

**Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
8 First Month 2012**

Meeting opened with worship.

Annie McPherson clerked, and her comments were followed by a review of the calendar.

11th month minutes were approved with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shawna Duran shared her concern that the SEYM budget is growing and growing, and there are questions about services and how money is being spent. She will convene an ad hoc committee to look at the situation and bring the discussion back to business meeting.

2012.1.1: Meeting appoints an ad hoc committee to discuss the SEYM upcoming budget. The committee will include Shawna Duran, Bill Mitchell and Laura Winefordner and will report back to the business meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

given by Annie McPherson:

Sybil Brennan clerked this portion of business, while Annie presented recommendations for consideration from the Ad Hoc Committee on Meeting for Business, which met several times over recent months to discuss concerns about our business meeting and decision-making procedures, which were brought up at the retreat last spring led by Pheobe Andersen. Gratitude was expressed for the work of the committee, which consisted of Gary Arthur, Don Smith, Laura Winefordner and Annie McPherson, clerk. After some discussion, the report was approved with modifications.

2012.1.2: Meeting approves the following guidelines for carrying on business:

1. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business will begin at 1 pm on the second First Day of each month with a target ending time of 2:30pm.
2. Business items will be seasoned by committee before being brought to Meeting for Business. New Items brought to the floor may be referred to committee or taken up by the clerk if they demand immediate attention.
3. Each committee will be asked to report to the Meeting for Business annually in the form of a state of the committee report. Otherwise, it will present action-minutes for the Meeting for Business agenda. We encourage committees to find ways to keep members up to date on their ongoing activities, for instance, by articles in the newsletter or attachments to meeting minutes.
4. As much as possible, the clerk will let the meeting know what major issues are to be discussed, in order to encourage maximum participation in those discussions.
5. Participants in Meeting for Business are encouraged to follow what have become customary behaviors for proceeding with the agenda, such as, speaking once to

an issue, avoiding debates and quarrels, waiting to be called on by the clerk before speaking, listening well to others' words, and letting go of personal opinion to hear the Spirit.

The meeting will offer support and training (if requested) to help incoming or presiding clerks.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Mitchell:

General Fund Balance: \$12,960.60

Contingency Fund Balance: \$20,000

Income is currently greater than expenditures.

The treasurer asked that committee clerks and officers of the Meeting provide input for the annual incorporation report.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT by Connie Ray:

The committee recommends holding a meeting-wide retreat in March on the theme of Unity and Trust. The FGC Traveling Ministries Committee has been asked to help us organize the event, and would send a seasoned Friend from their organization to lead it. Because there remain questions concerning the format, date and length of the retreat, as well as cost and source of funding, the idea was referred back to the Ministry and Nurture committee for further seasoning.

A memorial meeting for Tom Clark will be held February 25, from 2 to 4PM.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT by Mona Morris:

The rotation of committees taking care of setting up and cleaning up Sunday snacks and meals has been scheduled for the year. The duties include recycling and composting, as well as washing napkins.

Starting in April the after-meeting refreshments will be finger food, salad and fruit.

The January Quaker Dinner will be held on 1/21/12. It will be a Chinese Dinner with auction to benefit Pro Nica and the Guatemalan Children's Education fund.

The February dinner will be on 2/18, with a Valentines Day theme.

The March St. Patrick's Day dinner will be on 3/17.

The Meeting's birthday will be celebrated with outside worship and pot-luck picnic on March 18.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT by Betty Odum:

Meeting is sending magazines to Jim Morrison for use by members of the university community in Poland, where he is teaching. John Burton is in charge of this project and magazines will be picked up from the meeting library.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT by Sandy Lyon:

The committee is seeking information to help on their plan to purchase larger chairs for the older children.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The movie, Friendly Persuasion, is scheduled for Friday evening January 20.

Jean Larson is handling scheduling of Meeting events. Anyone needing to schedule an event is asked to check with her.

Meeting ended with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Odum, edited by Gary Arthur.