

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

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, Jen Cotter, Cheryl Demers-Holton, Shawna Doran, Arlene Epperson, Tim Fogarty, Jean Larson, Sandy Lyon, Betty Odum, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Don Smith, Annie McPherson, Clerk, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting began with a period of open worship, after which the Clerk announced her upcoming absences from business meetings for ninth and tenth months. Minutes for 6th Month were read and approved with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We heard correspondence from Jonathan Jordon of Winter Park Meeting, which inquired as to our interest in having him arrange a workshop for us on "Healing Body Mind and Spirit: The Mysticism of Mindful Quaker Contemplation". The matter was passed on to M & N Committee.

2. A Request from Karen Putney Tampa Meeting was read, asking our support of the work done by Friend, Cece Yokum as part of Friends Peace Teams. An appeal will go in the Meeting Newsletter, and Friends also approved support:

2011.8.25: Friends approve sending \$100 to Friends Peace Teams in support of the work being done by Cece Yokum and others who are leading a Trauma Healing Workshop this September and October in Antigua, Guatemala.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT by Connie Ray and Shawna Duran:

(Complete report added at end)

2011.8.26: Friends approve that the cost of preparing minutes for the archives will be taken from the lined item named, "Office Expenses".

2011.8.27: The cost of printing the Meeting's Retirement Brochure will be taken from the line item named, "Special Projects".

2011.8.28: Meeting approves allowing spill-proof containers of water in the worship room for medical needs. M & N Committee will take responsibility for changing the sign.

2011.8.29: Regarding minute **2011.6.24**, Meeting also expresses gratitude to Hadiya, Omari and Nadira Najm-Cary for their help at the wedding of Elliott Campbell and Smiti Nepal.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS REPORT submitted by Jim Morrison

No discussion took place. The complete report is added at end.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT by Sandy Lyon:

Children's First Day School now has both a caregiver and a storyteller scheduled for each First Day, a change that enables us to provide care for both the Wee and Young Friends groups.

We enjoyed a recent visit from SEYM Youth Committee Clerk, Ann Sundberg and family, which has sparked interest in connecting with Young Friends throughout our yearly meeting. Tallahassee Meeting has planned a canoe trip over Labor Day Weekend, and families of sixth through 12 graders have been notified.

The garden has been cleared. Help is being sought for replanting. A butterfly garden is planned for one section.

Friends are encouraged by and excited about the new energy shown by the committee.

HOSPITALITY REPORT Given by Tim Fogarty:

Pro Nica Organization's board meeting will be held at our meetinghouse on 9/10/11, overnight accommodations are needed for those attending from out of town. Help is also needed with providing breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please contact Tim.

An evening "Infotainment" program will follow a 6PM potluck dinner and include Nicaraguan music, dancing and crafts.

Gainesville Friends are invited and encouraged to attend the day's meetings and the evening gathering.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Given by Gene Beardsley:

The committee recommends merging responsibilities of the Newsletter and Website Committees.

2011.8.30: Meeting approves the formation of a new Newsletter/Website Committee with clerk, Jen Cotter, and members A.J. Kleinheksel, Bill Mitchell, and Tim Ray.

As clerk of that new committee, Jen Cotter expressed her concern that Friends have input/control over how their identity is shared with the larger community. She's exploring the possibility of seeking professional help on how to manage the Meeting website and alternatives for hosting the site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a forum on the Quaker Quest Program on November 6, 2011.
2. Annie McPherson will review our Meeting Minutes in order to locate information about building use procedures.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.
Respectfully submitted,

Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk
ADDENDUMS TO THE MINUTES OF 8/14/2011:

Ministry and Nurture Committee Report

August 14, 2011

We discussed those people we are holding in the Light.
We exchanged information about people who are on the directory that we have not seen or heard from in some time.

An inquiry from a prisoner has been given a response.

Some memorial minutes are nearing completion. Some are in the process of being written and others, we will work on later.

We agreed to lay down the separate Meetings for Worship in the library with thanks to Gary Arthur for organizing that effort.

We will have a table, or at least a half a table, at the Susan B. Anthony luncheon on Saturday, August 27. Sandy Lyon, Shawna Doran and Connie Ray will be there. We have agreed to have a table at the Santa Fe Religious Diversity Day. We have asked Tim Fogarty to check the University's schedule for appropriate events for a table.

The PBS video "From Jesus to Christ, Part IV" was shown on Sunday, July 31.

A Clearness Committee for Membership has met with Tim Ray. A report will be heard at our next committee meeting.

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**Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report**

Sunday, August 14, 2011

We continue to encourage our members to be active in supporting the work of the FCNL and our P&SC Committee's efforts to contact our elected to urge them to support policies and legislation that promotes a more just and peaceful world. We are going to develop more specialized interest lists to use to alert those members, attenders, and friends who share the same interests and concerns (e.g., the environment, social and economic justice, Middle East Peace, civil liberties and civil rights). In the next months we will put special emphasis on finding ways to create jobs, promote fair and balanced tax reform, supporting a single-payer (medicare for all) health care system, and deal with the growing income and wealth gap in the US and the world.

For our June 17 film night we showed "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Believe," followed by a Forum on July 3 with an ABC special, "Islam: Questions and Answers," followed by a good discussion among the 15 attending.

We are continuing to work with the Mennonites and encourage our members to attend their inter-faith workshops and dialogues.

In remembrance of the 66th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, on August 7 we showed the film, "White Light, Black Rain," which focused on the hidden, long-term suffering of the survivors of the bombings.

On September 4, before the ProNica Board Meeting the following weekend, we will have a Forum on ProNica and show a ProNica DVD.

We are continuing our encouragement of Meeting members, attenders, and friends to contact their elected officials to express their concerns about issues of importance, especially where key voting is coming up soon. We are doing more targeted Action Alerts directed at those who have expressed particular interest in some issues, e.g., Middle East Peace, the Environment, Health Care, and issues of Economic Justice. We encourage everyone to let us know about special issues of concern.

FILM COMMITTEE REPORT: We are continuing to have problems with our projector, which broke down again. We hope to have it back within a week or two.

Upcoming films: Norma Rae (August 19 or 26); ProNica DVD (Sunday, September 4); Of Gods and Men (September 16); Why We Fight (October 21)

We will meet next on August 28 at 9:40 am in the Meeting House Library.