

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
10 2nd Month 2013

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, David Crawford, Tim Fogarty, Cheryl Demers-Holton, Shawna Doran, Jean Larson, Sandy Lyon, Walter Morris, Betty Odum, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Javier Soler, Laura Winefordner, Mona Morris, Acting Clerk, Gary Arthur, Recorder

Meeting opened with worship.

The 1st month 2013 minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Mitchell:

General Fund Balance: \$8,274.07

Contingency Fund Balance: \$18,962.86

THANK YOU LETTERS reported by Mona Morris:

1. We received a letter expressing appreciation from Redwood Forest Friends Meeting, Santa Rosa, CA acknowledging receipt of \$314.50 for the Guatemalan Scholarship/Loan Program.
2. We received a card from our Christmas Family thanking the Meeting for the kindness shown them at Christmas.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT by Tim Ray:

GFM2013.2.3: Gainesville Monthly Meeting encourages members and attenders with a concern about the ongoing tragedy of gun violence in the United States to participate in peaceful public protests being carried out by Gainesville Friends.

GFM2013.2.4: Members and attenders of Gainesville Monthly Meeting are invited to make donations to support the Nicaragua Project, which will consist of home building in Nicaragua, aided by Tim Fogarty and volunteers working under his direction.

Nicaraguan families with severe housing needs will be the beneficiaries of the Project. Those wishing to contribute are requested to write checks, made to Gainesville Friends Meeting, with the words "Nicaragua Project" added on the memo line of the check.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT by Cheryl Demers-Holton:

The committee is making plans for our Spring Retreat to be led by Nancy Fennell. With the theme of "Living in the Light", the projected date is the first weekend in May.

The Meeting Inquirers Packet is under revision. Friends are invited to make suggestions of pamphlets they have read which might be helpful for new attenders.

GFM2013.2.5: Gainesville Monthly Meeting amends the nominating calendar to start in January and end in December, extending the committee service year scheduled to end May 2013, through December 2013.

Those unable to serve in their nominated positions beyond May 2013 will please notify the nominating committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Laura Winefordner:

Laura informed Friends of the direction of plans so far and asked for input regarding next year's budget. A forum is scheduled for March 3rd, when committees will bring suggested amounts for committee budgets. All present will enjoy the opportunity to discuss budget concerns. Our new Meeting budget will be submitted for approval in May.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT by Mona Morris:

A sign-up sheet was passed around with the hope that committee clerks will choose a date to participate on the coffee making rotation.

\$50 will be taken out of Special Projects to purchase items for our Meeting to provide one evening's snacks at Yearly Meeting Gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The live theater event, "I'd Like to Buy and Enemy", sponsored by Emmanuel Mennonite Church, has now been listed as free to all who attend.
2. The Friendly Reading Group will meet at Gary Arthur's house on Friday March 1 to discuss the article, "If Your House is on Fire", from the Dec 2012 issue of THE SUN Magazine.
3. The amount of \$1600 was raised on Saturday, Feb 9 at the Nicaraguan Project fundraiser held at the Gainesville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. With \$1100 needed to build one house, we're on our way to house number two.
4. Worship on the third first day of March will be held at the bench circle in the woods.
5. A Spring Clean-up has been scheduled for March 23rd.

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Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Arthur, Recording Clerk