

## Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

### Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

7<sup>th</sup> Month, 2008

After a worshipful silence, Maurice Trimmer read the Queries for the 7th month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Mitchell reported. Meeting has a 2,000 deficit – much of this is because we paid SEYM this month. The GFM can expect a new cost in terms of fire services for the City of Gainesville; this will be \$202.92 per year because we are an institution.

**Finance Committee:** The yard sale is scheduled for Saturday Aug 23; GFM members are asked to bring items for sale (not clothing) by the preceding Sunday.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee:** The committee has been continuing its work to support single-payer health care and the State Children's Insurance Program, torture policy, the banning of cluster bombs, a sensible response to the economic crisis, the militarization of the budget, and a humane immigration policy that, among other things, does not divide families. As has been the tradition during election years, they will work to support voter registration drives.

When the committee can find someone driving to or from Atlanta, they will order another case of Palestinian olive oil.

The committee organized a potluck at the meetinghouse to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and showed the musical "1776."

On Sunday, July 6, the committee sponsored a forum on the problem of growing inequality in America. After viewing a Bill Moyers' Journal presenting the problem, there was a lively discussion.

The committee is continuing its support for the PET (Personal Energy Transporter) project and will organize volunteer days at Penny Farms in the fall.

The committee is also continuing its cooperation with the Film Committee to find appropriate films to show. In June, they showed *Waking Ned Devine*. They showed "1776" at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July potluck, and "*The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*" is scheduled for July 18 at the meetinghouse.

**Film Committee:** For the July Movie Night, we will be showing *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. The committee is still deciding what to show for August, September, and October. They welcome suggestions.

**First-Day School Committee:** We will follow through on what Earth-Day Committee did for the year.

**Ministry and Nurture Committee:** Connie Ray reported. The committee discussed the need for a Book for Deceased Memorial Minutes. This would note where ashes are buried, person's name, and other appropriate information for the GFM. Memorial meetings for George Newkirk are being discussed with George's family. Connie Ray noted that it would be best to have a memorial at the meetinghouse sometime in the fall.

The committee asked that we remember that if someone is having a problem or thinks someone is having a problem, you can let someone from M and N or the Pastoral Care Subcommittee know; they do their best to keep the information confidential. The Pastoral Care Subcommittee will meet once or twice a year; they are also renewing their subscription to the *Pastoral Care Newsletter*.

The Clearness Committee on Membership for Cheryl Demers-Holton agreed to present a minute of membership for her.

**Minute 08-07-21: The meeting joyfully accepts the membership of Cheryl Demers-Holton.**

The committee will order two copies of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice, one for Cheryl and one for Catherine Puckett. The committee will also order an appropriate book for Cecilia Haecker. They hope to plan a party for new members in the fall.

The committee reviewed a first draft of a proposed pamphlet on "Spiritual Afterthoughts."

They have received a request from the Friends United Meeting Discernment Group of SEYM to hold a worship-sharing on the topic of FUM on a Saturday. The committee decided to present the request at their November business meeting with the idea that, if there is sufficient interest, the meeting might agree to host a worship-sharing day in February .

**Earth Care Witness Committee:** Dick Beardsley reported for Earth-Care in place of Karen. He said that the First-Day School class was fun; adults and children played a memory game with cards, and that people came up with different ideas for earth care programs with the children. Karen is talking with Laura Winefordner about what programs they will do.

**Hospitality Committee:** GFM needs more people to be welcoming presences and to make sure we have something to offer people for snacks.

**Meetinghouse Committee:** Dick Beardsley reported. Maurice Trimmer presented options for listening devices for the hearing-impaired for the meeting room. The committee asked that the meeting approve Maurie's research into the best listening

devices for our meeting. The meeting approved. He will report back to us with his findings.

**The meeting ended with silence.**

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett

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