

Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

6th Month, 2008

After a worshipful silence, Laura Winefordner read the Queries for the 6th month.

The Minutes of the 5th Month business meeting were read and approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report Bill Mitchell reported. He noted that the sale of gift bags has bestowed the meeting with more than \$600.

Finance Committee Bart Hewlett was thanked for providing the meeting with the opportunity to have a great day picking blueberries and, at the same time, benefitting the meeting with donations from the sale of picked berries. On Aug. 23, GFM will host a yard sale to benefit the meetinghouse.

SEYM Brian Blackmore felt led to agree to be in charge of the teens at SEYM, with Catherine Puckett as his assistant. Catherine and Jean Larson will write a letter to Ellie Caldwell of SEYM recommending Brian.

Sibyl Brennan noted that there are funds to help Brian: from the gathering committee (GFM), from the Youth Trustees Fund, and Ellie Caldwell.

Landscaping Committee Thanks to Phil Buskirk, Bud Brennan, and Jean Larson for their substantial work on the grounds. There are some continuing problems with the AC - only one condenser seems to be running. Meeting decided that we should follow the recommendation to have two maintenances on AC a year. Bill Mitchell is going to check into both problems, as well as recommend who the meeting should have do the maintenance.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee No formal report because the committee did not meet last month. At present, there is no Forum set up for July 6th, but they may put one together. Over the next few months, the PSC committee will be working on a voter registration drive; they welcome participation from anyone in meeting. It looks as if the S-Chip bill is going to be reintroduced one more time. Also there are a few people who have started to join us as members of the committee. Last month, we showed *Brother Bear* for film night. *Waking Ned Devine* is the next scheduled film (June 20). The committee is seeking film ideas for July and August. Connie Ray noted that a shipment of Palestinian olive oil should arrive soon; she asked that someone on PSC check on this with the Atlanta Office of the American Friends Service Committee. Jean Larson mentioned the Aug. 6 and Aug. 9 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to Jim Morrison, clerk of PSC. The Common Grounds conversations application by Don Smith is canceled for now.

First-Day School Committee A tentative August teen Ichetucknee River tubing trip is being planned for August 10 under the sponsorship of the GFM.

Ministry and Nurture Committee Connie Ray reported. Elaine Lyons thanked us for our card, for visitations. She noted she has fond memories of meeting, but is currently attending to spiritual needs elsewhere. She asked that her membership with GFM be laid down.

Minute 08-06-18: The Meeting lays down the membership of Elaine Lyons at her request.

Minute 08-06-19: The meeting happily records the membership of Cecilia Eliza-Rose Haecker, daughter of member Catherine Puckett.

Connie Ray read a draft proposal of actions in the event of continued disruption of worship after repeated counseling by seasoned friends. With minor wording changes, the meeting agreed that they liked the proposal and the thought that was put into it, reflecting both Quaker beliefs and the need to ensure a meeting that does not have to endure continual disruption by a few people. The committee was thanked for its hard work on this matter.

GI Hotline: Scott Camille and the Veterans for Peace Group are putting together a counter-recruitment guide. They are printing 10,000 copies. Karen Porter asked if GFM would like to support the printing of this guide, which would reach all the guidance counselors in high schools, and will be distributed free of charge. The meeting agreed to donate \$50. Sibyl Brennan suggested that SEYM be made aware of this guide; Karen was asked to do this. In addition, this is something that the Friends Journal may be interested in.

Minute 08-06-20: The Gainesville Friends Meeting approves the donation of \$50 to the Veterans for Peace for support of the publication of the counter-recruitment guide.

Earth Care Witness Committee Dick Beardsley reported from last “year” – With the help from adults such as Bud Brennan, the meeting completed construction of a bird feeder with the older children. Thanks to Bud for getting the feeder situated just right and for providing the birdseed. The committee did its best to smooth out the rough edges on the birdbath; it is much better. Karen Arrington, new clerk of ECW, reported on more recent activities. She has asked the children and adults to have a brainstorming session on June 15 on what they think ECW means to them and activities they would be interested in doing in the coming year.

The meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett

