

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Minutes April 8, 2007

Jean Larson, clerk

Betty Odum, recording clerk

12 present

The Query for 4th month was read by Cheryl Demers-Holton

Minutes were accepted with corrections.

The agenda. and calendar were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Budget report.

Laura Winefordner reported \$17,664.23 in the general fund and \$10,893.20 in the building (mortgage) fund at the beginning of April. Included in the general fund is the film group's amount of \$81.50. We approved a minute allowing us to receive a higher rate of interest on our Wachovia Bank account.

07-04 45 Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends authorizes Wachovia Bank to change our current checking account to one with a better interest rate available for not-for-profit organizations.

We paid SEYM our budgeted amount; other meetings are paying more to help us. A Miami Friend made a contribution of \$1000 for the mortgage. He would like us to put it on principal. Therefore Laura will pay \$2000 this month.

Budget: Laura presented the proposed budget, to be studied and approved next month. A subcommittee of Jeannie Buskirk and Laura Winefordner is asked to figure out the cost for cleaning. Mona Morris requests that all clerks of committees bring their budgets to the meeting. Laura will mail them the proposed budget.

Landscape committee. Brad Thompson of the Landscape Committee submitted a report which was approved with corrections and additions. He presented the Friends Landscape Principles which are important for reference when questions come up. The report and Friends Landscape Principles are attached.

07-04 46 Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the serving of beer and wine in the meeting house at events mainly for members and attenders, until Ministry and Nurture brings forth a policy.

Grounds Committee Bill Mitchell has been clearing out poison ivy, nettles, and honey suckle. The creek cleanup is scheduled for 4/28. Since this is the same day as the GRU plant sale, Friends can buy plants, plant them at the meeting house, and then help with the creek cleanup.

Quaker Earth Care Witness. Walter Morris has made and demonstrated solar cookers. Gavin Hymes volunteered to bring information about solar water heaters.

Quaker Stamp Project. Twenty-six people have given stamps to Sybil Brennan for this project. The proceeds are given to Quaker alphabet organizations.

07-04 47. Gainesville Monthly Meeting continues to approve of our involvement in the Quaker Stamp Project.

Mona Morris and Karen Arrington are going to a class in Citrus County, for making compost barrels. One will probably be given to Meeting.

Meetinghouse Committee: Walter Morris gave the report. Ants have been found in the children's area, but they are not fire ants. Because we are concerned about the use of poisons, Bill Mitchell or Bud Brennan need to be informed when someone uses poison. The committee is continuing with lessons on how to maintain the building and grounds. They are producing a booklet with directions for doing each job.

Hospitality. Mona Morris has estimated that Sundays' coffee, juices, and milk cost about \$125 per year. They have a wish list which will be put in the newsletter. The SEYM executive committee meeting will be held here on Saturday June 2. Some members may need overnight hospitality Friday or Saturday. There will be about 12 attending.

Nominating Committee: The report will be presented and adopted next month.

Religious Education: Connie Ray's report was accepted with thanks for her work.

Ministry and Nurture. AnnieMcPherson submitted the report. They decided to consider the request from the SEYM representative from FUM that Friends write Friends in Africa. They recommend that Walter Morris and Sybil Brennan be on the nominating committee for fiscal year 07-08. They are looking for a third person. The Pendle Hill scholarship will be announced at meeting for worship. Walter Morris is working on a Meeting mission statement and a list of job descriptions and procedures.

Pet Memorial service. Sybil Brennan reported that the pet memorial service was comforting and healing.

Clerk's Notes The clerk reported that Maury River Monthly Meeting has accepted the transfer of membership of Steven Morris Trimmer.

The meeting closed with silence.

April 2007 Calendar

1. 04/01/07 Su: Hospitality 9:30; Meetinghouse 9:30; Library 9:30; No Forum
2. 04/02/07 Tu: Friendly Lunch 11:30am at Books, Inc
3. 04/04-08/07: SEYM Annual Gathering
4. 04/08/07 Su: Easter Sunday; Quakerism 101, 9:15 am, Walter & Mona; M for B 12:45
5. 04/09/07 M: School Committee 5:00 pm
6. 04/12/07 Th: Friendly Creativity 10:00 am
7. 04/14/07 Sa: Solutions to Violence: Nonviolent Response to Assault 10-11:30 W.Pres.
Quaker Market Dinner 6:30 pm: Peruvian, lead cook Polly Doughty
8. 04/15/07 Su: Meeting for worship in Nature 9:30 am; Potluck 12:30; QEW
9. 04/16/07 M: Ministry and Nurture 6pm
10. 04/20/07 Fr: Movie night 7 pm
11. 04/22/07 Su: Peace and Social Concerns 9:30 am; Bible Study 12:30 pm
12. 04/24/07 Tu: Religious Education 7 pm
13. 04/26/07 Th: Friendly Creativity 10:00 am
14. 04/27/07 Fr: Quaker Study Group 6pm Potluck, 7pm Discussion: John Greenleaf Whittier, led by Sybil Brennan
15. 04/28/07 Sa: Royal Park Creek cleanup 9-11; Workday at meetinghouse 9-11;
Solutions to Violence: The Peace Corps Revisited 10-11:30 at W. Pres.
16. 04/29/07 Su: 1:00 finish workday at the meetinghouse
17. 05/01/07 Tu: Friendly Lunch 11:30am at Books, Inc
18. 05/05/07 Sa: Chinese potluck dinner 5pm and auction to benefit ProNica, Guatamala Scholarship
19. 05/06/07 Su: Hospitality, Meetinghouse & Library at 9:30 am; Forum by School Committee
20. 05/07/07 M: School Committee 5pm
21. 05/10/07 Th: Friendly Creativity 10 am
22. 05/13/07 Su: Quakerism 101, 9:15 am; Meeting for Business 12:45
23. 05/14/07 M: Ministry and Nurture 6pm
24. 05/18/07 Fr: Movie night 7pm
25. 05/19/07 Sa: Quaker Study Group at the Claytons – swimming, potluck and
26. 06/01-02/07 Fr-Sa: Host SEYM Executive Committee, home hospitality and saturday lunch
27. 10/03/07 Sa: SEYM Fall Representative Meeting

Gainesville Monthly Meeting of Friends Landscape Principles

The Gainesville Monthly Meeting feels a responsibility to the environment and will attempt to be good stewards of the landscape. This sense of responsibility will be reflected in our landscape management and design. The following are guiding principles which we will shape our decisions and policies.

1. The natural process of the earth is important and we will when ever possible promote, protect and enhance the earth systems under our care.
2. The landscaping around the meetinghouse, the parking area and sidewalks are part of the first impression visitors and neighbors have of Gainesville Monthly Meeting. As such it is important that we address the needs/wants of the neighbors and visitors as well as those of ourselves. The intent is to be good neighbors and be an example of how the use of natural species and habitat enhancement can be both aesthetically pleasing as well as environmentally sound.
3. The Grounds Committee has the majority of the day to day management of the property and as such needs to be supported in their tasks and decisions. Any plan or design must meet their approval before implementation.
4. The meeting desires to use a diverse collection of native plants throughout the property with special attention to the installation of native species in the retention basins and adjacent natural areas whenever possible. This is not only to lessen the need for chemical fertilizers, mowing and pesticides but is to strengthen the native biodiversity.
5. Native invasive or problematic plants such as poison ivy, stinging nettles, smilax (thorns) will be removed from areas near the meeting house for reasons of safety and public health.
6. Not all areas of the Meeting property will have the same density of use and as such there will be different zones or areas within the Meeting Landscape. The zones will have differing uses and as such will have corresponding landscape management systems based on the intended uses. The areas range from the more public areas close to the meeting house to our natural lands in the woods. The landscape zones are as follows and will have the corresponding landscape design and maintenance.
7. Non-native plants upon approval will we placed behind the meeting house
 1. Children's play area- regular mowing schedule for maintenance of a play area, child safe

- native plants for the landscaping of this area.
2. Area behind the Meeting House- non-native species allowed, especially memorial plants
 3. Sloped area in front of the Meeting House-planted or regularly mowed
 4. Planting beds-composed of native species
 5. Drainage basins-naturalist design composed of native species; front basin screened by shrubs along border with the parking.
 6. Sloped edge by split rail fence planted with border shrubs in a naturalist style
 7. Grass parking areas-mowed regularly
 8. Natural Areas- left natural, while fighting invasive species and augmenting the planting with diverse natives to increase biodiversity