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Lakeside Freethinkers

Those present John de Waal, Ron Napier, John Stokdijk, Hank Shriver, Henry Laxen, Stephen Segall, Jim Wanamaker, Jerry Smith

Date February 17, 2016 4:05pm–6:00pm

End of March is the end of the term of the current executives. John thanks Ron and Chad.

John Stokdijk- "I am not the appropriate person to take the leadership role because my thinking does not reflect the thinking of the majority." Objected to bylaws when founded.

John Stokdijk- Henry send out email to group to let people know we are looking for officers.

Stephen - Officers are desirable but we can live without it.

Jim Wanamaker from Anchorage Alaska. 54 years in Anchorage lawyer and judge. Religion never made sense. Unitarian fellowship.

John de Waal - read aloud and discussed Proselytize. Should atheists Proselytize? Written by Cameron Slater

Atheism vs Anti-theism.

John Stokdijk - 50 or 60 years ago secular forces would eventually prevail. 70s a rebound of religion. atheists are deserving of respect. results in polarization of society.

Hank Shriver- should have set up a state church. It is the diversity of religion that causes all the problems.

Silverman aggressive and promoting atheism. Trying to build something. Madelyn O'Hare - made enemies. Reversed school prayer.

John Stokdijk - Owen Flannigan most people cannot embrace lack of meaning. argument against a purely materialistic world view.

Ron Napier- music cabatina from Beethoven quartet in bflat opus 130

Stephen Segall - mystery awe gratitude connection = spirituality

John - distinction between physical and mental. David Chalmers - the nature of ultimate reality - ultimate reality is something that is not physical.

George Berkeley

Descartes - coincidentalism - neutral monism

John - religion is a historical thing.

John Leslie - Canadian philosopher - rational - evidence of personal experience.
affirmations of humanism

Bill Jager