

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
January 13, 2008

After a worshipful silence, the Queries for first month were read by Karen Porter.

The Minutes of December were read and approved as adjusted.

Treasurer's Report was not available.

Forum Committee. Sibyl Brennan, the clerk, reported that Brad Thompson will give a form on Environmentalism after rise of meeting on Feb 3.

Ministry and Nurture committee. Connie Ray, clerk proposed the following Minutes which were approved.

Minute 08-02-01 Gainesville Friends Meeting transfers the membership of Jean Barger on to Northampton, New York, Friends Meeting.

The Meeting clerk will send the Minute to Northampton Monthly Meeting of New York Yearly Meeting, entrusting her to their loving care..

Minute 08-02-02 Gainesville Friends Meeting transfers the membership of Rebecca Ray to Alexandria Monthly Meeting at Woodlawn, Virginia.

The Meeting clerk will send the Minute to Alexandria Monthly Meeting entrusting her to their loving care..

Minute 08-02-03. Gainesville Friends Meeting lays down the membership of Deb ? due to loss of contact.

Minute 08-02-04. Gainesville Friends Meeting lays down the membership of Jonas Walden due to loss of contact.

Minute 08-02-05. Gainesville Friends Meeting lays down the membership of Gara Walden due to loss of contact.

The Civic Media Center has asked us to sponsor an AFSC speaker who will discuss Iraq on April 6. The hospitality committee will check on arrangements.

Connie Ray reported that we were given a magazine rack by George Newkirk. Thanks will be written.

The Meeting approved paying 1/3 of the expenses to SEYM for two families. Our primary categories are that they have not been before and that they include children. This year we will offer the grants to Karen Kilgore and family, and to the Westmarks.

A new pamphlet rack has been made. We thank Bud Brennan the carpenter.

A suggestion has been made that we designate a place on the Meeting's land for the burial of ashes from cremation.

We unite with FUM and all other organization to work for peace in Palestine. The chain of prayer instigated by FUM will be held here May 4. Its special purpose is to make people aware of middle Eastern cultures.

Meeting House committee. Walter Morris, clerk reported the usual work such as replacing filters, grass-mowing, lights, and buzzing.

In response to the request of Jeannie Buskirk the Meeting approved the following Minute.

Minute 08-02-06: The Meeting approved the request of Jeannie Buskirk for the use of the meeting house on Friday, March 21, 7-9 pm and Sat March 22 9am-5pm for a workshop on NonViolent Communications.

Bud Brennan will make a stone marker next to a tree for Eleanor Patrick. It will display her name and that she was a founding member.

Hospitality committee: Mona Morris. reported the the committee is "puttering along" with activities. The focus now is on the Valentine concert, Feb 15 .

In February the activities are:

Quaker Market breakfast 5th Sunday in Feb. We'll skip St Patrick this year.

The fair-trade coffee is expensive and we use a lot. A: can will be put out for donations for coffee

March 16 is the meeting house birthday. Ministry and Nurture and Hospitality committees will work on the celebration together. Perhaps we could worship outside that day.

There are requests for singing. Karen Arrington, Jean Larson, and Annie McPherson volunteered to start playing and singing from 10:30 to 10:45 next Sunday

Jan 26. Jean Larson has the air potato roundup organized. Be here from 9am to 11.

Peace and Social Concerns. Jim Morrison reported a good discussion about Iraq.

The box of food Laura Winefordner takes to the Community Ministries is appreciated. We need to remind ourselves that we agreed to bring something each Sunday.

There is a request to hold the Solutions to Violence group, led by Don Smith, here on Saturdays twice a month. Problems of overlapping Saturday activities need to be considered.

Religious Education committee is changing its name to First-day school committee. The FGC series on Dr. Seuss books will be scheduled.

Nominating committee. Sybil Brennan reported that Betty Odum will be the Meeting's representative to the new SEYM racism committee. We still need someone for SEYM Earth Care committee.

SEYM needs someone to organize and lead the teen program at the gathering.

Quaker Earth Care Witness committee Dick Beardsley reported that the committee is responsible for the children's program each 3rd first day. They will make a birdbath with Dick Beardsley.

On Jan 19, Sat. Karen Arrington was the representative at the interim business meeting. We need a new composting container –

We look forward to a state of the meeting report from the clerk..

The meeting ended with silence

Respectfully submitted by Betty Odum.