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## Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



We welcome Jim Goyette to the Board of Directors as the new treasurer of Prairie Lakes!

See page 2 for a recap of the annual meeting.

### Calendar At-A-Glance

**ENGAGE Sunday, June 2, 10:00 AM:** Pride month recognition with Becky Feyen. Becky will present "The Five Practices" as presented by the UUA. Congregational input will be needed to guide the implementation of our Welcoming Congregation Renew Program/Process.

**Worship Service Sunday, June 9, 10:00 AM:** Penny Andrews will share her memories of the 2018 Parliament of World Religions.

**Please stay after the service for our Second Sunday Potluck!!**

**ENGAGE Sunday, June 16, 10:00 AM:** Happy Father's Day! *The Importance of Fathers* will be presented by Becky Feyen.

**Worship Service Sunday, June 23, 10:00 AM:** Summer Solstice Celebration with Jill Stiemsma.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, June 30, 10:00 AM** Outing to visit Bonnie Wagner. Meet at Prairie Lakes and we will carpool (40 min). Feel free to drive from home. Return to Ripon sometime around noon. More information on page 4.

Families United meets at Prairie Lakes every Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

## Annual Meeting Recap from the Moderator by Becky Feyen



Happy June!

OK, this is the last month of the fiscal year for Prairie Lakes. We observe & celebrate this auspicious occasion with an annual meeting in May. Thank you to those who joined us in body or spirit - your proxy votes help us reach the quorum level. The much-maligned annual meeting - it really is not that bad (I hope). Your participation this year helped me define and change my mind on a few items.

In case you missed it, or forgot, I began the meeting apologizing that I was not fully prepared for the vote on Social Action fund distribution. I stated that plans often take longer than expected, but typically it leads to an improvement. I believe that is the case with the Social Action funds, based on a comment from the floor. We will discuss & consider using those funds in a way to make Prairie Lakes a visible helper in the community. Stay tuned & get your creative juices flowing for how we can make the greatest impact in our community.

How about our Judy & Tanya! That team provided a wonderful presentation when discussing the budget. Of course, there were moments of “what?” “where?” “how?” – which is typical; the budget is always a challenge to explain. Judy & Tanya made the point of connecting the expenses with the various programs & visions for Prairie Lakes, defining a context for the expenses. Next year, we will consider projecting the budget page(s) on the large screen & using a laser pointer to help everyone find the area being discussed (good thing techy-Jim is the new treasurer).

This year the board presented a budget that exceeded projected income, due to improvements being made to the facility. We have accumulated donation funds over the past several years to develop our “Green Space”. This project began in 2015 with voting at the annual meeting to raze the Doty Street house. Here is another case where waiting allowed the project to transition from our original plan of developing the current grassy area, to long-term plan of relocating the parking lot. Thank you for supporting our vision of gradual improvements around the building. There are numerous details to assess & finalize as the project begins/proceeds.

Even though we accumulated funds in the savings account to cover the excavation & landscaping projected expenses, the board proposed removing money from the Common Endowment Fund/Vision Fund, long-term investments. I appreciate that it was not a unanimous decision – we need people to let us know that these decisions should not be taken for granted. I promise we will do our best to keep costs to a minimum & that this project will be worthwhile investment.

As I alluded to earlier, WE HAVE A NEW BOARD MEMBER – WELCOME JIM GOYETTE! Jim kindly agreed to take on responsibility of the Treasurer for Prairie Lakes – THANK YOU!!! This was a unanimous vote. I am looking forward to Jim’s perspective & talents to help elevate the communication method of our board.

We closed the meeting with 2019/20 Goals. Thank you for your participation & comments; it is inspiring to know you have an active interest in this Fellowship. It is also not too late to share your thoughts & concerns; attaining and maintaining relevant goals is always an evolving process. My greatest concern is that we (I) neglect the goals. It is so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day; then we lose sight of our vision to evolve with the needs of our community. I will be posting our 2019/20 GOALS with room for progress reports.

Oh yeah, speaking of goals – an additional large “PRAIRIE LAKES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP” sign is in development. With all the other improvements happening outside, this is the perfect time to promote who we are.

My heartfelt gratitude for your support of Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship –

### 2019/20 Fiscal Year Board of Directors! (Blue circle indicates newly elected or reelected)



After 5 years as PLUUF’s Moderator, Becky Feyen will serve as Moderator for one more year.



Linda DeCramer will begin the second year of her second term as Secretary.



Jim Goyette will begin his first term as Treasurer.



Pat Dobrinska is starting the second year of her first term as At-Large Rep 1.



Jessica French will begin the first year of her second term as At-Large Rep 2.



## June Worship Services by Jill Stiemsma

Well, we had another great month of services, didn't we? Becky Feyen's reading choices for Mother's Day were amazing. And, thank you, New Members and Board Members, for leading our most memorable Flower Communion. We are so fortunate to have such willing members. And following the Flower Communion, Shane Beegle signed the Membership Book. Welcome, aboard, Shane!

We look forward to seeing all of you at the following services this summer (yes, summer's coming!):

**Sunday, June 9, 10:00 AM:** Penny Andrews returns to update us on the 2018 Parliament of World Religions in Toronto. For those of you unfamiliar with this Parliament, it is an amazing amalgamation of religions and religious adherents from around the world. When it was held in Salt Lake City a few years ago, many PLUUF'ers enthusiastically attended. Unfortunately, none of us attended this time around. So, we'll have to be satisfied with experiencing it through Penny's eyes.

And, since it's a Second Sunday, we'll enjoy our Potluck following the service.

**Sunday, June 23, 10:00 AM:** It's time to celebrate Summer Solstice! This service will be led by a number of our members. But I want to thank Elisabeth Woodworth-Zanto for helping me plan it. Liz practiced her Pagan traditions with our dear Chris Poortenga through Open Circle. But unfortunately, though willing, Liz couldn't lead this service on that particular date. So she helped me design it. Generosity at its best! Hope you can attend.

Have a great – and safe – summer, all!



Eric Bartelme (left) is pictured recognizing our newest members:  
Liz Buchanan-Beegle, Robyn Davis-Bartow, Judy Morgan, & Randy Roeper



Adults: Shane, Liz, Randy, Judy & Robyn  
Children: McKinley and Lilly Buchanan-Beegle

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We honored four (a fifth signed the book the day of the ceremony!) new members to PLUUF at the Flower Communion ceremony on May 26.

Welcome  
Robyn Davis-Bartow  
Randy Roeper,  
Judy Morgan  
Liz Buchanan-Beegle  
Shane Beegle (Signed the book on 5/26!)



## June ENGAGE Sundays by Becky Feyen

**Sunday, June 2, 10:00 AM:** Pride Month Recognition. This ENGAGE program will provide a short review of the history of Pride Month and the LGBTQ community struggle against discrimination & how UU organizations are advocating for protections around the world. In 2018 the UUA outlined new requirements for Welcoming Congregations with “Five Practices of Welcome Renewal”. Becky Feyen will introduce “The Five Practices” as presented by the UUA. Congregational input will be needed to guide the implementation of our Welcoming Congregation Renew Program/Process. We will close with a Pride Flag dedication & installation on the exterior of the building.

**Sunday, June 16, 10:00 AM:** HAPPY FATHER’S DAY! *The Importance of Fathers* will be presented by Becky Feyen. The shifting roles of fathers within the family structure have elevated fathers to caregivers. The changing family structure has resulted in greater focus on how important fathers are to the development of children. On Father’s Day we will honor the fathers and father figures who have supported & enriched our lives.

**Sunday, June 30, 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday, 10:00 AM – Outing to visit Bonnie Wagner.** Meet at Prairie Lakes and we will carpool to Neenah (40 min.) Feel free to drive from home and meet us there.

If you cannot join us on June 30, feel free to call Bonnie, send a card, or visit when you have time.

Bonnie’s phone  
number:  
920-722-6917

Address:  
413 Third St.  
P.O. Box 2182  
Neenah WI  
54957

Wishing Bonnie Wagner  
well as she recovers from a  
virus while managing her  
cancer. Bonnie is pictured  
with the flowers sent on  
behalf of PLUUF.



## Significant Social Action Historical Dates in June

June 19<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth: Celebrates the day in 1865 that slaves in Galveston, Texas, were told that slavery had ended. President Abraham Lincoln had actually ended slavery two and a half years prior to the Texas slaves being notified.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stonewall Uprising: A series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations by members of the gay (LGBT) community against a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, New York City. They are widely considered to constitute the most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States.

# Summer Camp for Kids

## POWER of POLLINATORS



Monday, July 29  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
315 Eureka St. Ripon

- Hands-on activities
- Stories & videos
- Crafts
- Professional musician



Photo taken at  
2018 Summer  
Camp with  
professional  
musician &  
storyteller  
David HB Drake

The camp is FREE and for children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. If you know of children who may be interested, registration brochures are available at PLUUF.

A grant from the Webster Foundation is making this camp possible.  
If you'd like to volunteer, contact Judy at [jdlake@centurytel.net](mailto:jdlake@centurytel.net) or call 507-273-0558

## Fellowship Notes



We have a new May Pole! It's 12 feet high and was created with the help of many. Judy Harris provided the inspiration, Becky Feyen provided the base, Tanya acquired the pole & ribbons, and Brad & Nicole Roost invented and made the top and decorated.



At the end of our annual meeting on May 19, we had a surprise visitor: Julia Solomon stopped by! Julia is a former PLUUF board member. She lives in Oshkosh with her beautiful daughter Sophia and husband Mark.

We hope she'll visit us again!!



## In Case You Missed It In May

**ENGAGE Sunday, May 5 with Judy Harris**  
**May Day: Our "Secret" Holiday**



It's been several years since we celebrated May Day. Judy calls it the secret holiday.

May Day is a May 1 celebration with a long and varied history, dating back millennia. Throughout the years, there have been many different events and festivities worldwide,

most with the express purpose of welcoming in a change of season (spring in the Northern Hemisphere). In the 19th century, May Day took on a new meaning, as an International Workers' Day grew out of the 19th-century movement for labor rights and an eight-hour workday in the United States.

Judy Harris & Chris Poortenga led this service in the past. To honor Chris's memory, Judy began the event with Hymn #361 Enter, Rejoice & Come In. She made a grand entrance and shook the hands of everyone in attendance just like Chris used to do. She spoke of Chris, talked about the history and meaning of May Day and shared the book "Where the Wild Things Are."

We proceeded outdoors and the kids put soil and pansies in cups to give to the elders. We called in the quarters and danced around the May Pole. Check out PLUUF's Facebook page if you'd like to see photos and video of this amazing event. Thank you to Judy for coordinating and leading it.



**Worship Service May 12 with Becky Feyen**  
**Mother's Day with Becky Feyen**



On Mother's Day we honored all who mother – caregivers, providers, teachers, defenders, those who inspire and "help bring an infant along the many paths to maturity." Becky Feyen presented a reading entitled "How to Honor the Complexity of Motherhood" by Jennifer Kunst Ph.D. We celebrated & discussed being the *good enough mother*; the real mother who helps her children learn about life through real experiences & limits. Thank you to all our mothers.

**Worship Service May 26 with Jill Stiemsma & Friends**  
**Flower Ceremony Welcoming New Members**



The Flower Ceremony is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Jill Stiemsma worked her magic and created a phenomenal service tying in the rituals from the Flower Communion while welcoming new members. She invited new members, board members and a few committee chairs to lead parts of the service. The four new members led the reflection by individually articulating their current beliefs, especially as they relate to a "higher power," "God," the divine, etc. We welcomed Robyn Davis-Bartow, Randy Roeper, Judy Morgan & Liz Buchanan-Beegle. Tom Zuhlke was mentioned as he's on the cusp of becoming a member. After the service when we gathered in the social room for cake, it was announced that Shane Beegle just signed the membership book!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Robyn Davis-Bartow  
Randy Roeper  
Judy Morgan  
Liz Buchanan-Beegle  
Shane Beegle

Soon-to-be new member: Tom Zuhlke



Thank you to everyone who supported adding the 50-hour per month Administrative Manager position to PLUUF's budget last year at the annual meeting and supporting the decision to put me in that role. I LOVE my job!

The Administrative Manager role includes a variety of duties. That's actually what I like most – the diversity of duties keeps it interesting. I've been managing the finances and working closely with the treasurer. My duties not only include financial responsibilities but also the creation of the monthly newsletter, order-of-service programs, flyers and more, plus administrative support. I'm lucky to work with such a supportive board of directors and congregation.

Again, thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity and your continued support.

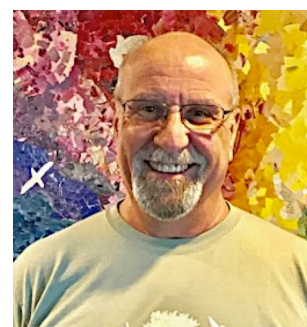
With gratitude,

Tanya



**Thank you to Judy Harris for serving as interim treasurer for the 2018-19 fiscal year and for the many years served on PLUUF's board as At-Large Representative. Your insight, wisdom, and humor will be missed at the monthly board meetings.**

At the annual meeting Jim Goyette was unanimously elected treasurer for the 2019-20 & 2020-21 fiscal years. He will begin his first term as treasurer beginning July 1. Welcome Jim!



2018-19

## Board of Directors\*

**Moderator**

Becky Feyen

**Secretary**

Linda DeCramer

**Treasurer**

Judy Harris

**At Large Representative**

Pat Dobrinska

**At Large Representative**

Jessica French

**Administrative Manager**

Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

## Treasurer's Report as of May 29, 2019

by Judy Harris & Tanya Schwartz Roeper

	Current Month (May)	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Income	\$608	\$25,523	\$34,321
Expenses	\$1,416	\$26,738	\$34,321

Detailed monthly financial reports are always available at PLUUF or by request:  
[tanyapapermaker@gmail.com](mailto:tanyapapermaker@gmail.com)

BMO Checking	\$25,414 Operating Fund
Golden Rule Savings	\$18,844 Short term Vision Fund
UUCEF*	<u>\$50,009 Long term Vision Fund</u>
	\$94,267

\*Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund

\*Past and present board minutes and detailed treasurer reports are available for viewing at the fellowship or obtain a copy by request.

Board meetings take place on the Wednesday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. If there is anything you'd like to put on the agenda, please contact Linda DeCramer [lindadecramer@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadecramer@yahoo.com) or Becky Feyen [r.feyen@yahoo.com](mailto:r.feyen@yahoo.com) at least one week in advance.