

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
15 Fourth Month 2012

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, Sybil Brennan, Sandy Lyon, Walter Morris, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Don Smith, Laura Winefordner, Annie McPherson and Mona Morris, Clerks, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting opened with worship.

The third month minutes were read and approved with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Southeastern Yearly Meeting Budget Ad Hoc Committee:

Tim Ray reported that our Meeting's minute recommending a reduction in the Southeastern Yearly Meeting Secretary's salary and an increase in the Yearly Meeting's contributions to Quaker organizations was brought forward and referred to committee. For this coming year's Yearly Meeting budget the cuts to Quaker organizations were restored to previous levels.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT by Connie Ray:

A description of the responsibilities and activities of the new committee was shared and the following was minuted:

2012.4.15: Meeting approves the establishment of a Pastoral Care standing Committee.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT by Sybil Brenan:

2012.4.16: Meeting approves naming Betty Odum as representative of Gainesville Friends Meeting to the 2012 FGC Gathering. A letter introducing Betty will be written by the clerk.

The slate of officers of the Meeting and committee members was read and discussed. The list included the newly established Pastoral Care committee, and after some discussion, it was decided that one could be a member of both Pastoral Care and Ministry and Nurture Committees.

Don Smith's name was added to the Pastoral Care Committee.

Walter Morris was added to the Bible Study Committee.

2012.4.17: Meeting approves the Nominating Committee Report for 2012-13.

A copy of that report with all officers and committee members is attached.

A blank space indicates a position not yet filled.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT by Tim Ray:
Having been requested by FCNL to share our thoughts on what we believe to be our Meeting's central concerns regarding Quaker economic values, the following was approved.

2012.4.18: Meeting approves sending the Friends Committee on National Legislation our list of 5 top priorities to guide FCNL's efforts in lobbying the US Congress.

The complete list is included as an addendum to this report.

Movie Night: A questionnaire was distributed as an effort to provide input into the offerings of Movie Night. Friends who have DVD's to share are asked to give their list of titles to the committee.

Tim Ray also shared information about Action Network, an organization whose meetings he and Dick Beardsley have been attending. The following minute recognizes their participation on behalf of the Meeting at those meetings:

2012.4.19: Meeting approves naming Tim Ray and Dick Beardsley as representatives from our meeting to Action Network, a local interfaith network of churches and faith communities working to increase awareness on the part of our State Legislature of Citizens' needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Concern was expressed for regularity of publishing of the Meeting newsletter.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk

ADDENDUM 1:

FIVE ECONOMIC CATEGORIES RECOMMENDED BY GAINESVILLE MONTHLY MEETING TO BE ACTED UPON BY FCNL

Introduction

As Gainesville Monthly Meeting faces deterioration of the economy, we met to come to agreement on what we believe are our central Quaker economic values. These values are not connected to any given economic system but transcend all economic systems. After choosing five broad categories from a total of sixteen, we discussed each of the five categories in order to understand why as a group we had chosen each of the categories. The following paragraphs explain the reasons for each choice.

LESS CORPORATE POWER

The growth of corporate economic and political power seemed to be felt by most members. We thought it influences all economic aspects of our society. Defense contracts spread throughout each state helps support its power as it influences all branches of government both state and national. The personhood of the corporations plus their ability to fund individual candidates and political parties threatens our democracy. Less corporate power reduces the power of the military-industrial complex.

LESS MILITARY SPENDING

Corporate power and military spending are directly related. Military spending wastes our science, technology, energy and intellect. It comes at the expense of education, health care and the national infrastructure. Military spending favors military solutions over peaceful solutions to solve all world problems.

CARE OF ENVIRONMENT

The environment supports all living things. It would be prudent to:
Preserve clean air and water; Invest in mass transit systems;
Develop and use alternative energy; Use energy efficiency in all our daily living;
And support sustainable agriculture, locally and nationally. The environment should be treated as our greatest economic resource!

THE RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE

The economic activity of individuals and families is determined by their physical and mental health. The success of a person in school will determine future employment and the stability of that person's lifetime and family stability.

A good healthcare system would create the need for education of nurses and doctors, support of their training, the building of hospitals and thereby create good lifetime jobs.

A good healthcare system would include preventive medicine and mental health care.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

If a democratic society wishes to preserve itself, it must create through education citizens that can participate in the nation's political process. All students, regardless of the state they live in should have a good basic education K through 14. A good education ensures that most students would have a successful economic life.

Support of teachers begins with their teacher education. Just as for those choosing the medical field, there must be continual support that includes tenure, salary and retirement considerations.

ADDENDUM 2:

Gainesville Friends Meeting Nominating Committee Report For 2012-13

OFFICERS:

Clerk: Annie McPherson
Assistant Presiding Clerks: Jean Larson (calendar), Jean Chalmers (Fall), Cheryl Demers-Holton; Adjunct Clerk: Gene Beardsley
Recording Clerk: Gary Arthur
Assistant Recording Clerk: Betty Odum
Substitute: Laura Winefordner
Corresponding Secretary: Sybil Ann Brennan
Treasurer: Bill Mitchell
Membership: Annie McPherson

COMMITTEES:

Bible Study

Clerks: Larry and Ellie Clayton
Gene Beardsley
Bart Hulett
Mona Morris
Walter Morris
Marie Parsons
Tim Ray
Javier Soler

Building and Grounds

Clerk: Walter Morris
Dick Beardsley
Bud Brennan
Bart Hulett
Ryan Maitland
Bill Mitchell
Ted Stone

Earthcare Witness

Dick Beardsley
Bart Hulett

Finance

Shawna Doran
Bill Mitchell
Morrie Trimmer
Laura Winefordner

First Day School

Clerk: Sandy Lyon
Mary Allee
Kathy Anderson
Hannah Fetko
Tim Fogarty

Laura Winefordner

Friendly Reading Group

Clerk: Connie Ray
Sybil Ann Brennan
David Chalmers
Jim Morrison
Betty Odum
Marie Parsons
Karen Porter
Forum Coordinator

Mona Morris

Fundraising

Clerk: Walter Morris
Anna Angel
Jean Chalmers
Polly Doughty
Doris Nabors

Hospitality

Clerk: Mona Morris
Kathy Anderson
Jean Burton
Tim Fogarty
Bob Klein
Doris Nabors

Library

Clerk: Sybil Ann Brennan
Jean Burton
John Burton
Tim Fogarty
A. J. Kleinheksel

Ministry and Nurture

Clerk:

Gary Arthur

Cheryl Demers-Holton

Sandy Lyon

Walter Morris

Don Smith

Arnold Von der Porten

After Thoughts

Dick Beardsley

Karen Porter

Connie Ray

Newsletter-Website

Clerk Jen Ambrose Cotter

Susan Allee

Carol Clark

Bill Mitchell

Betty Odum

Don Smith

Pastoral Care

Clerk:

Dick Beardsley

Doris Nabors

Jim Porter

Don Smith

Peace and Social Concerns

Clerk: Tim Ray

Dick Beardsley

Gene Beardsley

Shawna Doran

Mona Morris

Walter Morris

Jim Morrison

Javier Soler

Nominating (named by Ministry and Nurture)

Gene Beardsley

REPRESENTATIVES

Campus Ministry: Jean Larson

Friends General Conference: Sybil Ann Brennan

SEYM: Shawna Doran, Cheryl Demers-Holton