

Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on May , 2009

Jean Larson, clerk

Catherine Puckett, recording clerk

After a worshipful silence and a wonderful breakfast, Karen Porter read the Queries for the fifth month.

Thirteen people were present.

The Minutes of the April business meeting were read and approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report. Bill Mitchell reported. See attached budget. The meeting had significant contributions in April. Right now, there is a projected deficit of \$2,000 for the year. The meeting decided to use the sale of the McDonalds' stock to pay down the mortgage.

Bill Mitchell also prepared a proposed 2009-2010 budget constructed primarily by keeping budgets pretty much the same as last year. The primary fields that have gone up are SEYM and building maintenance. The apportionment for SEYM is budgeted as \$8,000, which the clerk feels is substantially lower than the amount that will be actually charged. It may be as high as \$9,500. We need to add the children's room floor to the budget, which was approved by the meeting in the past for about \$1,500.

One place the budget could be cut is the cost of the phone; Karen Porter offered to check into the cost of Cox phone service. The meeting notes that if we cut phone service completely we will not be listed in the Yellow Pages.

The clerk moves that we approve the proposed budget with the exception of consideration of the mortgage. That will be revisited in June. The meeting agreed, and thanked the treasurer for his hard work.

Old Business:

A. Stamp Project – Sybil Brennan reported. She thanked all those who are contributing to the stamp project. Mattapoissett Friends Meeting made a \$200 contribution to ProNica because of proceeds raised from the Stamp Project.

New Business:

A. The corresponding secretary will write a note of thanks for the red bud tree donated by the Marilynne Hall family; Jean will write something for the newsletter.

B. Sandy Lyon suggested that the meeting consider raising money for the children's room carpet by a fundraiser called "one foot at a time." We could have prints of

children's feet, and each "foot" costs a set amount (say \$5). The meeting approved of this idea.

Finance Committee:

Landscaping Committee:

Nominating Committee: Betty Odum reported. The only change to be made is in the ProNica entry; Betty Odum will make that change and send a final list. The meeting approves the nominating committee report.

Minute 09-05-07: The meeting approves the appointment of Jim Porter as the clerk of the First-Day School.

Minute 09-05-08: The Meeting approves the nominating committee report for 2009-2010.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: The committee continues its work on Universal Single Payer health care. The committee sponsored the showing of Bill Moyer's Journal, which focused on this issue. They are exploring options to bring this to the attention of many people by various methods. The committee agreed to donate \$50 to the Haitian midwife project. On May 3, the committee organized a forum with a presentation of "On Thin Ice," about the melting of the world's glaciers. The clerk of the committee worked with Jean Larson to support the resolution that the meeting approved; the letter was sent to Ramsey County (MN) attorney Susan Gaertner. Two future forums will be on "The Story of Stuff" and Bill Moyer's show on the full life-cycle assessment of what we produce. The 2nd forum will be a viewing of "Spirited Engagement: Stories of the AFSC."

Film Committee: Jim Morrison reported. On May 25, we showed "Brick Lane," the story of a Bangladesh family living in London. Next month, on June 19, we will show "Ghost Town," a humorous film.

School Committee: No report.

First-Day School Committee: The meeting is delighted that Jim Porter is taking on the clerk's position. We believe that Jim will enliven the teenager group. We thank Laura for the tremendous work she has done in clerking the First-Day School Committee.

Library Committee: Betty Odum Reported. Sandy's husband updated and reprogrammed our computer; Sybil Brennan will write Bruce a thank-you note. We can now access the collection by categories, author, or title. The committee purchased about 10 books at SEYM. The Friendly Reading Group has now read and discussed "The Gnostic Gospels," "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," "Cradle to Cradle," "The Poisonwood Bible," "Three," and "The Kite Runner." In June the book will be "The Witch of Blackbird Pond."

Ministry and Nurture Committee: Karen Porter reported. The committee names the following people to serve on the nominating committee for 2009-2010: Jean Larson, Sandy Lyon, and Walter Morris, convener. We received a letter from a British Friend asking for someone in the meeting to visit someone on death row with whom she has been corresponding for two years. The committee will discuss this with Susan Carey. We will renew our subscription to "Pastoral Care," a newsletter of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

EarthCare Witness Committee: Karen Arrington reported. The garden out front continues to grow.

Hospitality Committee: Arlene Epperson proposes we have a Quaker Market Dinner on June 6 at 6 p.m. The dinner would focus on local foods. The meeting approves.

Meetinghouse Committee: The committee has been working on updating the policies and procedures. The committee revisited processing fees with different scales for non-meeting community, meeting community or affiliated with our meeting community.

The meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett