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## Making it better

Posted by bjorn - 2008/02/28 11:55

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What do you want Minnesota Atheists to do? If you were in charge, what would your priorities be? I'd like to focus on education about atheism, to atheists and theists alike.

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by Rasta - 2008/03/04 14:13

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Well, good thing I'm not in charge, because I would make it our highest priority to find many atheist women. :lol:

Seriously though, educating atheists should be first, then educating theists.

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by Paul Bunyan - 2008/03/05 05:15

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Long as this forum stays free speech, maybe add a spell checker

I'd probably just help with picking up trash, seen a sign on 160th in Lakeville. Need a thread for that

And buy some shirts, I was gonna get one of those Expelled shirts and cut out holes for my nipples

Its like smoking, I never started to it doesn't bother me

I went out with a girl (for awhile) that went to that Jesus People Church on Hennipen, wish I knew ahead of time

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by Isherwood - 2008/03/06 13:42

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Hello, Paul. Consider using Firefox. It has built-in real time spell checking.

I'll get some suggestions up soon. I'm still mullin' it over.

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by Bonbon - 2008/03/20 09:35

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I listen to the austin-area atheists podcast, and they just had pub crawl. I'm new to minnesota atheists, so pardon me if you guys have done this before - but I was thinking it'd be a great way to get to know other members, and maybe recruit some more young people (maybe a joint pub crawl with CASH?). We could make T-shirts with the website on it, and get the word out to the public about our presence, as well as stimulate some interesting bar conversations in the process. :) Just a thought...

I also think some public service events couldn't hurt too - it'd serve well to showing the public that you can do community service without the religion. It could be as simple as all going to donate blood together.

-Bonnie

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by bjorn - 2008/03/20 10:23

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I know that the ACA does a blood drive every two months as a group. That is something that the Charity Committee should look into. The pub crawl idea may work. The trick is getting people motivated to do it. Most of our membership is older, and may find no use for it. Younger people may join in, like CASH, but getting CASH motivated can be tricky too. I tried to get them to go to the American Atheists Convention, and not even Richard Dawkins can motivate some people. We'll get organized one of these days, and get more people to plan events. Right now, we're squeezing a handful of people dry, so we need fresh volunteers.

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by Bonbon - 2008/03/20 10:49

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Thanks - let me know if I can be of any help! I'm willing to volunteer my time for planning any events and I could also try to persuade some of the older members to participate... I think it's critical that they share their extensive wisdom on atheism with us whippersnappers to help keep the movement going, and what better incentive than beer!?! ;)

I'm surprised and disappointed CASH was so unresponsive - especially to Dawkins! I'll be at the convention tomorrow, maybe we can talk more there.

-Bonnie

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by suburbanite - 2008/03/29 09:37

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I would love to find some religious allies to team up with for a collective effort to protect a fundamental principal in our democracy: The separation of church and state.

This Jeffersonian/Madisonian concept protects non-theists, and all others who don't subscribe to the god of Abraham, from the establishment of said god and thus forcing "God" onto our society and elements of our culture where it simply doesn't belong (i.e. the courts, government, schools, and other public entities). Many theists also recognize the damage of occasionally mixing church and state together as it tends to compromise the sanctity and integrity of their church and faith. They agree that their religion should not be promoted nor should it be inhibited by government.

Religious liberty and civil liberty should be something that all atheists/agnostics/humanists/freethinkers and Christians can agree on. I would really like to see a collaborative effort for this simple and just cause. Perhaps some outreach to effective leaders in the religious community?

In response to putting "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency, Theodore Roosevelt (a devout Christian) wrote, "To put such a motto on coins ... is in effect irreverence, which comes dangerously close to sacrilege"

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## Re:Making it better

Posted by Anna Leahy - 2008/03/31 08:54

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I really like the blood drive idea. There was just some news out about how they keep blood for 6 weeks but it's really only good for 2 weeks.

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