

Gainesville Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
September 8, 2002

Bill Mitchell, Presiding clerk

Connie Ray, Recording Clerk

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Query for the 9th Month was read by Odalis Manduley. There was some response concerning taking our Quaker message to the community.

Minutes for the 8th month were read and approved.

Treasurer report: Annie McPherson gave the report. It was suggested that some library expenses be shifted to First Day School since some of the books bought were actually for First Day School use. The clerk and the treasurer will decide if Fiduciary Fund interest should go to the building fund, and if necessary bring a minute to Meeting for Business directing the treasurer how to place which interest.

02-09-105 Contributions made in Martha Omer's memory will go in the Building Fund.

There was discussion about whether the emergency loan made July 2001 should have been repaid. A copy of the minute authorizing the loan will be given to Morrie Trimmer, internal auditor. Ministry and Oversight to discuss and report back to the meeting.

Ministry and Oversight: Jeannie Buskirk reported: Memorial Meeting for Worship was held on August 11 for Martha Omer.

The Quaker Study Group started studying the life of John Woolman on August 30. John Lepke moved to Oregon. The Religious Education Committee will choose a new leader for adult Bible Study.

We will be listed under "Q" in the new telephone book.

On Sunday, September 29 there will be Meeting for Worship, potluck lunch and a swim party at the home of Georgia Guin in Newberry. There will also be Meeting for Worship in the meetinghouse.

The October forum has been changed to a showing of video #3 of the series "From Jesus to Christ."

Religious Education: Gene Beardsley reported. Don Smith will be our new convener of the Bible Study. The meeting approved the appointment.

Building and Grounds, and House and Hospitality: Laura Winefordner reported.

02-09-106 Gainesville Friends Meeting thanks Dick Beardsley for the beautiful new sign to go out front announcing the meeting and giving our web address.

Building Committee: Jean Larson reported. Bill Mitchell has most of the Chinese tallow under control, but there has not been much progress on air potatoes. So everyone is urged to participate in the next Air Potato Roundup in February. Jean bought Coontie and Blue-eyed Grass to be planted in the place of Wandering Jew. The holly plants have berries.

Morrie Trimmer reported that he had talked with each of the architects and he will talk with them again in a month to check on progress made.

Peace and Social Concerns: Don Smith reported. On August 15 he gave the invocation and benediction at the naturalization ceremony. On August 28 he met along with others from other churches with Senator Bob Graham's top state advisor to inform him of our concern about a possible attack on Iraq. On the four Sundays in October there will be Interfaith Dialogs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The letter originally written by Walter Morris on behalf of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and approved by the meeting, was E-mailed to the Gainesville Sun and published over Dick and Gene Beardsley's name for the Gainesville Friends Meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns bought a DVD player which can also be used for the Bible Seminar.

Do also reported on other community projects he attended.

Gene Beardsley reported. Zohara Simmons, who has worked for the American Friends Service Committee, would like to come speak to us in November. Campus Ministries will hold a forum September 18. The Community Coalition Against War and Terrorism will hold an event entitled "Building a Culture of Peace" at the Wihelmina Johnson Center on September 14, 11 a.m. To 6 p.m.

Leafletting for the Campaign to Restore Civil Liberties is scheduled at bookstores and libraries. There is a plan to go to the County Commission to request that it resist enforcing the Patriot's Act.

02-09-107 Gainesville Friends Meeting agrees to endorse the Campaign to Restore Civil Liberties.

Library : Gene Beardsley reported she will take stock of what we have and where the gaps are and call a meeting of the committee.

02-09-108 Gainesville Friends Meeting approves getting a subscription to the Friends Journal for Gregory Ray.

The meeting ended with silence.

