

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society Of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
March 8, 2003

Bill Mitchell, clerk
Connie Ray, recording clerk

16 present

Queries for the 3rd month were read by Jean Larson.

Minutes of the 2nd month were read, corrected and approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Annie McPherson reported.

A request was made to have Friends' Committee in Unity with Nature be among the donations that the meeting makes. The Gainesville Friends Committee in Unity with Nature was asked to bring a request to the April meeting for business.

It was noted that the library committee has only a little money left in the budget for this year and may want to make a request for more money at the April meeting for business before going to the annual gathering of SouthEastern Yearly Meeting.

Finance Committee: Annie McPherson reported that the Finance Committee is looking to purchase a 12 month Certificate of Deposit with funds in the savings account. It will take \$50,000 to put in a 12 month C.D. So \$10,000 went from checking to savings, leaving almost \$10,000 in the checking account.

Ministry and Oversight: Jeannie Buskirk reported that we have received a letter requesting membership from Marilyn Muller.

Peace and Social Concerns: Don Smith reported that the advertizement of the Resolution on the War in Iraq is in the Gainesville Sun today. Enough money was raised to have an additional advertisement on the economic impact of the war to be published later this week.

The Islamic students at the University of Florida are holding a march and rally on March 22nd preceding the "Town Meeting" that is sponsored by the Coalition Against War and Terrorism. They are asking for our support.

03-03-12 Gainesville Monthly Meeting minutes its encouragement of Islamic Students at the University of Florida in their efforts to promote peace.

The corresponding clerk is directed to convey this minute to the Islamic students.
Joan Andrews and Don Smith are continuing to attend the Gainesville Interfaith Committee.

Religious Education: Gene Beardsley expressed thanks to Annie McPherson and others for taking First Day School and passed around the First Day School calendar.

Forum: Gene Beardsley reported that Karen Putney will make a presentation on Friends Committee on National Legislation on March 30.

We would like to have a forum on the various forms of Islam and are hoping to get Zoharra Simmons to present it.

It was suggested that when we do the video on Rufus Jones for a forum in the fall that we advertise the event in the newspaper, as his life and writings have a wider audience than just Friends.

Building and Grounds, House and Hospitality: Mona Morris reported that the refrigerator is still running, but she thinks the thermostat is not working because liquids freeze. The committee will get a technician to look at the refrigerator.

We have a new dehumidifier.

The fire extinguisher has been replaced.

Building Committee: Jean Larson reported.

03-03-13 Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the rough draft plan presented by the buliding committee of a 37' diameter round meeting room on the east with a 30' x 50' (approximate) rectangular building to the west, connected to the meeting room by an entrance/foyer.

03-03-14 Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the spending of up to \$500 to get an architectural rendering of the elevation.

New Business:

A concern was raised about our not doing an "un-Christmas" family as yet. Annie McPherson agreed to find a family for the meeting. "Easter family" was suggested as a name for the project as April is Child Abuse Prevention month.

A concern was raised about our handbook. It needs to be updated and it needs to be publized as available for checkout.

Morrie Trimmer asked that a procedure for how to handle concerns and problems with Meeting for Worship and to bring such concerns to the attention of the Ministry and Oversight Committee be made clear to members and attenders. He suggested that the Ministry and Oversight Committee make their reports include what they are doing to protect and enhance the Meeting for Worship without mentioning names.

The meeting closed with silence.