

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
9, 12th Month 2012

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, Malia Billman, Shawna Doran, Jean Larson, Mona Morris, Walter Morris, Betty Odum, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Laura Winefordner, Annie McPherson, Clerk, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting opened with worship.

The eleventh month minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Jean Larson:

General Fund Balance: \$6,838.14

Contingency Fund Balance: \$17,956.86

2012.12.38: Gainesville Friends Meeting approves contributing to SEYM our recommended full assessment of \$8800.

QUAKER ADVENTURES DISCUSSION by Malia Billman:

Malia expressed a desire to actively foster fellowship within the Meeting and among folks outside the Meeting by getting together to enjoy various community events in the wider Gainesville Community. Friends decided to post a "F/friendly Adventure Calendar" above the coffee pots in the social room to include such activities. An additional calendar will be created on the Meeting website.

Discussion about movie night and a possible game night followed. Friends are asked to take concerns about movie night to Social Concerns Committee and game night to Hospitality Committee.

The Reading Group Committee expressed concern over scheduling events. They will meet to discuss this problem.

Any questions about scheduling adult forums may be taken to Mona Morris or Jean Larson.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT by Annie McPherson:

A forum for discussing the Spiritual State of the Meeting prior to writing the Report will be held on February 3, 2013. Clerk Annie Mcpherson will share the SEYM queries for completing the report and solicit comments beforehand.

The Forum on how Meeting Committees spend their allocated funds will be moved to March 3.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDER REPORT by Annie McPherson:

Annie will submit our Meeting membership report to SEYM on January 13. She'll send a list of Meeting officers and committee members once it's approved in May.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Laura Winefordner:

Finance Committee went through a "bean counting" process of deciding donation priorities and will request contributions based on that exercise.

2012.12.39: Finance Committee will draft and approve a letter asking for priorities for distribution of Meeting funds and asking Friends for donations. Clerk of Ministry and Nurture and Clerk of the Meeting will be asked to review the letter before it's sent out to our members and attenders.

Appreciation was expressed for Laura's work with the committee.

The following was approved with regard to funds raised from the annual Meeting Auction:

2012.12.39: Monies from our Meeting's Chinese Dinner and Auction will be split between Guatemalan Scholarships and Nicaraguan housing projects. Tim Fogarty will be asked to oversee the delivery of the funds designated for Nicaragua.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT by Jean Larson

2012.12.40: Malia Billman is named to the Newsletter and Website Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2012.12.41: Meeting approves our acting as a cosponsor and making a \$100 donation to Gainesville Mennonite Church for the free public showing of the film, I'd Like to Buy an Enemy, at the Hippodrome Theatre on 2/19/13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alachua Greens and Gainesville Veterans for Peace are sponsoring a concert by Quaker folk musician and satirist Tom Neilson on December 16, 2012.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk