

# Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Third Month 13, 2011  
Mona Morris, Clerk

Attendance: 15

From the silence Sybil Brennan read the Query for 3rd month and Mona Morris read the advices.

After adjustments to the agenda we continued with the minutes for the Second Month, which were approved.

Ministry and Nurture Committee: Connie Ray presented the report. There will be an all-day retreat on Saturday, May 7 in the meeting house with Phoebe Anderson of Tallahassee monthly meeting who will lead us in a workshop entitled, "The Nuts and Bolts of Quakerism." The morning will be for worship and the answering of questions. After a break for lunch there will be time for a more spiritual response and worship sharing. We hope friends will talk about this with others encouraging everyone to attend.

The Wedding Committee will be meeting soon to help with the plans for the marriage of Smiti Nepal and Elliott Campbell, grandson of Betty Odum and Morris Trimmer.

We approved the concept of an emergency contact form and are working on developing it and ways of disseminating it.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Mitchell presented the report which is included with these minutes. We have changed our insurance company and we expect a refund from State Farm. We discussed the use of the contingency fund, agreeing that it is to be used for long-range maintenance needs. Walter Morris of the Meetinghouse Building and Landscaping Committee is preparing a survey asking everyone which projects for improving the meetinghouse are most desirable and for opinions as to whether money for such improvements must be raised and in hand before proceeding with the project. We will revisit this matter.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Jim Morrison presented the report. On March 6 we held a Forum on US Policy Toward Latin America, featuring the documentary film, "South of the Border."

On Sunday, April 3, at 1 pm Shawna Doran and Michael Canney will report on their recent trip to Haiti including short video clips and slides, plans to work with Haitians on projects, including a rural school started by two young Haitian men, a health clinic in Papaye, and a school for earthquake refugees in Port-au-prince, followed by a discussion about the possibility of organizing a more permanent Quaker people-to-people program in Haiti (ProHaiti?) modeled after ProNica.

We decided that on May 1 we would have a Forum on Revitalizing American Democracy (The Disclose Act, MoveToAmend, etc.) and the Quaker tradition of letter-writing.

We talked about Action Alerts. Jim Morrison will put one together to support continued funding for NPR and PBS. Tim Ray will prepare one to support continued funding for Planned Parenthood, WIC, prenatal care, health care for children, and other basic programs that serve poor and middle-class Americans. We discussed the other side of the coin—raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans and cutting military spending as ways to cut the deficit without cutting vital social programs.

We discussed the work of the ad hoc committee on Organic Community Gardens. Dick Beardsley presented some cost estimates and plans for up to 3 4'x16' gardens. Several people expressed concerns about the need to decide who would do the gardening, how it would be paid for, and how the produce would be distributed.

The complete detailed report is included with these minutes as addendum #1.

Film Committee: Jim Morrison presented the report. Our February film was "Letters to Juliet," a delightful romantic comedy. We had 9 happy viewers. Our film for March 18 will be "The Cuckoo," an unusual anti-war film set in northern Finland in the last months of World War II. On May 18 we will show "I Am Sam," a warm and moving film about a warm and caring, but developmentally challenged father who ends up raising his daughter by himself from the day she is born and the problems he runs into from the child welfare system. Possible films for later in the spring and summer: The Oath, Why We Fight, Fresh, What A Billion Muslims Believe.

Meetinghouse Building and Landscaping Committee: Walter Morris reported that the groundcover project to prevent erosion is progressing. This is a large day-long project and Gary Arthur knows a person we can hire to help with the planting, and a member has agreed to pay for this. We decided to wait until Jean Larson is here and can order the plants and arrange for their delivery, probably on May 13 to be planted the next day.

**11-3-9**: Gainesville Friends Meeting approves paying \$100 for the gardener Gary Arthur will hire to help with the planting of the groundcover.

Thanks to Bill Mitchell and Phil Buskirk for putting the lights up on the outside poles on our property. An electrician repaired them but we need new ballast in one light. The routine maintenance on the air conditioning system and the stove fire suppression system has been done. The dishwasher has been repaired and we need to slightly change the way we have been using it.

Fund Raising Committee: Walter and Mona Morris will have a table at the arts and crafts fair held at the Gainesville Women's Club on April 9. This costs \$60 so we hope we can sell a lot of crafts. This is an experiment to determine whether we should do this again in future.

Firstday School: Laura Winefordner has placed material for applying to the Shepherds Watch program through SEYM in the library. If we have any intention of working with children we are strongly encouraged to apply.

Library Committee: Betty Odum reported that the program on the computer in the library is easy to use for finding the books. Thanks to Annie McPherson and David Cook who gave us quite a few books.

Hospitality Committee: Gene Beardsley reported that the St. Patrick's Day dinner brought us \$200. Mona Morris reported that the party to welcome the Shawna Doran into membership is planned for April 29 at the home of Gary Arthur. A workday is on April 30 and our local harvest dinner is May 14. Arlene Epperson is researching the local food situation for this dinner. We are urged to bring plants to buy and sell at this harvest dinner, for the benefit of the meeting.

The quarterly meeting for the Pro-Nica Board of Directors has been rescheduled for September.

Raised gardens: Before we can embark on this project we need a contact person, a list of needs presented to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, and people who can provide continuing maintenance and long-term oversight of the gardens. We need to have the funds in hand to pay for this now and in the future.

Requests for financial aid to attend the SEYM annual gathering: after discussion we approved:

**11-3-10**: Gainesville Monthly Meeting agrees to pay the entire cost of attending the SEYM annual gathering for the person who has already applied and we will offer this to another person and to a family of three.

Emergency contact: we need every one to fill out a form listing to contact in case of emergency. There is such a form in the SEYM Faith and Practice, but we need more copies. Sandy Lyon is working on this project.

Nominating committee: Sybil Brennan told us that the committee is working on the roster for the coming year.

Meeting birthday party: Jean Larson will be away so Mona Morris will furnish the cake.

The meeting closed with silence.

Laura Winefordner, Assistant Recording Clerk

#### Addendum #1

Report to the Meeting for Worship for Business  
From the Peace and Social Concerns Committee  
Sunday, March 13, 2011

On Sunday, March 6 we organized a Forum on US Policy Toward Latin America, featuring the documentary film, "South of the Border." We had over 22 people in attendance for the 78 minute film—and had a good discussion afterwards.

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Finally, we discussed the work of the ad hoc committee on Organic Community Gardens. Dick presented some cost estimates and plans for up to 3 4x16 foot gardens. Several people expressed concerns about the need to decide on who would do the gardening, how it would be paid for, and how the produce would be distributed. We decided to ask the committee to come up with a Minute to be presented at the next Meeting for Business.