

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Minutes March 9, 2007

Marylynn Hall, acting clerk
Betty Odum, recording clerk
14 present

The Query for 3rd month was read by Dick Beardsley

Minutes were accepted but, since the original was not here, they were laid over for approval at the next meeting.

The agenda. and calendar were reviewed. The most immediate change was that the movie Friday, March 16 will be shown at 8:30 at the Beardsleys'. We were reminded that when a meeting is changed, a notice must be posted on the meeting house doors. Jim Morrison will also contact some regular attenders.

Changes to the calendar: Jim's Winfordner's Quaker Market breakfast will be Oct 29. The Chinese dinner will be Saturday May 5 starting at 5pm. It includes dinner and auction.

Treasurer's Report.

Laura Winefordner reported \$17,240.80 in the general fund and \$16,168.70 in the building fund at the beginning of March. Income is not keeping up with outgo. We budgeted \$36,345.00 and have spent \$40,236.04; the expenses have been \$38,050.70 and the contributions only \$21,979.50. Our fiscal year ends May 31.

Corresponding clerk. Sibyl Brennan has written thank-you notes to Brad Thompson, FGC hosts and workers, and get-well and birthday cards.

Sibyl has been in touch with SEYM about our hosting the June interim business meeting. We will know in April. Even if we are not asked to host in June, we agreed we will not have the energy or people to host it in October.

Ministry and Nurture committee Walter Morris presented the fundraising draft proposal. The Ministry and Nurture committee recommended that the Fundraising committee be a stand-alone committee. The Meeting approved the following Minute:

Minute 43. The Fundraising Committee is a stand-alone committee of the meeting that works with our meeting committees in the following activities:

- 1. encouragement of members and attenders to contribute to the support of the meeting (money, service and in-kind donations) through articles in the newsletter, letter writing, visitation and organizing fundraising events.**

2. **oversight of the monthly Quaker Market dinners.**
3. **acceptance and review of requests by individuals and groups who would like to hold fundraising events with donations beyond expenses going to the meeting; the fundraising committee may be a sponsor within the meeting for those efforts it selects for support.**

Although the fundraising ad hoc committee had chosen community building as a goal, this was left out of the new draft. The ministry and nurture committee feels that the responsibility for community building belongs to ministry and nurture committee, with the help of other committees.

Minute 44. The meeting lays down the ad hoc fundraising committee with appreciation to its members for completing the task for which it was formed.

SEYM We were reminded that our meeting has sent a report to SEYM that we are not in unity concerning the affiliation of SEYM with FUM. We send our representatives, Laura Winefordner, Connie Ray and Sibyl Brennan, to SEYM with the knowledge that they speak on their own and that we trust them to seek the light while they are there.

Ministry and Nurture: Connie Ray reported that, in response to the concern for the safety of young children, the committee recommends children be brought into the meeting room during announcements, locks be put on cabinet doors, and a fence be built around the play area. The complete committee report is attached to these minutes. David Chalmers has a specific concern for a person needing pastoral care. Morrie Trimmer will join the committee's discussion of this concern.

Pet Memorial Service: Sibyl Brennan reported that the ministry and nurture committee approves a ceremony to be held at the rise of Meeting on a First Day. She is finding a date.

Nominating Committee: Sibyl Brennan reported the committee is working hard.

School committee Laura Winefordner reported that the forum for envisioning concerning the Quaker school was rewarding

Meeting House Committee: Walter Morris reported that they have a calendar for maintenance schedules and a job list. They will continue training sessions for specific maintenance jobs. They have prepared a map of the irrigation system. The committee is developing a procedure for processing outside requests for use of the meeting house. Jean Larson has completed the request forms for the Campus Ministry Co-op to meet at the meeting house.

Hospitality: Mona Morris told how much they are enjoying not being too busy. The next event is the St Patrick's dinner and the Meeting's birthday cake. People are not signing up for being in charge of the weekly snacks, coffee, set up and clean up. They often have to be asked. Sibyl Brennan has been calling, and Betty Odum volunteered to approach them personally with a clipboard.

Peace and Social Concerns. Jim Morrison reported on the plan to encourage people to write legislators and newspapers about certain issues. Walter Brennan refurbished an old desk to be used. This week the specific subject is universal health care. FCNL wants us to write about the growing military budget.

Religious Education: Connie Ray thanked the workers for the fence. The process of members becoming certified youth volunteers is continuing. The complete committee report is attached.

Earth Care Wirness – They built a sample solar reflectors for cooking. A workshop is planned to teach others. John Burton has a good film on solar hot water.

Film committee: Since film night has been successful, the committee is asking permission to hold more. They made \$80 from the two showings. The meeting extended their permission through September. Getting approval to show some films is a problem.

The business meeting appreciated the presence of baby Bronwyn.

The meeting closed with silence.