

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
12 Eighth Month 2012

14 present

From the silence Jean Larson read the Query on simplicity for the sixth month.

The minutes for the sixth month were read and approved with minor corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Mitchell:

Bill Mitchell is in process of changing our bank account from Wells Fargo to Alarion Bank, which gives free checking to non-profit organizations. This will save us money.

General Fund Balance: \$8973.82

Contingency Fund Balance: \$15,306.86

We have received the apportionment amount from SEYM, which is \$800 more than we budgeted for this fiscal year, which is \$8000. Laura Winefordner will write a letter to inform the SEYM Executive Committee of this decision.

Because our fiscal year does not coincide with SEYM's fiscal year, each year we have to approve our budget before we receive the apportionment. After discussion we approved the following:

2012.8.26: Gainesville Friends Meeting recommends that SEYM require Monthly Meetings to submit their membership lists by January 31, and that at the annual gathering the Finance Committee present the SEYM budget along with the apportionments based on those membership lists.

Laura Winefordner will send this information to Executive Committee in preparation for the October Interim Business Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE BY Bill Mitchell:

We discussed, at length, advertising as part of outreach. We considered ads in the "Alligator" as well as various free places for ads, and 30-second spots on WUFT-FM (National Public Radio). The latter is expensive--\$750 for 6 spots a week for 10 weeks. We want to target families, and now, at the beginning of the UF and Santa Fe college semesters, would be an optimal time to get information out. We approved the following:

2012.8.27: Gainesville Friends Meeting authorizes the treasurer, Bill Mitchell, to increase our budget to add \$500 to the advertising line, from the general fund. Jean Chalmers will see to getting an appropriate spot on radio station WUFT-FM.

Morris Trimmer agreed to work on finding places for free advertising, and he and Jean Chalmers will work on an ad for the "Alligator."

A few members expressed interest in forming an outreach committee. No action is being recommended at this time.

UNITED NATIONS DAY:

Laura Winefordner asked the meeting to be one of the sponsors of the annual UN Day on

October 18. We have been a sponsor for many years. We approved the following:

2012.8.28: Gainesville Friends Meeting approves sending \$25 to the United Nations Association for sponsorship of UN Day.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT by Jean Larson:

The committee has made several changes, and the following was approved:

2012.8.29: We approved Laura Winefordner as clerk of the finance committee, Jean Larson as clerk of the nominating committee, and the addition of Morris Trimmer to the newsletter-website committee.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE by Jean Larson

Gary Arthur would like to use the building 4 times for an experimental class on a somewhat different kind of yoga. At his usual classes he makes a small charge to the participants and gives half of that to the meeting. For this experiment, though, he would like it to be free. We approved this use.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A forum to discuss the SEYM budget will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 1:00.

Annie McPherson is working on the handbook. She is soliciting input, and urges committees to consider the current information and make any needed changes.

The repair of the air conditioning unit turned out to be much simpler, and cheaper, than we had thought.

The movie projector is in a High Springs repair shop. The movie group is hopeful that it can finally be repaired.

If the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) has not found a place for teaching English as a second language, we will revisit the matter. Jean Chalmers will inquire.

Meeting closed in silence.

Laura Winefordner
Acting Recording Clerk