

Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on November 8, 2009

Karen Porter, clerk

Catherine Puckett, recording clerk

I. Queries: After a worshipful silence, Karen Porter read the Queries for the eleventh month.

II. Minutes for the 9th and 10th Months: These were approved.

III. Adjustments to the agenda:

IV. Old Business:

- A. United Nations Day: Laura Winefordner reported. It was excellent. Some of the speeches focused on the lives of women around the world, especially connecting the lives of women to trade.

V. New Business:

- A. **Gary Arthur's Request for Membership Transfer:** The meeting received a copy of a request for transfer of membership from Gary Arthur from West Palm Beach to Gainesville Monthly Meeting.
- B. **Treasurer's Report:** Jean Larson reported for Bill Mitchell. The treasurer has a concern that the meeting is not taking in as much as it is spending. The good news is that the mortgage balance is below \$12,000. The meeting had previously agreed to reconsider paying (the present) \$1,000 a month on our mortgage in November 2009 to see if we should reduce payments to \$500. The treasurer hopes that the fundraising committee will send a letter out before January 2010 to members asking them to consider making donations to the meeting. This mortgage-payment decision is postponed until the next business meeting.

VI. Committee and Other Reports:

Ministry and Nurture: Ministry and Nurture has been approached by people concerned about disturbances in the Meeting for Worship. The committee decided to open our next meeting to any and all people who have a concern about

disturbances in Meetings for Worship. That meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. in the meetinghouse. A Meeting for Worship for Remembrance needs to wait to be scheduled until those who want it have returned and can agree on a time.

Likewise, a memorial meeting for pets needs to wait until later. The committee is sponsoring a potluck at the Chalmers on Friday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. Following the potluck, there will be a showing of *The Bible's Buried Secrets*. Gary Arthur spoke about his concern about having a meeting retreat. The meeting requested that Gary Arthur take the lead on checking out possibilities and the logistics (where, when, etc.) for a retreat.

First-Day School Committee: Jim Porter reported. The committee hopes to have the new floor ready for the bazaar on Nov. 21. There were a few glitches in laying down the floor. Doug Butler and his assistant will be paid \$60. Some replacement tiles will be needed; Indigo may pay for the tiles, with the meeting paying for the shipment. Parents Night Out: Sheree Sims has offered to have a Parents Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 19th; the teen helpers will be paid. Cecilia Haecker and Eric Skidmore will be invited to be the teen helpers. Tracy Jeshow discussed having a White Elephant sale in conjunction with a Parents Night Out.

Library Committee: Betty Odum reported. Connie Ray gave the library a bulletin board for announcements. The committee decided to start a magazine exchange; bring your magazines to borrow and take others. December's book will be *Three Cups of Tea*, led by Mona Morris; January's book will be *Quaking*, led by Jean Larson.

Earthcare Witness Committee: Dick Beardsley reported. At the last meeting, the children were able to plant fall vegetables in the raised bed garden. The children hope to harvest lettuce for their salads in the future. In November, we will take a look at the wonder of seeds in creation, a program that will be accompanied by an art project.

Hospitality Committee: Mona Morris reported. We need to work on the volunteers for the kitchen for the months of November through springtime. A suggestion for how to do this is that the clerks of committees pick a month where they will be responsible for finding someone to do hospitality and to do the kitchen duties. Another option is that if a committee is meeting in the building anyway on a Sunday morning they could do this task. Much discussion ensued, including that there is a lot of overlap of when meetings occur. One suggestion is that we invite all the clerks to the next business meeting and discuss this. Laura Winefordner notes that we all have our gifts – some for First-Day School, some for other things. The meeting requests that this discussion be postponed until the next business meeting. The meeting suggests that the Christmas party be on December 13 at rise of the meeting. Mona Morris suggests a Hoover dinner occur next year to commemorate the economic situation; this could be in January or February; Laura Winefordner will check schedules. Mona Morris will make a kiddie corner geared to children for the bazaar. The money coming from the kiddie corner table would go towards the floor in the children's room. The committee needs help to set up before the bazaar.

Meetinghouse Committee: Walter Morris reported. The garbage-disposal unit has been installed. A problem with the outdoor lighting (the lights are not working) will be taken care of this week. Walter and Tracy met about the first-day school floor. The committee will be working on a “use of the meetinghouse” form. The two people who need to know about the use of the meetinghouse are Walter Morris and Karen Porter, who will put this information in the calendar.

VI. Information Items:

MINUTE 09-11-10. Winter Solstice Concert is Dec. 19th at the Unitarian Church. The meeting approves placing an ad in the program in the Vets for Peace Winter Solstice Program.

The Friends General Conference Development Committee Meeting will take place at Laura and Jim Winefordner’s beach house on Jan. 24th.

The meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett

Calendar:

1. 11/10/09: 12 p.m. Friendly Lunch
2. 11/20/09, 6 p.m. Potluck at the Chalmers (The Bible’s Buried Secrets)
3. 11/21/09 Sa: Craft Bazaar at the meetinghouse (fundraiser for meeting)
4. 12/4/09: Fr: Quaker Study Program, brainstorming session for 2010. 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. discussion.
5. 12/06/09 Su: 9:30 a.m. LC, HC, MC: 1 p.m. Forum; 2:30 p.m. FBG: Mona Morris, Three Cups of Tea
6. 12/19/09 Parents Night Out – 5 to 8 p.m.
7. 12/13/09 Christmas Party at rise of meeting.
8. 12/20/09 Business meeting rescheduled
9. 01/03/10 Su: 9:30 a.m. LC, HC, MC: 1 p.m. Forum; 2:30 p.m. FBG: Jean Larson, Quaking.
10. 01/29/09 Fr: QSP, Twelve Quakers and Jesus, Walter Morris