashed and the mortgage has been refinanced. The balance for 2004 was \$62,000 and now is \$20,000 so cushion is more limited. The mortgage payment is the same. The land was purchased for \$305,000 and loans from Prairie members total \$225,000. The remaining portion was covered by loan.

MOTION: Treasurer's report accepted (Rosemary Dorney, Anne Urbanski). Passed unanimously.

MINISTER'S REPORT—Rev. Jody Whelden

Jody reviewed her five charges which include: Work with the Caring Committee, Attract new members to Prairie, especially families with children, Work with Long Range Planning to envision a new future and emphasize commonality of values, Work with Committee on Ministry which provides support and direction to the ministry, and Work with the Right Relations committee to develop a covenant of right relations among ourselves.

FINANCE—Norma Briggs and Steve Vorass

1) The proposed 2006 budget was distributed (see attached) and was presented as a "bare-bones" budget. Some changes have been made including deletion of unspent line items, and also separating out expenses such that RE has their own budget and the minister has her own, as examples. Note was made that we now have three quarter-time paid staff and that heating expenses are expected to rise 45%. Fewer funds were allotted for Lay Ministries now that we have a ¼ time minister. It was explained that "Fair Share" for UUA amounts to \$66 per member. Ten new pledges have been made. It was made clear that the land purchase is reviewed in a separate document and not included in this operating budget. Sharrei Shamayim will be asked to increase the rent paid per year by \$750 (from \$6000). No capital expenditures are included in that the roof and sump were arranged for in the previous budget. Plans for a fence and modernizing the RE kitchen were deleted. Cost for phone and internet service provider were consolidated.

2) The land purchase in Fitchburg was then reviewed. Those who loaned Prairie would receive 3% per year for the first 3 years, and 5% thereafter. The refinancing of our Whenona church building resulted in the same monthly payments for a longer period of time.

P2, Fall 2005 Parish Meeting Minutes.

Comments re: Finance report included:

- A recommendation that any overage be applied to capital reserves for contingencies.
- A priority should be made to use funds to increase publicity to increase membership.
- Regret expressed that \$1000 for delegates to the UUA General Assembly was deleted.
- Another member felt that more energy should go to RE and taking care of new members.

MOTION: 2006 Budget adopted as presented. (Larry Nahlik, Aileen Nettleton) Passed unanimously.

Discussion then ensued as to the role of the congregation in proceeding with financing a new building. It was felt that a clear plan be presented after a realistic assessment made of our financial situation. Support was given to borrowing funds if there is a reasonable expectation that the loan can be repaid.

MOTION: The congregation is to be consulted if major decisions re: financing a new building are involved. (Bob Park, Mike Briggs) Passed unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Written copies of committee reports will be made available to the congregation.

MOTION: MINUTES from Spring Parish 2005 meeting were approved as distributed. (Judy Skog, Dirk Herr-Hoyman)

Adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

KK Anderson

(Note that Rick Ruecking recorded notes for the first 20 minutes of this meeting.)