

Gainesville Monthly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
November 11, 2007

After a worshipful silence, the Queries for the eleventh month were read.

The Minutes of October and September were read and approved with corrections.

We agreed to make a CD of the Minutes each year and file them. We will include any other electronic items.

Treasurer's Report Bill Mitchell presented the budget which is attached. He proposed a minute which was approved.

**Minute: 07-11-62. Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the attached "Corporate Resolution for Depository and Brokerage" designating the persons authorized to access the meeting's accounts and safe deposit box at the Wachovia Bank, N.A. The authorized persons are Jean Larson as Clerk, William Mitchell as Treasurer, and Laura Windfordner. Mrs. Winefordner is included because the office of Assistant Clerk is currently vacant.**

The general fund has a deficit of \$1615. Bill will email Catherine Puckett to put an item in the newsletter about the deficit to remind people that our contributions are not keeping up with our expenses.

FWCC Report #4Worship/Worship Sharing. Sybil Brennan reported about her experiences in Ireland as part of her visit to Friends World Committee on Consultation there, Her report is attached to these Minutes.

SEYM Sybil Brennan reported that SEYM approved guidelines to give more support for our representation to other groups. Yearly meetings, monthly meetings, and individuals are encouraged to supply more money to support representatives. Sibyl has been assistant clerk of SEYM for three years, and has a special concern for inter-visitation. She will ask that this concern be put in the Newsletter; her report is attached to these Minutes.

Quaker Stamp project. Sibyl Brennan proposed that this meeting support SEYM and affiliated meetings to join the Quaker Stamp Project. It sorts and sells stamps with the funds (\$51,400 2006) given to Quaker organizations and projects. For four years our meeting has been part of this project. If we send a Minute to executive committee and it is approved, it will go on to the interim business meeting and then be considered at the yearly gathering.

**Minute 11-07-63: Gainesville Monthly Meeting requests SEYM to participate in the Quaker Stamp Project (Mattapoisett MA) which supports Quaker organizations.**

This Minute will be sent to Lyn Cope with some of Sibyl's explanation. Sibyl will ask that it be put in the Yearly Meeting newsletter.

The Christmas party is scheduled Dec 8 at 4:30 in meetinghouse. Mona and her committee are coordinating it. Greens will be hung the week before for Arnold Von der Porten's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Entertainment will include carol-singing.

Quaker Soulfood Dinner An African/American/soulfood covered-dish dinner is planned for Jan 12, to benefit the Arts Coalition and the Meeting House fund. The committee is Betty Odum, Polly Doughty, Karen Arrington, and Nkruma Nah. Suggested recipes will be available. Entertainment will include singing of spirituals. The announcement is attached.

Peace and Social Concerns committee Jim Morrison reported they are staying active in pushing the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) project.

On Oct 31 we held a forum on Iraq attended by about 40 people and students.

On Nov 4 a UN forum was held.

New action alerts have been put out on cluster bombs and torture.

A complete report is attached to the Minutes.

Film Committee Jim Morrison reported that three films were shown in September and October. Sicko will be shown again on Wed Oct 16. We'll have a Christmas one on Dec. 21. There is a request for child care. Since Arlene Epperson resigned from the committee, they are looking for one or more interested members.

School committee. Laura Winefordner reported that the federal form to set up the Quaker school is almost complete and the 501C3 tax exempt status has been approved. The school is now an entity in state.

Karen Porter's children's art exhibit, entitled, "What it means to be Hunam" will be displayed on Monday Nov 12 and Tuesday Nov 13. The children are from Loga Springs International Academy, Karen Porter, teacher.

A forum on Alternatives to Public Education will be held at the meetinghouse on Nov 13, 6-8pm..

Religious Education committee – The expedition to Flagler Beach was cancelled because of red tide. The First Day School is getting more children.

Ministry and Nuture committee Connie Ray brought a concern of the committee, raised by Brad Thompson from the Landscape committee, that decisions made by the business meeting are not known by most members and attenders. This has led to actions contrary to meeting decisions. Information needs to go out. We decided to attach the minutes (after they are approved) to the newsletter and also post them. The clerk already does alert clerks of the committees whose business might come to business meeting. Committee clerks should also alert members.

Our Meeting birthday party is planned for March.

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A continuing concern is how to counsel people who need help. Pamphlets are being well used. We especially appreciate the pamphlet rack built by Bud Brennan.

Continuing our concern for a stewardship testimony, the SEYM interim meeting set up a standing committee on Earthcare Witness. This shows a new concern for environment. We will join the FUM annual chain of prayer May 11.

Earthcare Witness committee. Dick Beardsley reported that Karen Arrington taught a children's class on recycling, including an art project and game. On Nov 18, Phil Buskirk will present a lesson on the appreciation of diversity on our blue planet.

Hospitality committee. Mona Morris reported concern about coffee and high-sugar snacks. We should bring more soups, salads and casseroles. They also request that people take their left-overs and dishes home. The four on the committee are overworked.

On Dec 2 we celebrate Arnold Von Der Porten's birthday  
Saturday, Dec 8 is the Christmas party.

On Valentines Day Feb 16, Annie McPherson and group will give a *Lover Concert* for building fund.

Meeting House committee. Walter Morris reported. The Meeting approved the following minutes.

**Minute 11-07-66 Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the use of the Meetinghouse on January 12, 2007 for a Quaker Soulfood dinner.**

Betty Odum will be responsible for opening, cleaning up and closing.

**Minute 11-07-67 The Gainesville Meeting and Meeting House Committee wish to express their appreciation to Eleanor Merritt for her initiative and resourcefulness that led to her gift of the tinting of the windows in the Worship room.**

Repairs have been done. The complete report is attached.

Sibyl Brennan is nominated to be clerk of nominating committee and forum coordinator.

The meeting ended with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Odum

