

**Minutes for Meeting for Business
9 March '08**

The meeting began with silent worship after which queries for third month were read. Present were Sybil Brennan, Bud Brennan, Laura Winefordner, Jeannie Buskirk, Mona Morris, Walter Morris, Jim Morrison, Connie Ray, Jean Larson, clerk, and Gary Arthur, acting recorder.

Second month minutes will be read for approval next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Given by Jean Larson was accepted with no changes. (Attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Final preparations and arrangements for outdoor worship and picnic to commemorate the meetinghouse birthday.
- 2) Plans for April 5 meetinghouse and grounds work day.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The following was approved regarding a visit to Gainesville by Nasim Yousefi and Jafar Edrisi, two Iranians cycling the world and making presentations about Iran, peace and the environment:
Minute 08-03-11 Meeting approves holding a public gathering on Thursday, 3/13/08 during which Iranian cyclists Nasim Yousefi and Jafar Edrisi will share information about Iran, as well as their environmental and peace concerns.

The meeting will be co-sponsored by The Fellowship for Reconciliation and the Gainesville Interfaith Peace Center. A Peace Tree will be planted to commemorate the visit.

- 2) The schedule for adult forums during the summer months of June, July and August will be left open.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT, Given by Jim Morrison:

- 1) Work continues on Universal Health-Care issue, FCNL action alerts and the interfaith social justice forum.
- 2) On first day, 3/2/08, Meeting enjoyed a presentation by Cecilia Yokum, of Tampa Monthly Meeting, regarding her involvement with Friends Peace Team's work in Burundi and Rwanda.
- 3) A forum concerning the Personal Energy Transporter (PET) will be held on first day, 3/30/08 at 12:45 PM.

- 4) Forum on 4/6/08 will be on the situation in Kenya with guest speaker, Date Robbins.
- 5) For the film committee, Jim reported that AMAZING GRACE was shown on 2/15, and STAND AND DELIVER will be shown on 3/14.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Sybil Brennan:

- 1) A first draft of the roster for Meeting committee membership was presented.
- 2) The following was approved:
Minute 08-03-12 Meeting approves Nominating committee's recommendation that Karen Arrington will serve as Gainesville Monthly Meeting's representative to the SEYM Earthcare Working Group.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Connie Ray:

- 1) A concern was expressed that all proposed changes to the meetinghouse property be explained to all of the committees that may be affected by the change. Input and feedback from all concerned committees should be obtained before bringing a proposed change to business meeting.
- 2) Seven months of minutes from business meetings held in 2002 and 2003 have been lost. For this reason the minute laying down the membership of Sharon Bienert cannot be placed in the register of memberships. The meeting registrar has therefore requested that we approve a new minute laying down the membership. Meeting approved the following minute:
Minute 08-03-13 Gainesville Monthly Meeting lays down the membership of Sharon Bienert due to loss of contact.
- 3) Also approved were the following:
Minute 08-03-14 Gainesville Monthly Meeting lays down the membership of Lyda Toy at her request.
Minute 08-03-15 Meeting approves spending \$27.99 from office expenses for name card blanks to be used in the plastic name badges.

EARTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Mona Morris:

The First Day School Bird Sanctuary Project was inaugurated on 2/17 by the children's construction of a birdbath which will be placed in the northeast corner of the schoolyard. The children will officially unveil the bath on first day, 3/16.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Mona Morris:

**The next Quaker Market Dinner will be held on Saturday, 4/12/ 08.
German fare will be on the menu.**

MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Walter Morris:

**Routine maintenance continues, and a professional inspection of the A/C
system is scheduled for this week.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Walter Morris:

**The letter requesting donations to the Meeting general fund was mailed
last week to members and attenders.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

**The UF Campus Ministry Coop is sponsoring a Spiritual and Religious
Diversity Gathering on the University Plaza of the Americas on 3/26/08.
Meeting discussed setting up a table and distributing information about
Quakers and our monthly meeting.**