

Quaker Meeting for Worship for Business on Feb. 14, 2010

Gainesville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on Feb. 14, 2010

Karen Porter, clerk

Catherine Puckett, recording clerk

I. Queries: After a worshipful silence, Laura Winefordner read the Queries for the second month. Fifteen people were present.

II. Minutes for the 1st Month: Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Bill Mitchell reported. The SEYM appropriations fee has been paid this year. We still need to raise \$830 for children's floor.

IV. Old Business:

Amended Dec. 2009 minutes.

V. New Business:

A. Acoustical information from Sieben Acoustics and Company: Laura Winefordner got information from the company, which prepared an in-depth report. Sybil Brennan will write a thank you note to this business. They don't do the work; they just make the plans.

B. Project for Prisons: Laura Winefordner has been working with Peter Forrest of Miami Friends Meeting; however, she would like to pass this activity on to someone else who is interested. The books are disbursed to different prisons. This concern will be passed on to Peace and Social Concerns.

VI. Committee and Other Reports:

SEYM Business Meeting Report: Connie Ray reported. The SEYM assessment is proposed to go up by 6 percent. This year our assessment is under \$8,000. A significant piece of business took place in January; SEYM's relationship with FUM. A working minute was approved; we will receive a copy of this, which spells out a possible resolution of the issue.

Ministry and Nurture: Connie Ray reported. A lot of pastoral care is occurring both within the committee and by others in the meeting. The

Committee has agreed on final language and format for the handout, "*Deciding to Speak in Worship.*" The Quaker Study Program this year will focus on Friends who contributed to society in important ways. They will use the book, *Builders of the Quaker Road*, by Caroline Jacobs. A Meeting for Remembrance is Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. The party to welcome Gary Arthur to the meeting is Friday, March 5th at 6 p.m. at Annie McPherson's and David Cook's house.

Minute: 10-02-03: Gainesville Monthly Meeting lays down the membership of Clare Cushman due to lack of contact.

Peace and Social Concerns: Jim Morrison reported. Much work needs to be done on health care; please urge Congress that health care is important to you. Fair-Districting amendments will be on the ballot in November. On Jan. 31, Gainesville Friends Meeting had a special forum on Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commission. We combined the book group and forum on Feb. 7; we will continue focusing on David Korten's book, *Agenda for a New Economy*. A subsequent study group will try to come up with action items. *Capitalism: A Love Story*, will be shown in March; this week we will show *In America*.

Hospitality Committee: Mona Morris reported. The Crafters group is trying to get up and going. It is assembling crafts in the hopes that different people will teach different crafts; the results of the group will be sold in the annual bazaar. Quaker Dinners: We will have a March 13 for St. Patrick's Day Dinner, as well as an April 10th dinner, and possibly one on May 15th (this may be the local foods dinner). The Chinese dinner and auction that benefits Guatamalan scholarship fund and ProNica raised \$355. Next month the Meetinghouse's third birthday and the birthday of the formation of the Meeting will be celebrated on March 14th. The meeting wants to continue its tradition of having a cake to celebrate the birthday.

Meetinghouse and Grounds Committee: Walter Morris reported. The annual inspection of the AC was completed last week; we only had to replace a belt.

First-Day School Committee Report: Jim Porter reported. Our youth visited the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship with much success. We had six youth participate in one of their world religion days. We hope to invite their youth to our meeting. We want to give older children leadership in our meeting.

EarthCare Witness: Dick Beardsley reported. The committee would like to explore the idea of additional raised garden or two for spring.

Minute 10-02-04: Meeting approves in concept a raised spring garden.

The meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett

Calendar:

03/14/10: 9:30 a.m. Fundraising Committee; birthday of meeting!

03/21/10: 9:30 a.m. Singing

03/21/10: 1 p.m. Book group

03/26/10: Quaker Study Program; Craft group

03/28/10: 9:30 a.m. Peace and Social Concerns

03/28/10: 12:45 p.m. Bible Study

03/31 to 4/4/10: SEYM

04/10/10: 6 p.m. Quaker dinner