

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Twelve Month 12, 2010
Mona Morris, Clerk

Attendance: 19

From the silence Bud Brennan read the query for 12th month.

After adjustments to the agenda we read and approved the minutes for eleventh month.

Building and Grounds Committee: Jean Larson and Jean Chalmers met with David Pais and received excellent suggestions for resolving our erosion problem. After discussion we approved two minutes:

10-12-22: Gainesville Friends Meeting accepts the plan of the Building and Grounds Committee for stopping erosion on the hill near the building. The committee is authorized to spend up to \$2000 for the project which includes a \$500 gift and \$500 from the committee's budget.

10-12-23: Gainesville Friends Meeting has discontinued the use of the yard sprinkler system.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Mitchell presented the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. He is still looking into other building insurance companies. Jean Chalmers will speak with the agent she knows.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Jim Morrison reported that the committee changed focus a bit to concentrate on current political issues. They still maintain work on their usual issues. We sent \$254 to Church World Service for relief in Pakistan's flooded areas. The committee has invited our member Sheryl Demers Holton to address end-of-life issues on February 6.

Hospitality: Mona Morris reported that the committee is concentrating on our coming Christmas party and the January concert with Tom Neilson. We will have our annual Chinese dinner and auction on March 12. February 12 is set for a Quaker Market dinner: Irish stew is on the menu.

Library: Betty Odum reported that the committee is still entering the books' information into the computer. The January book group topic will be "The Prosperous Way down" by Howard and Elisabeth Odum.

Fund Raising: Mona Morris reported that concert posters are available for people to post around town. The committee needs people for setup and cleanup. Sherri Sims is contacting the Gainesville Sun's Scene Magazine and The Civic Media Center. We need to contact other groups as well.

We had a lively discussion concerning our apportionment from SEYM. We will put in the next meeting newsletter the amount that we pay for each member and regular attender.

Gary Arthur reported that SEYM is considering the hiring of a youth coordinator. We are at a critical point in the care of our children.

Walter Morris plans to send out a fund-raising letter in the near future.

First Day School: Karen Porter asked that the children's performance occur at the rise of meeting next Sunday before the Christmas party. We all agreed.

Sybil Brennan reported that it would be good if the First Day School Committee would meet to decide what is needed now that the committee clerk is moving away.

School Committee: Laura Winefordner reported that the committee, which was formed to support Gainesville Friends School, no longer functions because we do not see having the school anytime soon. The Board of Directors will keep the corporation going to preserve the tax exempt status for when the time for this school is right. Karen Porter will keep the meeting informed about her school, Loga Springs Academy.

Calendar: Mona Morris told us that until we can figure out the interactive calendar we will rely on our usual paper one.

Publicity: We asked the Nominating Committee to try to find a person to do this work. Jean Chalmers will make a job description. Walter Morris will make a list of what the group has done for the Neilson concert.

Workday: Next month we will set regular times for work days.

Winter Solstice: Veterans for Peace will hold this annual event as usual. Our meeting will be official supporters, thanks to Dick and Gene Beardsley.

FWCC: Sybil Brennan read from a letter asking us if we would like to hold an event called "Salt and Light," a program on the topic of peace. We could add workshops or other activities, or a retreat, or leave it as a one day event. A speaker would come so there would be some hospitality and financial costs involved. We'd like to have more information. We formed an ad hoc committee: Sybil Brennan, Jim Morrison, Javier Solis.

Quaker Woods: Jean Chalmers said that there are lots of questions about how such a park could be made and how it could be used. There are groups of the city that will help build pathways and parks. We need to keep brainstorming on this topic.

Safety Announcement: Bud Brennan pointed out the nearly invisible fishing line holding the room divider steady and keeping it from falling over. We need to be aware of its presence.

Laura Winefordner, Assistant Recording Clerk