

Seattle Atheists Membership Meeting **March 15, 2009 Greenlake Library**

Members in attendance:

70 Attending

Board Members In Attendance:

Case – President
Amanda Banerji – Vice President
Jerry Schiffelbein – Treasurer
Rhiannon Lucier – Secretary
Jami Blackann – Member at Large
Randy Rumley – Member at Large
Lex Maxwell – Member at Large
Sam Mulvey – Member at Large

Seattle Atheists Committee Report

Advocacy/Community Resources
 ~100lbs of food
 Crafting for Charity
 Advocacy Committee Meeting for April
Blood Drive Update
Education
 Developing Resources for Free Thought Groups
Parade Committee – U-District, Fremont Fair, Pride Parade.
 Planning for bigger better FSM
Library
Northwest Freethought Coalition
Public Relations – SA Metro Bus Ad Campaign
 New Signs in circulation on April 1st
 Friendly Atheist Plug for SA
 Case to be on TV with Valerie Tarico
 PayPal donation button for possible-outside-of-bus ad
Web Design Update
 New and Improved is on the way!
Feb 27th Lucy Field Trip
Darwin Day recap
 Very Successful. Games and information.

Other News:

Inauguration Lawsuit

Featured Speaker Christopher Rauch- “Evolution and American Science Education”

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of his famous book "On the Origin of Species" – which made the scientific case for the theory of evolution by natural selection. Despite the scientific success of the theory, the American public does not wholeheartedly accept the theory of evolution. In fact, an anti-evolution movement has a long history in the United States. The presentation will explore the anti-evolution movement and science education in America - including new K-12 science standards for Washington State.

Chris Rauch is a systems engineer with a passion for philosophy and science. He has served as Vice President for local chapters of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and believes religious liberty and the integrity of science are important values worth defending.

Atheist Town Hall – “On Becoming an Atheist”

What was your transformation from theist to atheist like?

Important Dates:

Regional Freethought Conference in Oregon	March 27 th
KUOW Pledge Drive	Mar 29 th
SA Book Club	April 5/26 th
SA Fundraiser Event	<i>(TBD – May/June)</i>
Fremont Fair	June 20/21 st

Next Membership Meeting: May 17th, 2009