

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

After a worshipful silence, the Queries for the twelfth month were read by Karen Arrington.

The Minutes of October and September were read and approved as presented. They will be presented for final approval in January.

Treasurer's Report by Bill Mitchell is attached. We have a \$2,659 deficit in the operating fund. There was discussion of the increases in expenses. Insurance will certainly go up. Air conditioning may need adjusting. A letter for fund-raising is needed.

Fundraising committee. Although the fundraising committee has not yet met formally, it plans to write a letter appeal for contributions,

Irish gifts by Sibyl Brennan from her visit to Ireland for the meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. She gave the Meeting a lovely cup for a plant and a bright yellow towel with SWCC logo. We gave her thanks, and plan to put the towel up between two windows in the social room.

Forum Committee. Sibyl Brennan, the new clerk, reported that she is checking with committee clerks for forum ideas. Dates planned and available so far are:
Jan 6. Celebration of New Life. This will be a baby shower for Marilyn Hall and Tracy Jeshew, Catherine Puckett's daughter. Planned are baskets of good wishes, new and recycled.
Feb 3,
Mar 2, Ministry and Nurture Stewardship discussion
March 30 Breakfast by Jim Winefordner with the help of the Hospitality committee.
Apr 6,
May 4 There are two possibilities: Friends United Meeting Day of Prayer or an environmental lecture by Brad Thompson..

Nominating Committee consists of Sybil Brennan, clerk, Walter Morris, and Jeannie Buskirk. The committee is considering the openings for our Meeting's representatives on the new SEYM committees, Racism and Earth Care. The representatives will need travel expenses.

Peace and Social Concerns committee Jim Morrison requested Jan 6 for a forum, but since that date's taken, the forum committee will consult for different date.
A complete report is attached to the Minutes.

Religious Education committee. Laura Wineforner reported that the First Day School is going well. A report is attached.

Ministry and Nuture committee Connie Ray reported that more pamphlets are ordered. Our Meeting birthday party is planned for March 16. It will be combined with thanks for all the hard work members and attenders in this difficult, but exciting, first year. The possibility of setting aside part of the Meeting land for burial and scattering of ashes is being discussed. Calling cards are proposed. They might be yellow, with Meeting information on one side and a Quaker quote or expression on the back. We could use them for identity on various occasions.

Earthcare Witness committee. Dick Beardsley reported that on Nov 18, Phil Buskirk presented a lesson on the appreciation of diversity on our blue planet. We need a new composter which will be put next to the present one. More greens and straw should be added to the present one.

Hospitality committee. Mona Morris reported how pleased we were with the birthday party for Arnold Von der Porten and the Christmas party. Doris Nabors displayed great pictures of both parties.

Jan 12, 6pm. A soulfood covered-dish dinner is being planned, as a benefit for the Cultural Arts Coalition and our building fund. The hospitality committee will help set up.

Feb 2 5:30. The Guatemalan and ProNica fundraising activity is under the fundraising committee.

Feb 16. 8pm. A concert is being given by Annie MacPherson, David Cook and friends, called "Bring someone you love." It is a fundraiser for the building fund..

March30. Breakfast under the care of Jim Winefordner.

Meeting House committee. People complaining about room temperature should know how to adjust it. The committee will. make a flyer to give everyone. We could use a forum day to take everyone around to get to know the meeting house technical controls. This suggestion will go to the Building and Grounds committee program.

Karen Arrington asked for permission to use the meeting house for one afternoon hour to do carding, spinning and weaving. She and Arlene Epperson have grown their own cotton.

The problem of overlapping committee meetings was discussed. A new plan will be tried: on the 3rd Monday Hospitality will meet at 3pm, and Ministry and Nurture from 5-7 on same day .

Meeting Archives Connie Ray is the clerk for our Meeting and SEYM.. Documents are given to UF library Archives from Gainesville and SEYM. The work is being done professionally, using copies. The originals will be kept here. The present agreement is that those in the library can only be used after 25 years. Connie will check on getting the contract changed; it's a contract between the library and SEYM. This committee needs a budget item in next year's budget. The cost of the archiving is about \$25 per 100 pages.

The meeting ended with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Odum