



American Ethical Union

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ANNUAL SOCIETY REPORT

Society Report for: Ethical Humanist Society of Asheville

Leader(s): No official Leader - Joy McConnell, member

President(s): James R. Tobin; Jackie Simms (Co-Presidents)

Administrative Director/Office Contact: None

Please provide brief updates on the following areas of your Society that occurred or developed in 2020:

Ethical Action:

- Racial Justice: Had platform presentations on the Asheville Area African American history, police reform and the local Racial Justice Coalition.
- Economic Justice: Provided and increased the amount of a grant from our endowment funds to the Asheville City Schools Foundation Scholarship Fund. Had a platform meeting on Runaway (financial) Inequality and disbursed approximately 100 books on the topic.

Ethical Education (children ages 2-13) & Youth of Ethical Societies (teens ages 14-18) & Future of Ethical Societies (young adults ages 18-35): None
Our Ethical Education for adults was suspended due to COVID-19.

Communications: We continue to have volunteer members serving as webmaster and PR personnel. We use Meetup, email notification and Facebook, an online Community Calendar, as well as free listings in four area newspapers. Co-President Simms was interviewed on the local community radio station.

Finances: The Building and Endowment Funds continue to receive respectively transfers from the budget at the end of our fiscal year and contributions from individuals recognizing living or deceased members and friends. Additionally we changed the Building Fund into an endowment fund and increased our contributions to worthy organizations and scholarships, giving 5% of both endowment funds. EHSA remains financially fit.



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Membership: Membership remained steady at 34. There were some losses in membership and likewise we gained new members.

New Developments: We began meeting via Zoom in April 2020 (missing only the March platform meeting due to COVID stay at home orders) and increased the number of meetings (from Colloquy 1st Sundays and Platform 3rd Sundays) to include informal Sunday Gatherings on the second and fourth Sundays.

Goals for 2021: Return to in person meetings (possibly in the fall) **with** internet attendance capability. Reinstigate our Adult Ethical Education offerings and social gatherings, as well as increase variety in these offerings. Continue to grow membership.