

Gainesville Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
August 11, 2002

Bill Mitchell, Presiding clerk

Connie Ray, Recording Clerk

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Query for the 8<sup>th</sup> Month was read by Jean Larson. A discussion ensued regarding commemorating Hiroshima Day. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will work on something for next year.

Minutes for the 7<sup>th</sup> month were read and approved.

Treasurer report: Due to the injury of our treasurer, Annie McPherson, there was no treasurer's report.

Ministry and Oversight: Jeannie Buskirk reported: We had a great time at the beach in July.

**02-08-104** Gainesville Friends Meeting thanks the Winefordners for their hospitality in offering their house for a day at the beach. It is a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

The Quaker Study group will start a four month study of John Woolman: Non-Violence and Social Change on August 30.

Religious Education: Gene Beardsley reported on a First Day School meeting with the parents of the children in the Meeting. It was decided to hold a game night for the children that would be intergenerational. The Sparklers curriculum was chosen for Quinn and Colin. The older children will study the life of Jesus. The calendar was passed around for people to sign up to teach.

Building and Grounds, and House and Hospitality: Bill Mitchell reported that there is now a new dehumidifier in the meeting room, but that it needs attention every month. The sign outside is missing. Dick Beardsley volunteered to make a new sign. Concern was expressed about the lack of air circulation during Meeting for Worship. We decided to keep the fan on. Joan Andrews volunteered to turn off the fan if someone is speaking too softly for others to hear over the fan.

Peace and Social Concerns: Don Smith reported that the committee has assigned

members to keep informed of actions recommended by various Quaker organizations. People in the meeting will be kept informed of recommended actions through announcements and articles in the newsletter.

Gene Beardsley reminded us that the United Nation Day is coming up in October and that we usually handle the name tags and pens. Approval was given to continue this practice.

The Gainesville Community Ministries is now giving out vouchers to clients who are in need. So individuals are asked to contribute to Gainesville Community Ministries by making donations for gift certificates. Gene will be our agent to collect money from individuals in the meeting who would like to give gift certificates.

In light of the Patriots' Act, there is a local Campaign to Restore Civil Liberties. We are asked to urge our commissioners not to cooperate with the Patriots' Act. The Campaign to Restore Civil Liberties will hold a press conference here in Gainesville on August 31. The organization called Community Against War and Terrorism meets at the Mennonite Church every Monday night. We are asked whether the meeting would like to help sponsor this group.

At Friends General Conference some Fair Trade coffee was bought for the meeting.

Dick Beardsley reported that the letter that Walter Morris sent to the Gainesville Sun concerning Iraq has not yet been published. It was suggested that space be bought in the paper to print the letter, but concern was raised about cost. In stead the meeting recommended that Peace and Social Concerns resubmit the letter as E-mail. If that does not work, they should try to get other groups in town involved in adding their name to the letter. If they are still met with a lack of success, the committee should find out how much money it would cost to have the letter published in the Gainesville Sun.

Friends Committee on Unity with Nature: Reuben Keppel reported that there was a very well attended forum held on August 4<sup>th</sup>. John Graham-Pole wrote a very detailed report of the discussion. A shortened version will be prepared for the newsletter.

New Business:

We agreed to place advertisements in the Gainesville Sun to run for one month. We will revisit the question of further advertisements during the year as needed. Christmas and Easter were suggested as times likely to attract the largest audience.

Joan Andrews will be attending the Friends Committee for National Legislation sponsored September 11 anniversary observance and lobby day in Washington D. C. and would like to have some company .

Meeting closed with silence.

