

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Eleventh Month 14, 2010
Mona Morris, Clerk

Attendance: 14

From the silence Jim Morrison read the query for eleventh month.

The minutes for tenth month were read and approved.

Bill Mitchell presented the treasurer's report. The report is attached to these minutes. We have received a much higher insurance bill due in February. We need to check into other insurance companies. It may be possible to get cheaper insurance, and perhaps insurance that will allow us to rent out our building should we want to do that. Bill Mitchell will look into this matter including speaking with Jean Chalmers. Jean Larson will ask about insurance at the Campus Ministries meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Jim Morrison reported ongoing support of health care reform, a ban on landmines and cluster bombs, reducing military expenditure, and focusing on transparency in political advertisements. Arlene Kelly and Mike Gillam gave a fine presentation to 12 attenders. 37 people enjoyed Al Gieger's presentation of the film "Seagoing Cowboys." The December 5 forum will be on immigration with Tim Ray, and the committee hopes to soon have Shauna Doran tell us about her recent experiences in Haiti and we need a forum on "What One Billion Muslims Believe." The committee supports the passage of the "Dream Act" which would grant citizenship to adults who have been illegally in the United States since childhood. The committee recommends the following minute:

10-11-21: Gainesville friends meeting approves sending the proceeds of the October harvest dinner to Church World Service.

On November 29 at noon the Interfaith Peace Coalition will meet at the Mennonite Meetinghouse.

Film committee: The next movies scheduled are "Amreeka," "Joyeaux Noel," and "Iron Jawed Angel" (about Alice Paul).

Nominating Committee: add Carol Clark as co-clerk with Sandy Lyon for the Friendly Reading Group. For the Ministry and Nurture Committee Connie Ray remains clerk with Walter Morris assistant clerk.

Ministry and Nurture Committee: Connie Ray reported: We encourage the meeting to take an interest in Karen Porter's school. We ask individuals to volunteer at her school and to ask about her school's activities. We agreed to make some copies of the emergency evacuation plan and post a large one in the meetinghouse. The brochure to urge members of Northern yearly meetings to retire to Gainesville is finished and we will

make it available for the meeting's final approval. We agreed to place a notice about punctuality in our newsletter. There will be a forum on Sunday, January 2 for the meeting to discuss "the spiritual state of the meeting."

Hospitality Committee: The craft bazaar was highly successful bringing in about \$800. Our Christmas party is set for Sunday, December 19 at the rise of meeting for worship. David Cook and Annie McPherson (or perhaps just one of them) will be available to provide music.

We are planning a concert by Tom Neilsen, Quaker folksinger and political satirist for January 14. He will stay at the Chalmers' home. He hopes also to speak to a University of Florida group, about his work in Africa or about the green movement. We need to publicize this concert.

Quaker market dinners will be on the second Saturdays of each month beginning in January.

Meetinghouse, Grounds and Landscape Committee: Walter Morris gave us a list of some proposed changes to our meetinghouse policies and procedures. The committee invites comments and we will consider this list at the next meeting for business. We need some work days. One will be scheduled for next Saturday, November 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The proposed contest to find solutions to our erosion problem has not found interested contestants so Jean Larson will consult with Dave Pais, a landscaper who uses native plants, to see what he suggests.

Fund-raising: Thank you notes for contributions will not be sent for the time being.

Quaker Woods: Should we make an area in the woods which would be more useful and inviting to people? Much of the woods is in a flood area, so we can't just put down some mulch and have a path. We could make a path down the driveway for a nature walk with the trees and plants identified and our testimonies could be included on signs along the way. Jean Larson will have a discussion with Jean Chalmers about what can be done.

Calendar: Annie McPherson is going to give a tutoring session to Mona Morrison about accessing our calendar on the website.

Publicity: We need a job description and a list of places where we would like to place our information. Mona Morris will ask Jean Chalmers to help with these needs.

Concert equipment: Mona Morris will ask David Cook about the equipment Tom Nielsen will need for our concert.

Laura Winefordner, Assistant Recording Clerk