

**Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on Jan.10, 2010**

Karen Porter, clerk

Catherine Puckett, recording clerk

I. Queries: After a worshipful silence, Karen Porter read the Queries for the first month. Sixteen people were present.

II. Minutes for the 12th Month: Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Bill Mitchell reported. We are in the black this month! Mortgage balance is under \$10,000. Donations toward the children's floor are going very slowly, however. Mona Morris asks that another \$130 be added for the floor from the Bazaar for a total of \$250.

IV. Old Business:

A. **Calendar:** On March 14, we will have the 2nd meeting of the fundraising group. The craft group will meet on Jan. 12 and Jan. 29 from 2-5 p.m., and in Feb. will be on Feb. 9 and 26th.

B. **Gary Arthur's Celebration for Joining the Meeting:** Dates proposed are Feb. 20th or 27th.

C. **Announcement:** Ministry and Nurture will review the process for announcements after meeting. The Air Potato Round-Up will be held on Jan. 30th. Friends General Conference Development Committee will meet at the Winefordner House the weekend of Jan. 22. SEYM Interim Business Meeting will be held Jan. 17 and 18, 2010.

V. New Business:

A. Gratitude: Karen Porter expressed gratitude for all that people do from the heart.

Kuwesa Project of the Rural Service Programme:

Minute: 01-01-10: At this time, the meeting chooses to not extend our tax-exempt status to the Kuwesa Project of the Rural Service Programme.

VI. Committee and Other Reports:

Peace and Social Concerns: Jim Morrison reported. Although our strong preference is for a Single-Payer Health-Care System, what is being proposed is at least a positive step forward; please voice your support. We also encourage Congress to reinstate the estate tax. We join the FCNL in encouraging everyone to support the resolution urging the U.S. to strongly support easing of restrictions on humanitarian aid for Palestinians in Gaza. On December 13, Jean Smith gave a presentation about her work in Kenya with people dealing with HIV and AIDS. On Jan. 10, Jane Toby gave a presentation on her work to promote peace and justice in Palestine (Gaza). We have collected almost 100 Fair-Districting petitions. The Forums in January and February will explore social and economic justice, health and education for all, a green and sustainable economy, and a more peaceful nation and world. We organized a forum (led by Carol Clark) introducing a Quaker approach to the economy on Jan. 3. A follow-up is scheduled on Feb. 7 (also led by Carol Clark). On Feb. 7, following part 2 of our Quaker Economy Forum, our book club discussion at 2:30 p.m. will focus on David Korten's *Agenda for a New Economy*, led by Jim Morrison. On Jan. 15, we will show the *American Experience* DVDs of *The Great Depression and Herbert Hoover* as background for our Herbert Hoover depression-era dinner on Jan. 23. Our Feb. 19 film is tentatively *Paper Moon*. The March film is *In America*. In April we hope to be able to show Michael Moore's *Capitalism: A Love Story*.

Minute: 01-02-10: The Gainesville Friends Meeting thanks Sheree Sims for her work in organizing the parents evening out, and for shepherding the children during the evening with the help of two teenagers.

Hospitality Committee: Mona Morris reported. Three Quaker dinners are coming up: the Hoover Dinner, the Valentine's Dinner, and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The committee suggests that we do one more Quaker dinner in April, tentatively on April 10. We may do another dinner in May and a local-foods dinner in June.

Meetinghouse and Grounds Committee: Walter Morris reported. The First-Day School room floor is completed. Thanks to Bud Brennan and Dick Beardsley for putting up valences. The city was not contacted about the

hackberry tree, and any sort of change in the status of the hackberry has been put aside.

EarthCare Witness: The committee is working with the children on the winter garden.

Fundraising Committee: Sybil Brennan reported. The committee has begun its work.

The meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett