

## **Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

### **Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on October 11, 2009**

**Karen Porter, clerk**

**Jim Porter, recording clerk**

A. After a worshipful silence, Karen Porter read the Queries for the tenth month. Dick Beardseley expressed that this month's queries are particularly appropriate to our times, and that individuals and our Peace & Social Concerns committee will work toward honoring this month's queries.

B. **Treasurer's Report.** Only about \$12,372.16 left in the Mortgage!

### **Old Business:**

A. **United Nations Day:** Laura Winefordner reported that United Nations' Day is on Oct. 22. She will attend and represent our meeting.

B. Meeting for Remembrance: For Tracey Jeshow in relation to the loss of her father. In addition, Sheree Sims lost a niece this year, and others in the meeting have experienced deaths of loved ones. Ministry and Nurture will put out a query through the newsletter asking about people interested in scheduling or participating in a Meeting for Remembrance.

### **New Business:**

**Landscaping Committee:** Brad Thompson reported. Brad would like the meeting to pay for pine straw.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee:** Jim Morrison reported.

**Minute 09-10-9: The Gainesville Friends Meeting agrees to be one of the sponsors of a multi-faith panel on Palestine and Israel. We also agree that Jim Morrison's attendance is on behalf of our Monthly Meeting.**

The Eagle National Security Training Center was turned down by Highlands County. This was an outcome commensurate with the desires expressed in the business meeting and by Peace and Social Concerns. Our meeting will help sponsor a multi-faith panel on Palestine (*Together Making Peace*) at Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. On Dec. 6, 2009, the committee will sponsor a slide show, *Hope Rises from the Ashes of Mai Lai*. Together with Earthcare Witness, Peace and Social Concerns sponsored a Forum on September 30<sup>th</sup> on the costs of consumption, featuring the short film, *The Story of Stuff*, and a Bill Moyers interview with Daniel Coleman (author of *Ecological Intelligence*) about the

hidden costs of production and consumption. We also sponsored a Forum on October 4 on post 9/11 U.S. torture policy (and showed excerpts from the documentary *Torturing Democracy*).

**Film Committee:** On Oct. 16, *The Frozen River* will be shown.

**First-Day School Committee:** Jim Porter reported. Appended (GET FROM KAREN)

**Library Committee:** Betty Odum reported. (GET FROM KAREN)

**EarthCare Witness Committee:** Dick Beardseely reported. On Sept. 20, the committee had a wonderful experience teaching children about “nature’s recyclers.” Also, they brainstormed about what it would be like if no one came to take the trash away. The children’s raised bed garden was moved. Karen Arrington is trying to fix the pharmaceutical bottle recycling issues. Sandy Lyon expressed a desire to resume collecting compost, and she will take it away. Business meeting attendees expressed concern about communicating to worship attendees about appropriate compost material. Starting in November, composting and education about it will resume with Sandy taking the compost home and providing composting buckets.

**Hospitality Committee:** Jeanie Buskirk reported. The proceeds from the Craft Bazaar (to be held on Nov. 21) will benefit the Gainesville Friends Meeting. “Outside” (meaning vendors that are not part of the meeting) vendors not approved for the Craft Bazaar.

**Meetinghouse Committee:** Morrie Trimmer reported. Clear the hallway because of fire concerns.

**The meeting ended with silence.**

Respectfully submitted by Jim Porter