

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**September 9, 2018 – Minutes**

**Reading** – *Friends, keep your meetings in the power of God, and in his wisdom (by which all things were made) and in the love of God, that by that ye may order all to his glory. And when Friends have finished their business, sit down and continue awhile quietly and wait upon the Lord to feel him. And go not beyond the Power, but keep in the Power by which God Almighty may be felt among you.* – George Fox, 1658

**Query** – Do I accept the spiritual need to relinquish control in the meeting for business, recognizing that the meetings corporate spiritual discernment of God's will may lead in a quite different direction from my own perception of God's will, no matter how sincere? – *SEYM Faith & Practice*, Chapter 7, p.86

**Members/Attenders** – Mike Shell, Sue Watson; **Newcomers** – Emily Sebast, David Sebast, Janice Johnson

**Worship**

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue Watson

- Regular contributions have dropped drastically, but we received two outside contributions totaling \$750.

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Date	Description	Contributions	Payment	Balance
6/1/2018	Balance brought forward			\$867.91
6/16/2018	Florida Christian Center		-50.00	\$817.91
6/24/2018	Friends Journal-mtg listing		-105.00	\$712.91
6/25/2018	Alfred Geiger - postage		-56.42	\$656.49
7/1/2018	Florida Christian Center		-50.00	\$606.49
8/5/2018	Florida Christian Center		-50.00	\$556.49
8/6/2018		\$230.00		\$786.49
9/2/2018	Florida Christian Center		-50.00	\$736.49
	To be deposited	\$770.00		\$1,506.49
<b>Total</b>		\$1,000.00	-361.42	
Property Fund				
6/1/2018	Balance brought forward			\$1,550.00
AVP				
6/1/2018	Balance brought forward			586.98

**Meeting personnel needs** – *The clerk introduced this topic with the advice that he did so merely to begin a discussion that Jacksonville Friends need to continue over the remaining months of 2018. No volunteers or decisions were sought during this meeting.*

- **Backups for opening & closing meetinghouse**
  - The clerk has no reliable backup to open and close Meeting for Worship when he must be away.
  - We ought not to continue cancelling worship in such cases, because we have visitors and returning newcomers almost every week.
  - SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> in St. Petersburg [seymquakers.org/business-meeting](http://seymquakers.org/business-meeting) is October 6<sup>th</sup>, so October 7<sup>th</sup> is the next Sunday when we need someone to take do this.
  - Sue Watson may be able to do so.
- **Assistant treasurer** – *Sue Watson's second 3-year term ends on December 31, 2019.*
  - Meeting needs an assistant treasurer to be in training as Sue's.
- **Recording clerk** – *The clerk now doubles in this role and needs to lay it down.*
  - This interferes with attending fully to clerking a worshipful decision-making process.
  - A recording clerk has two main responsibilities:
  - To take meeting for business notes & help the clerk draft recorded minutes

- **Website manager/editor** – Now done by the clerk, who must lay down the role.
  - Basic maintenance of [www.jacksonvillefriends.org](http://www.jacksonvillefriends.org)
  - Keep Events calendar up to date [www.jacksonvillefriends.org/events](http://www.jacksonvillefriends.org/events)
  - The clerk changing the website back to a static rather than blog-based site.
  - A volunteer need not know coding. Our WordPress platform does most of the formatting, and the clerk can train a successor how to use it.
  
- **Newsletter editor** – Now done by the clerk, who must lay down the role.
  - Meeting used to mail monthly printed newsletters with a calendar of events plus articles.
  - In January 2017 we switched to email distribution, except for a short list of Friends who need print copies mailed because they do not use email.
  - However, the clerk has only had time to produce six issues since then.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Group Report** – *The clerk introduced this merely to begin a discussion that Jacksonville Friends need to continue over the remaining months of 2018. No decisions were sought. See “Study Group Update 9-9-18” for details.*

#### **Announcements**

- September 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Disarm Trident: Savannah to Kings Bay Peace Walk  
[www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/peace-walk](http://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/peace-walk)
- TBD – ICARE House meeting for Jacksonville Friends Meeting
- September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:30pm – Session 6 of "21<sup>st</sup> Century Quakerism" (following potluck)
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – World Quaker Day [www.worldquakerday.org/](http://www.worldquakerday.org/) (Friends World Committee on Consultation)
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Reclaim Armistice Day [www.veteransforpeace.org/our-work/armistice-day](http://www.veteransforpeace.org/our-work/armistice-day)
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm – ICARE Community Problems Assembly

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine: 8/26/18 presentation** – See “UUFSA Handout” for details.

**Atlanta Friends Meeting/Social Concerns Committee Minute** – *To be considered on next month’s agenda.*