

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for Business – Minutes**  
**March 9, 2014**  
Elaine Martin, Clerk

**1. Worship**

**2. Queries - Harmony within the Meeting Community**

- Are love and unity maintained among us?
- When differences arise, do we settle them in a spirit of love and humility?
- Are we careful not to hold an idea too firmly, knowing that another may bring us closer to the truth?
- Are we patient and considerate towards those we find difficult to understand or like?
- Do we demonstrate a forgiving spirit?
- Do we have concern and respect for the reputation of others?
- When people are hurt, do we take care to hold them up with a tender heart?
- Do we respect that of God in each person, though it may be expressed in unfamiliar ways or may be difficult for us to discern?

—Southeastern Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice: [Queries & Advices](#)*

**3. Minutes of February 9, 2014** – Approved with correction of typos.

**4. Treasurer's Report** – Sue Watson

- Meeting has received a letter of thanks from *Friends Journal* for contributing the full cost of an annual subscription (\$150) rather than the standard rate
- \$2,325.29 balance as of 3/9/2014 (see [Attachment 1](#))
- Remaining 2013-14 SEYM Apportionment
  - Minuted (2014.2) – Meeting will pay the \$618 remainder of its apportionment to SEYM.
- Meeting's Employer Identification Number (EIN)
  - Sue learned from the IRS that the number we have on file is no longer valid
  - A Meeting EIN would require a \$60/yr. fee to the State of Florida (<http://sunbiz.com>)
  - Sue will research further the option of using SEYM's EIN
    - If we do this, a Friend suggested that we might be able to change our checks to read "SEYM d/b/a Jacksonville Monthly Meeting" ("doing business as")

**5. Nurturing Community/Deepening Spirituality – Worship Sharing**

- March 16 – "Helping Prisons," Ram Dass & Paul Gorman ( see an [online version of the excerpts](#))
- March 23 – Canoe trip at Thomas Creek Preserve (Thomas Swamp), 17198 Ethel Road: Meeting for Worship at 10:30, with lunch and canoeing to follow
  - April 20 – SEYM Annual Gathering
    - Friends will have meeting for worship but forego the April worship sharing
  - May 18 – Wendy Clarissa Geiger will contribute a worship sharing topic

**6. Meeting Housekeeping**

- Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (<http://www.fcj.org/>)
  - At SEYM Annual Gathering, Connie Guenther will speak with the Youth Committee about youth activities in collaboration with FCPJ
  - Friends agreed to provide support if needed (i.e. food, travel, housing etc. )

- Newsletter – Bonnie Hall
  - Bonnie requested an article about Wendy Clarissa’s party and memorials for June Applen and Al Geiger’s eldest brother
  - Mike will send Bonnie information and maps for the canoe trip
  - Wendy Clarissa will give Bonnie advance notice of events on the Unitarian Universalist calendar
- First Day School – Linda Wilson continues to lead bimonthly FDS sessions

## 6. Outreach/Community Activity

- Discussion
  - Elaine described her sense that Meeting is still in an exploratory period, and that deferring actions now does not prevent our revisiting them later. She encouraged Friends to be patient with the process and shared a quotation the source of which she does not remember: “The Meeting that moves forward without unity does so at great peril.”
  - One Friend described an experience of another group doing business “in worship” and affirmed the value of the spirituality of business meeting.
  - Another Friend reminded Meeting of Benjamin Zablocki’s Bruderhof study and his observation that no community can survive long without consensus decision-making.
- Sulzbacher Center (<http://www.sulzbachercenter.org/support-us/volunteer>) – Sue Williams called Jessica Fisher, Volunteer & Development Assistant (394-8084) and reports the following:
  - For groups wishing to do volunteer service, only the group leader completes an application, background check, fingerprinting, etc.
  - The kitchen manager does the scheduling of volunteers for two types of service:
    - kitchen prep for each meal
    - serving the meal
  - There are two meals:
    - lunch: prep from 9 to 1 and serving from 11 to 1
    - dinner: prep from 3:30 to 6:30 and serving from 4:30 to 6:30
  - Meeting needs to ask about wheel chair accessibility in the kitchen
- Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment – Elaine shared information about ICARE (<http://www.icarejax.org/>):
  - The current campaigns focus on four concerns (see linked fact sheets):
    - reducing youth crime  
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    - ending homelessness  
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    - increasing the high school graduation rate  
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    - creating new jobs  
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  - Of the local homeless population, 25% are veterans, 30% are mentally ill, and a growing number are children who have “aged out” of foster care upon reaching the legal age of majority.

Submitted by  
Mike Shell,  
Recording Clerk  
3/22/2014

Attachment 1

Date	Description	Contributions	Payment	Balance
6/1/2013	Balance brought forward			\$2,455.87
6/7/2013		\$243.00		\$2,698.87
6/17/2013	SEYM		-\$1,400.00	\$1,298.87
6/17/2013	Brooke Stephens		-\$180.00	\$1,118.87
6/17/2013		\$185.00		\$1,303.87
7/1/2013		\$376.00		\$1,679.87
7/16/2013		\$100.00		\$1,779.87
9/6/2013		\$240.00		\$2,019.87
9/24/2013		\$800.00		\$2,819.87
9/24/2013	Friends Journal-listing		-\$60.00	\$2,759.87
9/24/2013	Move \$ to Property Fund		-\$500.00	\$2,259.87
9/30/2013	Heritage Landing HOA		-\$75.00	\$2,184.87
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10/3/2013	Dedge's Lock & Key		-\$101.65	\$2,158.22
10/12/2013	Brooke Stephens		-\$78.35	\$2,079.87
11/1/2013	Brooke Stephens		-\$80.00	\$1,999.87
11/8/2013		\$290.00		\$2,289.87
11/18/2013	Quaker Life		-\$16.50	\$2,273.37
12/1/2013	Brooke Stephens		-\$100.00	\$2,173.37
12/3/2013		\$815.00		\$2,988.37
12/3/2013	Move \$ to Property Fund		-\$200.00	\$2,788.37
12/15/2013		\$25.00		\$2,813.37
12/15/2013	Heritage Landing HOA		-\$50.00	\$2,763.37
1/5/2014	Brooke Stephens		-\$80.00	\$2,683.37
1/5/2014	FCPJ		-\$200.00	\$2,483.37
1/10/2014	Move \$ to Property Fund		-\$100.00	\$2,383.37
1/12/2014	SEYM		-\$500.00	\$1,883.37
1/12/2014	Friends Journal		-\$150.00	\$1,733.37
1/28/2014		\$200.00		\$1,933.37
1/28/2014	Move \$ to Property Fund		-\$100.00	\$1,833.37
2/2/2014	Brooke Stephens		-\$80.00	\$1,753.37
2/7/2014	Auto-Owners		-\$328.08	\$1,425.29
2/28/2014		\$250.00		\$1,675.29
		\$650.00		\$2,325.29
<b>Total</b>		\$4,899.00	-\$4,379.58	
<b>Property Fund</b>				
9/24/2013	Transfer from Operating acct		\$500.00	
12/3/2013	Contribution		\$200.00	\$700.00
1/10/2014	Contribution		\$100.00	\$800.00
1/28/2014	Contribution		\$100.00	\$900.00