

Minutes 1

Lakeside Freethinkers

Those present Ron Napier, Stephen Segall, Hank Shriver, Jerry Smith,
Henry Laxen, John Stokdijk, Darlene Lockey, Mike Woods

Date June 17, 2015 4:05pm–6:00pm

1.1 Vice President's Remarks

There was no formal speaker arranged for today, so Ron opened up the meeting to a general discussion.

Just a few days ago, the pope announced that he believed that global warming caused by man is an urgent issue that must be addressed by all the nations of the world with an aim to minimize the damage towards the planet. The discussion that followed went along the following lines:

- Kudos to the pope for speaking up
- The church always tries to denigrate science
- Why does the tea party point out the failings of science
- How does religion influence politics
- Eisenhower was responsible for the introduction of religion into American politics
- The reform party in Canada is the de facto "religious party" of Canada.
- The reform party was organized in the 80's and has had a great influence on the current Canadian administratino

At this point Ron intervened and ask that the discussion turn away from politics and revert to free thinking.

- Henry suggested that an effort be made to rewrite the Bible and leave out the “crazy parts.”
- Several people pointed out that the Bible is the *word of god*, and hence cannot be altered by man.
- A lively discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.