

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

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, Sybil Brennan, Cheryl Demers-Holton, Shawna Doran, Jean Larson, Bill Mitchell, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Javier Soler, Laura Winefordner, Annie McPherson, Clerk, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting opened with worship.

The tenth month minutes were read and approved with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Ad Hoc Business Meeting Committee continues to meet and will report at next business meeting.

Due to scheduling constraints, we will not meet for business in December. Our next business meeting will be on 1/8/2012.

A meeting for brainstorming in preparation for the upcoming State of the Meeting Report will be held at 9 AM, on 12/11/2011. An announcement will be emailed, and will include the yearly meeting list of suggested queries for preparing the report.

A sign about water containers in the meeting room was shared and reads as follows: "While we understand that a spill-proof container of water may be medically necessary in the worship room, we ask friends to enjoy other food and drink in the social area."

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Mitchell:

General Fund Balance: \$8,406.12

Contingency Fund Balance: \$20,000.

The amount raised from the craft fair held on 10/29/2011 was \$680.

Gratitude was expressed for the good work of the Craft Fair Committee.

2011.11.36 Meeting approves adding to the current year's budget a new line item of \$300 for the Alachua County Fire Prevention fee.

Concern was raised about our Meeting having an opportunity to give input to the Yearly Meeting regarding the SEYM budget. A discussion/forum will be scheduled.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT by Connie Ray:

The new regularly scheduled time for the committee to meet will be on 3rd first days at 1 PM in the meeting room. Notice will be posted on the lobby bulletin board.

The Committee has enjoyed an active outreach season, having tables at the recent Santa Fe College event, the Pride Festival and UN Day Celebration. Numerous pamphlets were distributed and have been restocked.

The Quaker Quest Forum on 11/6/2011 was well attended.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The clerk announced that the Friendly Reading Group has suspended activities until Jim Morrison returns from Poland.

MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT by Jean Larson:

2011.11.37 Meeting approves use of the meetinghouse by the Gainesville Stamp Group on 12/6/2011 from 4-8 PM. Polly Doughty will open, and Betty Odum will close.

2011.11.38 Meeting approves use of the meeting social room by Peace and Social Concerns Committee for a presentation on Nicaragua by Paul Dix. Tim Ray will open and Shauna Doran will close.

Our Meeting's Friendly Lunch Group will meet on first Tuesdays of each month in the social room beginning 1/3/2012.

The Meeting's annual Guatemala/Pro Nica fund raising dinner and auction will take place on 1/21/2012 at 6 PM in the meetinghouse.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT by Sybil Brennan:

2011.11.39 Meeting approves the naming of Tim Ray as Interim Clerk of Peace and Social Concerns Committee and Sybil Brennan as Clerk of Nominating Committee.

The Committee meets next on 1/22/2012 at 2:30 PM.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT by Tim Ray:

We were reminded of the committee's long term focus: Reducing the gap between rich and poor, ending poverty and revitalizing democracy, as well as attending to concerns for global peace.

At a forum in the meeting room on 10/30/2011, members of the Occupy Gainesville Movement shared insights and ideas. Along with their message of giving a voice to all in government decision-making, we noted similarities between the way they conduct their meetings and our own Quaker business practice. They are intent on everyone being heard and taking part in their process.

Members of our Peace and Social Concerns Committee are providing support for the demonstrators. Dick Beardsley is delivering breakfast on Wednesdays and Fridays, Shauna Doran is offering medical aid as needed, and Jen Cotter is active in serving meals. The committee reminds us that donations of food are gratefully accepted.

Jim Morrison, clerk of the committee, sends word from Poland that he is faring well and has settled in to his work of teaching political science at The University of Warsaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Walter and Mona Morris will open the meetinghouse for worship on 12/25/2011. Ministry and Nurture Committee is asked to name someone to open for worship on New Year's Day.

The Veterans for Peace Winter Solstice Concert will happen on 12/17/2011. The Beardsleys will purchase a \$35 program ad for the Meeting.

Sybil Brennan will be traveling with other SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee members to visit the Knox Village Worship Group in Orange City, FL on 11/20/2011. She also plans to visit Friends in Miami and Savannah, Georgia. She will take with her our warm greetings.

Dick Beardsley recently answered an appeal from a homeless mother, who called the meetinghouse. He's asked for interested Friends to contribute to help the woman out. It was suggested that Peace and Social Concerns Committee take up the concern of how our Meeting helps people in need.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk