

Gainesville Friends Meeting
Minutes of the Business Meeting
August 8, 2010

Nine attended

Queries for eighth month were read by Brian Blackmore.

Minutes for June 2010 were approved as corrected.

Fundraising committee. There is a concern that regular donors do not want monthly thank-you cards citing their donations. The amount of a donation is expected to be private, between the donor and the treasurer. The fundraising committee is asked to review this procedure. The clerk will share this concern with the committee clerk and the corresponding secretary. The committee is requested report to business meeting on this item.

Treasurer's report, There is no report this month. Next month we will consider the June and August reports and the annual report.

Nominating committee. Sandy Lyon announced new nominees.

10-08-13 Gainesville Friends meeting approves Carol Clark, Tom Clark, Shawna Doran and Tim Ray for the Peace and Social Concerns committee. Also approves Laura Winefordner and Betty Odum as Assistant Recording Clerks.

Ministry and Nurture committee. Connie Ray reported. The meeting has our own box in the Archives in UF library. Connie Ray, Betty Odum, Sybil Brennan, and Bud Brennan are planning to work on this in September.

David Chalmers and Helen Howard have written a Memorial Minute for Bill Howard.

A Memorial Minute for Scott Minor is being written.

The Quaker Study program will be dormant until October.

Sandy Lyon informed us that a couple from Spain, who are Friends, will be sojourning here for about a year.

Discussion is continuing concerning the person who has been coming to the Meeting House when it is open. We decided to "love her and watch her."

The committee is asked to revisit the request from Kendal retirement homes to investigate the possibility of a home here. If they are seriously interested, we would offer them hospitality for visitors.

Peace and Social Concerns committee. Annie McPherson reported for Jim Morrison.

On August 1 we had a forum to promote "Our Nation's Checkbook" project of the Tampa Friends Meeting and signed petitions to Senator Nelson about our swollen defense spending.

David Cobb has been asked to talk on Friday, August 20. He is from the "Move to Amend" project which advocates the elimination of corporate personhood.

The scheduled film will be moved to Sept 17.

Future forums are planned about Palestine, immigration, homelessness and a guest appearance of the Geigers with Al's film about the Seafaring Cowboy.

The complete report of this active committee will be filed with the Minutes in the bottom desk file drawer in the library.

Hospitality committee no report

Meeting house, Grounds and Landscape committee Dick Beardsley reported. A request from Mary Dewey to start a sewing class is referred to an ad hoc committee of Dick Beardsley, Gary Arthur and Sandy Lyon. Dick will communicate with Mary Dewey. Jean Larson is paying for the mowing.

Earthcare Witness committee Dick Beardsley and Sandy Lyon reported that the garden is fallow and covered with plastic. It will be replanted in mid-September.

First-day School committee Gene Beardsley reported for Megan Bartolet-Fogarty. The committee met and outlined the general plan for the fall. The children will join the meeting for worship for 10 minutes. After an opening song, different programs will be taught by different people. They are considering the possibility of children's beach weekend over Labor Day.

Old Business

Calendar – Annie McPherson suggested an online calendar so committee clerks can interact directly with the schedule. It would be available from the website – for us and for good publicity. Annie will talk with Bill Mitchell to see if this can be done.

The nominating committee is asked to choose a scheduling point person.

Mary Dewey is now printing out the schedule from newsletter for the bulletin board.

New Business

Dress for Success Laura Winefordner requested that we help with the program "Dress for Success." The meeting approved. She will set out a box for gently used or new clothing for young men and women ages 16 to 24. They are graduating from a residential career and job preparation program and need clothes for job interviews and for daily living. Needed for men are shirts, slacks, ties, jeans and t-shirts. Needed for women are tops, skirts, slacks, and clothes appropriate for work.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Odum