

Quaker Meeting for Worship for Business on March 14, 2010

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

Karen Porter, clerk

Catherine Puckett, recording clerk

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

III. Adjustments to the agenda

IV. Treasurer's Report: Bill Mitchell reported. The mortgage is paid off. Future contributions will be used for a contingency fund that will help pay large and small repairs and ongoing expenses for the building, such as acoustic tiles, the children's floor, roof replacement and such. Future contributions to the building and grounds fund will be deposited into a newly established contingency fund.

Minute 10-03-05: With great joy and relief, the Gainesville Monthly Meeting is happy to announce that the mortgage is paid off; we thank all donors.

The meeting approves.

Minute 10-03-06: Gainesville Monthly Meeting will establish a contingency fund, to be available for major expenditures, including repairs, maintenance, and renovations. We will immediately transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund into this fund and will continue to add \$500 to this fund each month until it reaches \$20,000. Members who pledged toward the mortgage will be asked to consider continuing making their planned payments until the \$20,000 goal is reached.

The meeting approves this minute.

V. Old Business:

A. Calendar

B. Open Letter to Gainesville Monthly Meeting on the topics of Winter Interim Business Meeting and SEYM

Sybil Brennan reported. She suggests we all read the working minute on the SEYM-FUM relationship and prayerfully consider it. Meeting requests that Sybil send her letter to the newsletter.

Contributions to enable Marian Torres to attend Southeastern Yearly Meeting sessions are: First-Day School Committee \$25; Library \$25; Peace and Social Concerns \$25; Earth Care Committee \$50, Hospitality \$50. The total \$175.00. Bill Mitchell will send a check to ProNica.

Betty Odum will help Bud and Sybil Brennan on the archives group for SEYM. Sybil Brennan asks for a few more volunteers. Meeting requested that a few more people volunteer.

VI. New Business:

VII. Committee and Other Reports:

Ministry and Nurture: Connie Ray reported. A meeting for remembrance was held Feb. 20; seven people attended this very worshipful experience. GFM will give scholarships to several members for attending SEYM.

Minute 10-03-07: Gainesville Friends Meeting agrees to spend \$200 in scholarship money for a Gainesville Friends family to attend the Southeastern Yearly Meeting Annual Gathering.

Only one person has volunteered to be on the 2010-11 nominating committee. The committee needs about 3 people. Meeting members are asked to consider serving. Amy Von der Porten would like to be held in the Light. The committee hopes to have the handout, "Deciding to Speak in Meeting for Worship", available soon. The committee is in the early stages of

planning another reception for graduates of Friends schools who live in the area. They are developing a brochure to be distributed to New England and New York Yearly Meetings that has the purpose of attracting seasoned friends to retire to Gainesville. They request that the meeting have an outdoor meeting for worship on April 11th.

Peace and Social Concerns: Jim Morrison reported. The committee is preparing to begin support work for the Fair Districting amendment on the November ballot. Health insurance reform still needs congressional attention. David Korten's book workshops continue. The March film will be Capitalism: A Love Story. The April film is Gloomy Sunday, and the May film will be Food, Inc. in support of our local foods dinner.

Hospitality Committee: Mona Morris reported. The Irish Dinner was a success; about \$300 was raised. Thirty-seven people attended. This event has always been a successful fund-raiser.

Minute: 10-03-08: Many thanks to Mona Morris and her committee for their wonderful work on the Irish Dinner, as well as to Bob Hoskins for entertainment.

Walter and Mona will leave by the week of May 23rd this year, earlier than usual. This necessitates an interim clerk to pick up Mona's work. We can certainly do the April Quaker dinner. Best date possible for May is May 15th.

Meetinghouse and Grounds Committee: Walter Morris reported. Bud Brennan has done an excellent work in screening the gutters. Walter is dealing with heat-pump repair issues. Next week there is a fire-suppression system inspection.

First-Day School Committee: Laura Winefordner reported for Jim Porter. We need to clean up the first-day school room; help is welcome.

Library Committee: Betty Odum reported. The Library Committee is at a steady state with everything going smoothly.

EarthCare Witness: Dick Beardsley reported. On May 2nd, EarthCare will sponsor a forum, Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, about eating responsibly. There will be an article in the April newsletter. Sandy Lyons will lead the Forum. For the children's program, they planted potatoes and onions with the youth, and next week they will do agriculture in the classroom, focusing on green farming in Florida.

Fund-raising Committee: Walter Morris reported. The fund-raising committee would to ask for a \$100 line item in the budget for committee expenses. He will get with Bill Mitchell.

The meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Puckett

Calendar:

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

03/28/10: 9:30 a.m. Quakers for a Just Economy

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

04/11/10: 9:30 a.m. Fundraising meeting

04/30/10: Quaker Study Program 6 p.m.

05/09/10: 40 students coming to worship with us – New Garden kids (NOTE TO TEENS) SHELBY, ETC.

05/22/10: 12 p.m. Quaker Study Program at the Claytons