

Gainesville Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
13, Fourth Month, 2014

ATTENDING: Dick Beardsley, Gene Beardsley, David Crawford, Shawna Doran, Ted Jones, Bob Klein, Sandy Lyon, David Masten, Bill Mitchell, Mona Morris, Walter Morris, Betty Odum, Connie Ray, Tim Ray, Laura Winefordner, Bonnie Zimmer, Jean Larson, Acting Clerk, and Gary Arthur, Recorder

The third month 2014 minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Mitchell:

General Fund Balance: \$30,093

Contingency Fund Balance: \$20,002

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by David Crawford:

First was a discussion of the amount to be allocated to the Pastoral Care Committee in next year's budget. Both that committee and Finance site the need for an increase in order to provide money to help individuals in need of urgent financial assistance for housing, food, clothing, or other necessities when social services from other organizations are not available.

GFM2014. 4.36: Meeting approves increasing the General Fund Budget for Pastoral Care from \$100 to \$1000 starting with the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2014.

Next Friends discussed including a new budget line item of \$2500 for meetinghouse improvements and repairs. Two things stood out. First, we need to address the question of how the Meeting gathers funds for capital improvements. And also, there was a gathering sense of the advisability of adding to the contingency fund.

Instead of adding a new budget line item at this time, the idea was sent back to finance committee for further seasoning.

Both the above items were presented with draft minutes, which are included in the addenda.

Finally, questions, answers and concerns followed the first reading of a draft budget for the new fiscal year beginning June 1. That budget will be brought back for approval next month.

GFM2014. 4.37: Gainesville Friends express our gratitude to the Finance Committee,

Shawna Doran, David Crawford, Morrie Trimmer and Laura Winefordner, along with Treasurer, Bill Mitchell for their work in preparing next year's budget. Thank you.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE REPORT by Sandy Lyon:

GFM2014. 4.38: GFM approves the appointment of Betty Odum to the Nominating Committee for a three-year term expiring at the end of 2016.

Also reported was the positive community building experience that took place at last Sunday's Chain of Prayer activity. M & N plans to have this as an annual activity in March, and to call it a Prayerful Fun Day, in order to more accurately describe it.

In addition, the Committee plans a forum in late October on Preparing for Worship. Morrie Trimmer will moderate.

Cecelia Haecker has completed her application for the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program and is waiting for a decision from Guilford College. If accepted she will notify the Meeting, after which plans are to send \$500 and letter of support from the Meeting.

SEYM Gathering:

GFM2014. 4.39: GFM approves the payment of \$115 from the scholarship fund for David Masten to attend Yearly Meeting.

(SEYM paid 1/3 of his cost, and this \$115 from Gainesville Monthly Meeting pays the remaining 2/3.)

GFM2014. 4.40: Meeting approves paying from the scholarship/travel line item, the full amount of Jen Ambrose's \$125.00 cost to attend Yearly Meeting. She is taking three children; their cost is covered by SEYM.

Reporting on SEYM Child Safety Guidelines, Sandy also described some challenging situations regarding childcare in our meeting in the past few months. We must always have two caregivers, one of whom must be certified, whenever we have children in First Day School. The only exception is when a child or children are alone with their family member. While the requirements are cumbersome, in this day and age we must find a way to adhere to them. The first step for our meeting is to get more of our adults certified as caregivers. Sandy will work with SEYM to facilitate the process of certifying more adults.

Also, in an effort to make it easier for families with children to have their children stay in

Meeting for Worship, we will create a book basket with other quiet toys to make a more welcoming atmosphere for children.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT by Walter Morris:

Friends participated in a lengthy discussion of a proposal brought forth by the Building Committee for entering into a contract with a company to begin a sound abatement project in the social room. Various questions arose, and some present suggested a called meeting with the contractor in order to get a clearer understanding of the details of the project.

The following was approved:

GFM2014. 4.41: Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the use of up to \$2000 by the Building Committee for sound abatement in the social room.

Gary Arthur disapproved and stood aside. Though in unity with the need for the project, he noted both a lack of a specific plan and of any description of the type of materials to be used in the project. He was also concerned that we are not taking into account the issue of installing ceiling fans as part of any modifications to the existing ceiling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Connie and Tim Ray will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in November, and the Meeting approved the following with regard to their planned reception:

GFM2014. 4.42: Meeting approves use of the meetinghouse by Connie and Tim Ray on Saturday, November 29 for the joyous occasion of holding a reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

SEYM Gathering will take place from April 16 to 20 at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, FL.

The Action Network Training Session previously scheduled for April has been postponed.

May 3: Nicaragua Night: Snacks, silent auction, and project outline to be followed by a concert by Tierra Libre, all to benefit Solidarity Sojourns.

May 4: Visit from New Garden Friends School

May 6: Friendly Lunch here at the meetinghouse

May 11: Meeting for Business

May 16: Film Night, Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman

May 18: Peace and Social Concerns meets. QEW also.

June 14: The Quaker Reading Group will meet at the Buskirks' home in St. Augustine. Beach visits will be followed by potluck dinner and discussion on a selected Quaker pamphlet, to be announced.

ADDENDA:

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR PASTORAL CARE:

The Finance Committee in cooperation with the Pastoral Care Committee proposes this minute to increase the General Fund Budget for Pastoral Care from \$100 to \$1,000 starting with the fiscal year beginning 1 June 2014.

The increase is intended to provide money to help individuals in need of urgent financial assistance for housing, food, clothing, or other necessities when social services from other organizations are not available.

The General Fund Budget for Pastoral Care shall be disbursed at the discretion of the Pastoral Care Committee. Any member or attender of Gainesville Monthly Meeting may suggest in confidence to a member of the Pastoral Care Committee that assistance be provided to anyone with an urgent need for financial assistance for housing, food, clothing, or other necessities, including members and attenders, as well as people who are not members or attenders. The Pastoral Care Committee shall have the sole discretion over whether or not to grant a request for aid and the amount of any aid disbursed.

The purpose of the General Fund Budget for Pastoral Care is to help individuals. Therefore, only individual persons may receive aid from the Emergency Assistance Fund. Requests for donations to organizations should be brought to the attention of the clerk of Gainesville Monthly Meeting.

In May of each year the Pastoral Care Committee will report to meeting for worship with attention to business how much was spent, the number of recipients, and the needs addressed, but not the identity of the recipients.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS:

The Finance Committee proposes this minute to include a new line item in the General Fund Budget of \$2,500 for building improvements and repairs to the meetinghouse property starting with the fiscal year beginning 1 June 2014.

The Building Improvements and Repairs Fund shall be disbursed under the supervision of

the Building and Grounds Committee with the understanding that the Building and Grounds Committee will seek prior approval from the meeting at meeting for worship with attention to business except in the case of an emergency when prior approval by the meeting is not practical.

The purpose of the General Fund Budget for Building Improvements and Repairs Fund is to provide funding over and above funding needed for routine building and grounds maintenance. It is anticipated that the meeting will continue to provide funds for Grounds Maintenance and Building Maintenance in the General Fund Budget.

In May of each year the Clerk of the Building and Grounds Committee will report to meeting for worship with attention to business how much of the Building Improvements and Repairs Fund was spent and on what projects.