

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business
May 11, 2003

Bill Mitchell, presiding clerk
Connie Ray, recording clerk

13 present

Queries for the fifth month were read by Maria Victoria Ayarza.

Minutes of the Fourth month were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Annie McPherson presented the April report, the March report and the proposed budget for 2003-2004.

The budget was adjusted and approved.

Ministry and Oversight: Jeannie Buskirk reported.

03-05-18 Gainesville Monthly Meeting lays down the membership of Phillip Winefordner. We are pleased that he has found a new spiritual home with the Unitarian Church where he lives.

There will be an evening of fellowship with Ocala Friends on June 7 at the home of Larry and Ellie Clayton. Quaker Study will be held on June 27 concluding our study of the pamphlet Faithful Deeds with a discussion led by Marilyn Muller on the topic of "Living Peace."

Nominating Committee: Gene Beardsley reported. There was discussion about the nomination of Don Smith as clerk of the meeting as well as clerk of Peace and Social Concerns Committee. It was agreed that the Nominating Committee report be amended to show Don as convener of Peace and Social Concerns with another member of the committee chosen by the committee to report to Meeting for Business. There was further concern that Don step down as clerk of the Meeting for Business when an item arises on which he has an opinion. Don agreed to do so.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Don Smith reported the last committee meeting had 12 members present. The committee is working on a local homeless project and military counseling among other concerns.

Newsletter: Joan Andrews announced deadlines.

03-05-19 Gainesville Monthly Meeting authorizes the clerk to open an account with Xerographic Copy Center for the reproduction of our newsletter.

Religious Education Committee: Gene Beardsley passed around the calendar.

Library: Gene Beardsley reported new books were bought at SouthEastern Yearly Meeting and will soon be available for checking out. The committee was urged to write an article for the newsletter reminding folks how to check books out and to be sure to return them.

House and Hospitality, Building and Grounds Committee: Mona Morris reported. We need someone local to check the dryness of the flower bed and water as necessary. We need to make a decision this summer whether to purchase a new refrigerator that we would take with us to the new building. We agreed to help our neighbor to the west, Susan Wright, take the leaves off her house when we do ours, since she mowed our back yard. Someone needs to deal with the leak of the air conditioner.

Building Committee: Jean Larson reported. We now have a tool shed on the property at a cost of about \$425. Warrentees and directions will be stored in the desk drawer.

03-05-20 Gainesville Monthly Meeting minutes is appreciation to Walter Morris, Bud Brennan , and Tak Hayakawa for their diligent work in putting up the garden shed on our property.

The Corresponding Clerk is asked to send thank you notes.

03-05-21 Gainesville Monthly Meeting will work with Up the Creek by adopting the stretch of Royal Park Creek on and near our property.

The first step meeting was held on April 25. We need to have the site plan submitted by September 10 for a meeting of the City Plan Board on October 16. We have engaged James Meehan to do the site engineering, We have paid him \$1,000 and are committed for \$3,000 more. The wetlands delineation has been completed by Peter NeSmith of Water and Air Research. We owe up to \$390 for this. We now need a survey showing the wetlands, the 10 year and 100 year flood plains, and trees. We do not have an estimate for this, but it should be up to \$4,000.

We need to begin arranging a local meeting, which must be held before we submit the site plan. It will take us 5 business days to get the addresses, and the notices must be mailed at least 14 days before the meeting. The cost for postage and for printing the notices will be about \$250. We will also need to place an ad in the Gainesville Sun at least 14 days before the meeting; this will cost about \$130. We will also have to pay an unknown fee for use of the Westside recreation center, where we are planning on holding the meeting.

03-05-22 Gainesville Monthly Meeting authorizes the following expenses related to the development and submission of the site plan.

- Up to \$4,000 to Phillip Pistorino for a survey of the lot, as required for the site plan.
- Up to \$600 for expenses related to the neighborhood meeting required for the site plan.

- The \$3,185 fee for submitting the site plan to the city of Gainesville.
- Up to \$1,000 for other expenses occurring during the month.

The city has a requirement that we clear off all exotic and invasive plants. So the Building Committee contacted Peter NeSmith of Water and Air Research to provide a contract to eliminate these.

Bill Mitchell reported that the herbicides he has used do not seem to be doing a lot of good. His hope is for professionals to mark the things that need to go and that we would then set up workdays to go in and take out what they find. It is unclear how much of the lot the city would require, but the thought is that invasive plants on the rest of the property would invade the area where we need to build. The sooner we take action, the less explosive the problem will become.

03-05-23 Gainesville Monthly Meeting authorizes the payment to Water and Air Research of up to \$4,900 for the suppression of exotic invasive plants and of poison ivy.

We agreed to make preliminary contact with Deltec now or have them come here. We will need to have someone go up there at some point, once we know what will fit on the lot.

The meeting closed with silence.