

August 28, 2012

To: Gainesville Monthly Meeting

From: Ministry and Nurture Committee

The Ministry and Nurture Committee is pleased to recommend Jen Ambrose and her son, Hoyt Cotter, for membership in the Gainesville Monthly Meeting. A Clearness Committee composed of Dick Beardsley, Cheryl Demers-Holton and Sandy Lyon met initially with Jen and then again with both Jen and Hoyt. Jen has a long term connection our meeting and was married under the care of our meeting. She feels a strong commitment and desire to be part of a Quaker community of faith. Both she and her son are familiar with Quaker practice and testimonies; they do their best to live their daily lives accordingly. Because she is now a single mother, she has enormous time constraints as she balances her work, shares the caring of her son with his father, and maintains her commitment to social causes aligned with Quaker values. While they are not always regular in their attendance, they both give willingly of their time to the meeting. Jen was instrumental in getting our web page designed and she maintains our monthly newsletter. Her positive presence throughout the community is a tremendous outreach as she joyfully identifies herself as a Quaker. Hoyt is a remarkable young man who will give to, and gain much from his membership in our meeting. It is with great pleasure, and without any reservation that we recommend both of them for membership in Gainesville Monthly Meeting.

Sincerely,

Sandy Lyon, Convener