

Gainesville Monthly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
October 8, 2006

Jean Larson, clerk  
Betty Odum, recording clerk  
The query for the 10<sup>th</sup> month was read and considered.  
Minutes of September 10 were approved as corrected.

AGENDA

The detailed calendar of Meeting activities, on the back page of the agenda, will be a new regular feature, prepared by Jean Larson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is \$13,493.69 in the building fund and \$13,260.29 in the general fund. Since we had 13 months of mortgage payments before we had a mortgage, the building fund increased. The general fund has been going down. We have a mortgage of \$100,000 for 15 years at 7.6%. Although the required payment is \$938.47 per month, we decided to pay \$1000 a month for now. When we prepare next year's budget, we will have a better idea about our overall finances.

OLD BUSINESS

FGC visit

Bruce Birchard of FGC says thanks for our hosting their January meeting. For a joint discussion, he suggests we could meet with them after Meeting for worship for 45-60 minutes. The topic could be a subject like what FGC means to them and us, the FUM problem, or fund-raising. He reported that FGC and FUM are discussing health insurance for their employees.

Meeting Open House Committee

Connie Ray reported that Shir Shalom says it's OK to use their parking lot. There are 200 very attractive invitations. The addressing party will be at 6:30 Wed Oct 11. Many activities are planned. There will be no music, but the hope is that displaying hymn books on the piano will show that we do sing.

Fall Interim SEYM Business Meeting

Connie Ray, Sybil and Bud Brennan attended the meeting.  
Nancy Fennel, interim meeting clerk, has prepared a program of tools to solve conflicts in Friends' Meetings. The meeting approved a minute of ministry and traveling for her.  
The Faith and Practice committee plans to be able to publish the completed text in 2009.  
New information about SEYM Yearly Meeting from the Life Enrichment Center is that everyone who lives in the apartments must eat all meals in the cafeteria. The water and

refrigerator will still be available for campers, but there will be no “simple meals.” Reservation deadlines are earlier than usual and prices higher. Every meeting must make special efforts to give financial support to members who want to attend. A Friend from Burundi is available to be speaker in Nov in Florida. He is sponsored by Friends Peace Teams African Great Lakes Conference. Our Peace and Social Order committee will consider whether we can set up a meeting with him here. Pro Nica celebrated their second graduation for hair styling classes. Sybil reported that SEYM does not have enough money or enough people on committees. Announcements were made of the Michener lecture and the Half-yearly meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

We turned down the request of Friendly Folk Dancers, to come Jan 22. It is too close to the FGC visit.

#### Sibyl Brennan’s letter of introduction.

Sybil Brennan has applied to go to the Triennial Friends World Committee (FWWC) for Consultation meeting in Dublin, August 2007, as a representative from SEYM. She plans to go a week ahead for Britain Yearly Meeting. We will support her application.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Grounds: policies and procedures manual.

Jean Larson wants written policies from each committee to be approved by the meeting. They will be available for new members.

The grounds committee procedures and philosophy were presented. They will be useful. We all must concentrate on keeping the grounds neat and tidy. The following Minute was approved:

**Minute 34: Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the Grounds Policies and Procedures presented on October 8, 2006.**

##### Hospitality committee

Mona Morris, the clerk reported the committee meets during food preparation after meeting. She reported that people responsible for coffee, food setup and cleanup are scheduled, one of the committee and 2 volunteers each Sunday. It was suggested that the Meeting birthday party be held next month or in March, a year from our first meeting, March 19.

Mona has a large sign-up board for Open House volunteers for finger food, cider, coffee, setup, and cleanup.

The corresponding clerk will thank John and Jean Burton for the new shiny set of pots and pans – and their cleanup of kitchen after meeting

Sheree Sims is the committee’s Quaker Market representative to the fund raising committee. Quaker Market is planning an African meal with African speaker.

### Ministry and Nurture.

We will have a table and materials and people at the downtown Pride Celebration.

### Meetinghouse committee

The fire inspector said we cannot exceed 112 chairs. The occupancy notice must be in sight. We need a check list of inspections. A policy for borrowing chairs, china etc. is needed.

### Fundraising

Walter Morris is the clerk. The committee will assess methods of raising money before deciding what to do. We have made cards with meetinghouse on it to show to donors.

### Grounds committee

The landscape design process is on-going. There will be a guided tour at the Open House. The native plant society of about 20 will have field day here in April.

Bud Brennan, Dick Beardsley and Walter Morris will put a piece of fence or trellis in front of the shed. The neighbors indicated this would satisfy them.

### Peace and Social Concerns.

Gene Beardsley reported that Mike Coehn of the Madison Wisconsin Friends Meeting will be here on Nov 18-19. The committee planned to have him lecture on Reconciliation in Vietnam after Meeting. The meeting asked Gene to report to the committee that Sat. Nov 18 would be a better time.

### Religious Education

We discussed the concern for the security training, background checks and fingerprinting needed to oversee children. Neither the sheriff nor policemen come to churches to do fingerprinting. We need to understand the rules more thoroughly. We can get more information from Annie McPherson who is a certified trainer..

### CLERK'S NOTES

Clerk read an invitation from FUM to participate in FUM Sunday. We decided not to participate. We will find out about chain of prayer, which we have often done.

The clerk's name, Jean Larson, is on the list of counseling for marriage licenses. Eleanor Merritt is a notary public.

There being no further business, the meeting ended with silence.

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