

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
13 1st Month 2013

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, David Chalmers, Portia Cornell, Cheryl Demers-Holton, Jean Larson, Sandy Lyon, Mona Morris, Walter Morris, Betty Odum, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Laura Winefordner, Jean Chalmers, Acting Clerk, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting opened with worship.  
The 12 month 2012 minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Mitchell:

General Fund Balance: \$10,477.49  
Contingency Fund Balance: \$18,456.86

The report was accepted with a request for submission of a corrected hard copy to be posted on the bulletin board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Laura Winefordner:

The Finance Committee sent a letter to all members and frequent attenders asking for suggestions about how we spend our money, especially in regard to contributions to other organizations. Included was an appeal for contributions to the Meeting.

A March forum will provide Meeting committees an opportunity to describe how they spend the money budgeted to them. Our new Meeting budget will be submitted for approval in May.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT by Sandy Lyon:

First Day School continues to provide meaningful weekly programs, even if attendance is unpredictable and somewhat low at this time.

A "Friendly Letter" from our Meeting goes out every 4-6 weeks to all youth associated with the Meeting.

Bruce and Sandy Lyon will be chaperoning the Juniper Prairie Wilderness backpacking trip in February for SEYM juniors and teens.

The Committee expressed gratitude to Connie Ray for updating bulletin boards. The one in the First Day Room has some of our children's work and the current Friendly Letter. Thanks also to Mary Allee for mailing birthday cards to Meeting youth and to Laura Winefordner's sister for providing many delightful hand made cards.

**PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT** by Tim Ray:

Tim read a proposed minute urging gun control legislation by the US Government, and a thoughtful discussion with insights and feedback regarding the minute followed. The committee was asked seek input from members of the Gainesville Faith Community as well as local governmental organizations in revising the minute. It was also suggested that waiting for the current presidential commission on gun violence to report would allow the opportunity to make specific reference to that report.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT** by Jean Larson

**GFM2013.1.1:** Bob Klein is named to the Meeting Finance Committee, his term to run for this current year, which ends May 31.

**GFM2013.1.2:** The following are named as officers of Gainesville Friends Meeting for 2013-2014: Clerk, Annie McPherson; Assistant Clerks, Jean Chalmers, Cheryl Demers-Holton and Jean Larson; Recording Clerk, Gary Arthur; Assistant Recording Clerk, Betty Odum; Treasurer, Bill Mitchell and Membership Recorder, Annie McPherson.

Jean Larson will share our current list of committee clerks with the Yearly Meeting to be included in the SEYM Directory.

Appreciation was expressed for Jean Larson's faithfulness and leadership in carrying on the work of Nominating Committee.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT** by Mona Morris:

February 16 is the date set for The Quaker Valentine Dinner.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A proposed minute of support for the Friends Peace Teams Asia West Pacific Initiative was read and given to Peace and Social Concerns Committee for seasoning and recommended action. The gesture of support arose out of gratitude for an enlightening and spiritually nurturing recent visit to our Meeting by New York Yearly Meeting Friend, Nadine Hoover. Nadine, a former member and Secretary of SEYM, now volunteers for Friends Peace Teams in Indonesia.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

With regard to GFM Minute 2012.12.41 it's come to the Meeting's attention that the event will not be a free public showing. In light of this, Connie Ray will request that the Gainesville Mennonite Church make 10 free tickets available to interested members of our Meeting Community.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk