

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for Business: Minutes**  
May 19, 2013  
Elaine Martin, Clerk

**Attendees:** Mike Shell (acting clerk), Sue Watson, Doug Halpin, Brooke Stephens, Connie Guenther, Erika Guenther, Addie Guenther, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Ken Hall, Bonnie Hall, Doug O'Brien, Linda Wilson, Linda Buckingham

**1. Worship**

**2. Reading**

Friends' way of conducting business is of central importance to the very existence of the Meeting. It is the Quaker way of living and working together; it is the way that can create and preserve a sense of fellowship in the Meeting community. The right conduct of Business Meetings, even in matters of routine, is a vital part of the worship experience. The process of individuals submitting themselves to the corporate revelation of God's truth forms the basis of Friends' approach to unity. In Meetings for Business, and in all duties connected with them, seek the leadings of the Light.

*Are our Meetings for Business held in the spirit of a Meeting for Worship in which we seek divine guidance for our actions in love and mutual forbearance?*

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice*

**3. Minutes of April 21, 2013** – Approved as amended (correction of two names on page 3)

- “2014 Michener Lecturer –Deborah Fisch has been chosen.”
- “2014 Walton Lecturer –Brendt Bill has been chosen.”

**4. Treasurer's Report & 2013-14 Budget Proposal** – Sue Watson. Meeting reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April 2013 ([Attachment 1](#)), and then revisited the alternative budgets offered at 4/21/13 meeting for business ([Attachment 2](#)). Friends discussed several questions (summarized below) regarding how much of the SEYM apportionment of \$2,518 to commit to and then approved the following minute:

Minuted (2013.6): Meeting adopts the Option 2 budget, assuming income of \$2,900 (the same as 2012) and \$1,495 in Monthly Meeting expenses. Meeting commits to contributing \$1,400 of the total SEYM apportionment of \$2,518 (55.6% of that total, and increase of \$200 over the 2012 contribution).

- *What does Monthly Meeting gain from SEYM?* Friends mentioned the following:
  - We tend to underutilize YM. We could, for example, dovetail onto YM's 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax status, and YM can help us with our own tax status. YM also provides various other resources for small meetings.
  - YM is very valuable to Young Friends: for example, the various cost-free outings (e.g., hiking), the emphasis on safe youth leadership, Quaker youth involvement with [Coalition of Immolakee Workers](#), youth scholarships for FGC gatherings.

- Half-Yearly Meeting is a key event for fellowship and for practicing Quaker tolerance of the great diversity among YM Friends.
- YM is by definition a collaborative collection of Monthly Meetings.
- YM provides an essential network for long-distance information sharing.
- *What are the expenses of SEYM?*
  - Salaries for a secretary and an accountant (Friends noted that Lyn Cope, the retiring secretary, carried out many crucial tasks in addition to these two).
  - Publication of website, newsletters, books, pamphlets, YM documents, etc.
  - YM gatherings:
    - Concern was expressed about the high cost of housing and food at these events (e.g., \$200/person for annual gathering)
    - Speakers, Quaker organization representatives, workshop leaders
    - Note: Friends asked for clarity on how much of YM gathering expenses are covered by the general budget, and how much are covered by registration fees and other revenues.
- *What are the costs of Meeting local expenses and apportionment contribution if they are averaged across all members and attenders?*
  - Meeting reports 10 members and 22 attenders to SEYM, 32 people in all.
  - The \$1,495 in local expenditures averages out to \$124.58/month (\$3.90/person).
  - The \$1,400 commitment to SEYM averages out to \$116.67/month (\$3.65/person).

Meeting asked the Treasurer to draft a letter to members and attenders explaining apportionments, Meeting budget and financial support of Meeting, modeled on similar letters from other monthly meetings. This draft will be considered at the next meeting for business.

Meeting deferred discussion of Meetinghouse Fund until next meeting for business.

### **Announcements**

- Meeting's listing in the Friends General Conference "Quaker Finder" <http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/quaker-finder/jacksonville-friends-meeting> is out of date. The recording clerk will submit a correction.
- A friends suggested that Meeting revisit Quaker Quest as a resource, and that we also query Deborah Fisch about traveling ministries.

Submitted by  
Mike Shell  
Recording Clerk

5/26/2013

Attachment 1

<b>Jacksonville Friends Meeting - 2013</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
1/1/2013	Balance brought forward				\$2,255.97
2/5/2013		\$490.00			\$2,745.97
2/10/2013	Brooke Stephens		\$60.00		\$2,685.97
2/26/2013	Auto-Owners Insurance		\$135.32		\$2,550.65
2/26/2013	SEYM		\$600.00		\$1,950.65
2/26/2013		\$65.00			\$2,015.65
3/3/2013	Brooke Stephens		\$100.00		\$1,915.65
3/21/2013		\$263.00			\$2,178.65
3/25/2013	Douglas O'Brien		\$38.52		\$2,140.13
4/5/2013		\$65.00			\$2,205.13
4/15/2013	Brooke Stephens		\$80.00		\$2,125.13
YTD		\$883.00	\$1,013.84		

Budget Proposal – 2013-14							
<b>Income projections</b>	2011	\$2,188.00					
	2012	\$2,908.00					
	Total	\$5,096.00					
	Divided by 2	\$2,548.00					
			<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>		
<b>Income</b>			\$2,600.00		\$2,900.00		\$2,900.00
<b>SEYM</b>	Share of apportionment	\$1,200.00		\$1,400.00		\$2,518.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>							
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Meeting space rent	\$940.00		\$940.00		\$940.00	
	Insurance	\$140.00		\$140.00		\$140.00	
	Friends Journal Listing	\$45.00		\$45.00		\$45.00	
	SEYM-Attendance Support	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
	FCPJ	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
	Friends Journal Subscription	\$150.00		\$150.00		\$150.00	
	Interfaith Council of Jax	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
	Quaker Life Listing	\$20.00		\$20.00		\$20.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		\$1,495.00		\$1,495.00		\$1,495.00	
<b>Total</b>		\$2,695.00		\$2,895.00		\$4,013.00	
<b>Expenses vs. Income</b>			-\$95.00		\$5.00		-\$1,113.00
Option 1 assumes our contributions as an average of 2011 and 2012 and no change in SEYM assessment.							
Option 2 assumes our contributions stay the same between 2012 and 2013 and we increase SEYM assessment by \$200 to \$2,900.							
Option 3 assumes our contributions stay the same between 2012 and 2013 and we increase SEYM assessment to the total							

\$2,518.

Attachment 2

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