

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
April 11, 2010

Queries for the 4rd month were read by the clerk.

Minutes for the 3rd month were postponed to next month

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Calendar additions

The fundraising committee will meet May 9th

New Garden Friends school (49 children plus 12 adults) is visiting meeting for worship on May 9th. They only need juice and cookies.

New phone number of clerk, 672-6489, will be put in newsletter

Work day is Sat April 17th – (it was later postponed)

Newsletter deadline is April 18th.

The clerk received a message that a Quaker, who is investigating developing a Florida retreat or retirement center, will be here next week, April 18th. The message will be sent to the SEYM clerk to pass on to the appropriate committee.

Sybil Brennan proposed we give extra support to the Friends Journal. The Journal has had such financial problems, it almost had to close. After discussion of several proposals, we approved the following Minute:

Minute 10-04-09 Gainesville Friends Meeting approves the donation of \$500 to the Friends Journal.

Dick Beardsley raised the question of how best to help Jacky Newsome. She comes on Sundays for food and money. Under Dick's supervision, she has been vacuuming after Sunday lunch. This question is referred to Ministry and Nurture for a report next month.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting Sybil Brennan reported on Southeastern Yearly Meeting sessions held April 1-4. A Minute was approved laying down membership in Friends United Meeting. A second Minute was approved entitled "Minute of Procedure for SEYM-FUM Relationship" It includes financing of one observer to FUM once a year. Communication among yearly meetings is encouraged. The SEYM epistle was approved; it includes these Minutes about FUM and the explaining narrative.

Sybil reported other items of interest at the meeting. 145 people attended. Lecture speakers, youth committee members, and a youth coordinator are needed. We should encourage application for the Pendle Hill scholarship. The financial apportionments for support of the yearly meeting are increased. Yearly meeting membership is growing. The worship sharing queries could be used in our meeting for a forum or put in newsletter. The complete report is attached.

Committee reports

Nominating committee interim report: Sandy Lyon reported. Megan Bartolet-Fogarty has agreed to be clerk of First Day School, as long as she is in Gainesville. Megan Bartolet-Fogarty and Jim Morrison (clerk of Peace and Social Concerns) will need special approval since they are not Meeting members. The final nominating report will be given next month.

Peace and Social Concerns Jim Morrison reported the concern for Justice for Kofi Adu-Brempong. Some of us went to the protest.

Hospitality – Spring Dinner. A great spring dinner was held on April 10. Since Walter and Mona Morris will be leaving early, planning craft-making for the fall sale must be soon. The fall craft fair is tentatively scheduled for Oct 30rd. It will probably be smaller than last year since we will be making things at home. It was suggested that the fall yard sale be August 21st, and be planned by Laura Winefordner and Betty Odum. Karen Porter offered to have it at their house. We should advertize it on Craig's List. We will ask Heather Passmore if she will make a facebook page for the meeting. Betty Odum will email the list to announce that the workday scheduled for April 17 has been postponed. A picnic on the grounds is scheduled for May 16th. We will worship outside in our lovely new wooded circle. Potluck will be indoors including hot dogs, potato salad, evil eggs and ice cream cones.

Meeting House Walter Morris reported that the fire suppression system has been inspected. Allan Sawyer is mowing the lawn.

Fundraising Walter Morris, clerk reported. To keep better records of how much people are spending on committee work, the committee is developing a form for individual expenses. They are trying to schedule Tom Neilson to give a fundraising concert. He is a Massachusetts Quaker folk singer who tours to meetings to give concerts. It will probably be in February. Most meetings are charged \$400.

Library Sandy Lyon reported that the Book Group has scheduled book discussions on the third Sundays in May and June. It will start again in September. The library accepted the new books bought at yearly meeting.

Earthcare Witness With the children, they are harvesting and replanting the garden. The theme of the forum scheduled for May 2nd is "eating responsibly."

The meeting ended with a circle of silence.

Respectively submitted by Betty Odum.