

**Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
12 Sixth Month 2011**

Attending: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, Sybil Brennan, Susan Cary, Jen Cotter, Mary Dewey, Sophia Durand, Shawna Doran, Arlene Epperson, Sandy Lyon, Jim Morrison, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Javier Soler, Annie McPherson, Clerk, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting began with a period of open worship, followed by our new clerk's comments on ways to encourage a spirit of worship as we meet with a concern for business.

Minutes for 5th Month were read and approved with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We discussed forming a committee to look at issues regarding business meeting, which arose from our recent Nuts and Bolts of Quakerism Retreat. Possible changes include ways to streamline the agenda, changing the way committees report and bring forward action minutes, and changing the day and time of meeting.

2011.6.16: Meeting approves the appointment of an ad hoc committee, which will look at issues and ideas regarding suggested changes to our business meeting procedures and practice. Annie McPherson will convene; Jim Morrison, Don Smith and Gary Arthur agreed to serve. Mona Morris and Laura Winefordner will be asked to serve, as well. The committee will report back in September.

2. A letter from the clerk of St. Petersburg MM recommending the transfer of membership for Shawna Doran was read.

2011.6.17: Gainesville Friends Meeting joyfully welcomes Friend, Shawna Doran into membership.

3. A letter from Timothy Ray requesting membership into Gainesville Friends Meeting was read. The letter was handed to Ministry and Nurture Committee for follow-up.

4. Scheduling

2011.6.18: There will be no business meeting in July. We will reconvene in August.

5. A letter from Gainesville's Susan B. Anthony Organization requested our sponsorship of their August luncheon.

2011.6.19: Meeting approves a \$25 co-sponsorship of Gainesville's Susan B. Anthony Organization's luncheon on 8/27/11, honoring the memory of Susan B. Anthony. Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee will discuss the possibility of organizing a display for the event and will report back to our next business meeting. The clerk will pass this

approval on to the treasurer, who will determine the line item from which the funds will be taken.

7. Notes of appreciation were expressed.

2011.6.20: Gainesville Friends Meeting appreciates and gives heartfelt thanks to outgoing clerk, Mona Morris for her dedication and service to the Meeting.

2011.6.21: Meeting thanks Bruce Lyon for the generous gift of a printer and for his most helpful technical support of our Meeting computer set up.

2011.6.22: Meeting expresses gratitude for the outstanding work Annie McPherson has done over the past several years as newsletter editor. She's provided an invaluable service to our Meeting Community.

TREASURER'S REPORT, presented by Annie McPherson:

Concern was raised that our final donation to SEYM was made in June and that SEYM's fiscal year ends in May. The suggestion was made that next year our final donation be made earlier to coincide with that Fiscal Year end. The report was accepted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, given by Sybil Brennan:

The need for a newsletter committee was discussed.

2011.6.23: Meeting approves an updated Nominating Committee report adding a Newsletter Committee, with member A.J. Kleinheksel and an additional SEYM representative, Cheryl Demers-Holton.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT, by Connie Ray:

1. On 5/29/11 Smiti Nepal and Elliott Campbell, grandson of Friends Betty Odum and Morrie Trimmer were married here in Gainesville, under the care of Westerly Rhode Island Friends Meeting, with our assistance and cooperation.

2011.6.24: The Meeting minutes appreciation of the work that was done for the wedding of Elliott Campbell and Smiti Nepal. A special thank you is extended to James and Laura Winefordner, Bernard Brennan, Arlene Epperson, Karen Arrington, Susan Cary, Sheree Sims, Dick and Gene Beardsley and Mona Morris.

2. Questions were raised regarding whether or not the amount budgeted for M & N committee work is sufficient and if archives expenses should come out of their budget. It was pointed out that two recent committee expenses, an honorarium given to Phoebe Andersen and funds for developing the Meeting brochure were one-time expenditures. The committee is asked to look at expenses and make a recommendation.

SOCIAL CONCERNS REPORT given by Jim Morrison:

1. The projector's been repaired and the film, THE RADICALS was shown on 5/25/11. INSIDE ISLAM is scheduled for 6/17/11, and a film on the bombing of Hiroshima is scheduled for 8/7/11, Hiroshima Day. White Light, Black Rain
2. The committee is considering scheduling a forum on ProNica before the Board Meeting here on 9/10/11.
3. A letter from Michael Bell, inmate on death row in Union Correctional Institute was read. Michael has been sent brochures and now feels a need for a Quaker mentor. Susan Cary advised consideration of appropriate communication and careful selection of a possible mentor for an inmate. She shared her experiences from years of working within the prison system as an advocate for inmates on death row. Sandy Lyon, will follow up on the suggestion of contacting Friends Prison Ministry in Philadelphia to see if they might respond to him.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL REPORT by Sandy Lyon:

1. Work has been done to implement the Roots and Wings Program. "Roots" involves providing a safe environment with adequate supervision, and "Wings" has to do with opportunities for children to learn how to fly on their own from a supportive Quaker nest. A group of leaders who will complete the SEYM Child Abuse Prevention Training has been organized; one from that group will be present each first day. One way the children are being encouraged to sprout wings is by hearing stories shared by adult Friends. Storytellers visit first day school and share with the children things about their lives as Quakers. The program endeavors to build a strong sense of community.
2. Meeting teenagers are being encouraged to participate in a once-a-month Young Friends Sunday, where they will enjoy programs developed toward their special interests.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk