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SCUUF Programs and Activities for December - All programs will be held at the Dolphin Theater at 10 am except as noted otherwise.

December Programs – Religions and Year-End Religious celebrations

Dec. 6 - Hannukah - Joanne Moss of the Congregation Mayim Shalom here in Coos Bay will help us understand the important Jewish holiday. **Program Planning Meeting follows the service**

Dec. 13 - Islam - What is the true nature of the Islamic religion? Lynn and Robert or maybe a special guest

Dec. 20 - Solstice Celebration - The celebration will take place at the Sunset Bay gazebo, rain or shine, at NOON. Potluck to follow.

Dec. - 27 - Sing Along of familiar and well loved songs

SCUUF raises Funds for Syrian Refugees

At the Thanksgiving potluck held at Martin Annex on November 22, a collection was taken up for Syrian refugees, to be sent to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The UU Church at Shelter Rock in Manhasset NY had offered to match amounts over \$125 from any UU church via that

committee. We collected **\$179!** That translates into \$358 for this critical cause. Good work, SCUUFers!

New Members

Two new Unitarian Universalists have become SCUUF members. Linda Smith and Kathy Maxham signed the membership book during a brief welcoming ceremony at our November 29 service. Brief bios will follow from each in the next SCUUP.

Splinters From the Board

The board of directors has met several times since the last report of its deliberations in July. Although most business consisted of routine review of finances and committee activities, below is a compilation of the few significant decisions and discussions at the August, October and November meetings (no formal board meeting was held in September). Thanks go to our valiant fellowship secretary, Asiale Crumley, for listening through the hours of taped meeting to extract their essence.

August.

Marian Crumley urged positive action on developing a fundraising action other than the annual pledge drive. Al urged action on increasing our membership as well and notes that the two goals can be intertwined.

October

Caring committee: Marian and Georgia are sharing the Caring Committee duties. Marian has conferred with Georgia regarding needed correspondence with members and friends who need support. She reports abundant supply of cards at present. She reiterated

the need for members to communicate regarding perceived needs.

Fundraising: Asialee summarized the discussion at the September brainstorming session that replaced the regular board meeting. A broad concept emerged of a highly public event that would raise the Fellowship's profile in the community and perhaps attract more membership and participation as well bringing in funds. Timing would have to allow for proper creation and promotion of such an event.

November

Membership: Member Data Base.

Jean Adamson described her long struggle to implement a fellowship database and demonstrated the use of MemInfo program in which all fellowship records of membership, giving, pledges, and finances are now stored. Those with appropriate administrative responsibilities for the fellowship, such as Treasurer, can share access. She reiterated that it cost a one time fee of \$200.00 and monthly subscription of \$12.50.

Website: Jean showed the revised SCUUF website created by Rose (Roz) Jacobs. The site includes a constantly changing set of photographs of local sights and SCUUF activities. Fellowship members are urged to look at the site and come up with additional photos.

Sound System: Charles has traced lines and switches and says the Dolphin Theater system will work for our microphones. Discussion followed of pros and cons of purchasing a portable system anyway. Charles described an amp/mixer model with 5 inputs but no decision was reached.

Walk-in Storage Closet: Thea negotiated with Alice at the Dolphin to construct a larger, built-in storage shed for us at the Theater. The construction should get underway soon by Dana Gaab (a local carpenter some of us know) at our expense (he is paid for his time and materials).

Fundraising: After discussion of the difficulties in getting broad community support for a fundraiser to benefit a small, little known, outside the mainstream congregation, Thea suggested that the event focus on benefiting a community organization. Funds would go to the worthy organization but the

Fellowship's profile in the community would be raised and possibly garner new members to support the Fellowship. Thea suggested Nancy Devereaux Center as an appropriate cause for us to adopt, in keeping with Fellowship's expressed desire to be more active as a group in social activism with a local focus. If NDC agrees to collaborate with SCUUF on a fundraising event, the Board will canvass our membership to determine their support for the project. The general concept discussed at the board is a raffle of valued objects, with tickets sold by fellowship members, and with the drawings held at a fundraiser dinner.

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