ANNUAL SOCIETY REPORT

Society Report for  Philadelphia Ethical Society

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Please provide brief updates on the following areas of your Society that occurred or developed in 2019:

Ethical Action:

The Ethical Action committee continues to work with our interfaith group, POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Re-build) we have played important roles in passing City living wage and fair workweek legislation. In addition our Ending Racism task Force continues with monthly meetings trying to build on more education during our difficult times. In addition the task force does book discussions to increase our knowledge of events in the past and a better understanding of current events.

Ethical Education:

Unfortunately our Ethical Education efforts are at a standstill. We continue to explore ways we can start our Seek program again.

Communications:
We continue to work on improving our Facebook, Meetup and website presence. Our Mailchimp list has almost 800 names that we use to distribute our newsletter and other items of interest. Meetup now has close to 1000 members signed up. Communications in various forms are extremely important in the Covid-19 era.

Finances:

Until the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic our finances were strong. Moving forward we are in uncharted territory. Our building rentals make up 50% of our income, that being said we don’t know what the balance of the year will hold. We are currently budgeting a substantial deficit.

Membership:

Our membership numbers remain constant. We have not had any growth during the past year. We will continue to promote Ethical Culture and try to find innovative ways to attract new members.

Goals for 2020:

2020 has been a difficult year to navigate, there are so many unknowns. We have once again started a Long Range Planning effort, hopefully we’ll be able to get this program off the ground. Planning for the future is vital for the growth and sustainability of our Society. 2020 will be a year of challenges, but with good planning we will prevail.