

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business
June 8, 2003

Don Smith, presiding clerk
Connie Ray, recording clerk

14 present

The Sixth Month Queries were read by Dick Beardsley.

03-06-24 The Gainesville Monthly Meeting minutes its appreciation to Larry and Ellie Clayton for the wonderful evening of fellowship we had last night. The Sixth Month Queries remind us of the value of such fellowship. We are also grateful for the opportunity to share with Ocala Friends.

The Fifth Month minutes were read and approved. It was noted that we did not minute our approval of the Nominating Committee report.

03-06-25 Gainesville Monthly Meeting minutes its approval of the Nominating Committee report for 2003-4.

Treasurer's report: Annie McPherson presented the May report and the approved budget for 2003-4. It was noted with satisfaction that income exceeded expenses for the past year.

The May report was approved.

A concern was brought that now that the Building committee will be spending money every month, we need a way to show it. The treasurer will detail the expenses approved to be spent from the Hayes Fund.

Ministry and Oversight: Laura Winefordner reported the clearness committee continues to meet with Marilyn Muller. On June 27th the Quaker Study Program will focus on the third section of Faithful Deeds, "Living Peace," led by Marilyn Muller.

03-06-26 Gainesville Monthly Meeting gratefully accepts the generous donation from the Stone family and allocates it as follows: \$1,000 to the building fund, \$500 to the general fund.

Peace and Social Concerns: Dick Beardsley reported .There was a discussion about wearing political buttons during Meeting for Worship. We need to respect each other's political opinions.

Sheree Sims reported contacting Megan Fogarty in Nicauragua. The committee has agreed to support her in her work there with children by helping her with supplies. She has agreed to send reports.

Dick Beardsley reported that Brenda Baynes attended a peace conference on May 31. She recommended that E-mails be sent to schools regarding military recruitment. She handed out to the committee highlights of legislation proposing a Department of Peace.

Ron Chandler gave the meeting a subscription to Yes magazine.

Brenda Baynes and Marilyn Muller will be the committee's reporters to Meeting for Business.

SouthEastern Yearly Meeting: Laura Winefordner reported. There were a lot of children. Ben Pink Dandelion gave an excellent lecture. Annie McPherson reported and urged us to consider studying the Walton lecture when it is published. Connie Ray reported that the membership section of our new Faith and Practice was approved.. People are encouraged to apply for a Pendle Hill scholarship. The yearly meeting website is collecting news in the form of peace and social concerns activities and minutes. Peace and Social Concerns committees are encouraged to contact Mike Flannery.

Newsletter: Joan Andrews reported that she has published Early Social Concerns and Actions of the Gainesville Monthly Meeting. It will be put in the library.

Religious Education: Gene Beardsley passed around the calendar.

Forum: Gene Beardsley reported that the video on George Fox will be shown on July 6.

Library: Sybil Brennan reported. The committee is culling books and magazines from the library that are not suitable. A shelf will be designated "The Newcomers Shelf." The committee has a goal of a computerized list of holdings. It is seeking books on the subject of "Spitituality." Reviews of books are welcome.

House and Hospitality: Gene Beardsley reported that the air conditioner has been serviced, the flowers are being watered and the utility bill is probably not due to the refrigerator.

Building Committee: Bill Mitchell reported that Phillip Pistorino asked for \$5,000 for the survey of the lot. Someone else has asked about \$3,000. Water and Air Research will start spraying for the supression of exotic invasive plants.

Morrie Trimmer reported that until the survey is completed, we can't go forward with the placing of the building. Jean Larson has made a model for us to look at. The committee will discuss the cost of poured concrete versus steel studs.

Jean Larson reported that the committee would like to have the neighborhood meeting on the property in about a month.

Old Business:

The Hiroshima Day observance, August 8, will be handled by Peace and Social Concerns.

The E-mail list/telephone tree concept was given to Ministry and Oversight to bring a specific proposal to the next business meeting.

Archives: We have been asked by SouthEastern Yearly Meeting to name a contact person to deal with the archives.

03-06-27 Gainesville Monthly Meeting names Bud Brennan as the Gainesville Meeting contact person for the SouthEastern Yearly Meeting archive committee.

The corresponding clerk is asked to communicate this minute to SouthEastern Yearly Meeting.

New Business:

Sybil Brennan proposed another evening of fellowship to be held in the third week of October. Ministry and Oversight is asked to plan it.

Morrie Trimmer reported that his leading to participate in a project in Nicaragua has been laid down.