

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
 September 8, 2013
 Elaine Martin, Clerk

Attending: Elaine Martin, Doug Halpin, Sue Williams, Connie Guenther, Ken Hall, Bonnie Hall, Sue Watson, Mike Shell, Amanda Grefski, Five Rivers Meeting Conway, SC, and Evie Grefski, Five Rivers Meeting, Conway, SC

1. Worship

2. Queries

- Do our lives reflect Quaker testimonies?
- Are we open and responsive to continuing revelation, and do we incorporate it into our spiritual life?
- Is our Quaker witness characterized by humility and a willingness to learn from others?
- Do we recognize that the Spirit works in the world through us?
- Does our witness lead us to the condition in which we “walk cheerfully over the earth answering that of God in everyone”?
- Do we, as a meeting, try to share in the religious life of our wider community, availing ourselves of opportunities for worship and service with other local religious groups?

Southeastern Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice*

3. Minutes of June 23, 2013 – Approved.

4. Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson

Jacksonville Friends Meeting - 2013-2014						
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
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			\$1,144.00		\$1,580.00	
* Less \$500.00 in Meeting House Fund						

- SEYM still requests the remaining \$1,100 of JAX Meeting’s fiscal year apportionment
 - Meeting should consider whether to make a further contribution
- Letter to Member/Attendees explaining Meeting finances – Pending
- Meeting Employer ID Number (EIN)
 - Sue has queried IRS representatives about the status of this number
 - She will investigate further what Meeting ought to do about non-profit status.

- Front door screen lock
 - Brooke's former locksmith no longer does such work, and the locksmith on Dunn Avenue would charge around \$200
 - Ken Hall and Doug Halpin will investigate
 - Brooke will deduct what Meeting pays from our rent.

5. Nurturing Community/Deepening Spirituality

- Potluck on 9/15/13 at Amenity Center on St. Augustine
 - Bonnie and Ken have rented inside and outside space for 11 am Meeting for Worship, followed by lunch (grill, pool and waterslide available)
 - Meeting agreed to invite Palm Coast and Gainesville, and Elaine will investigate
- October 20th will be the first occasion for 3rd First Day Potluck following worship
- Discussion, Adult First Day School and similar options
 - Meeting expressed general interest and considered various time options: after potluck, on a Friday night, etc.
 - A Friend proposed having planned topics but not a series
 - Agenda item for October – Friends should consider the issue and give feedback
- Nancy Fennell workshop on deepening spirituality
 - SEYM has a number of traveling ministers able to do workshops and presentations for YM meetings (see <http://www.seym.org/Workshops.html>)
 - Agenda item for October – Friends asked for a written description of this option.

6. One Campaign (Attachment)

- An international organization campaigning to end extreme poverty
- Advocacy only, not fundraising, for issues such as agricultural development, global health and ending energy poverty (especially in Africa)
- Mike will investigate.

7. Tampa Friends – 9/3/13 Minute Regarding Syrian Conflict

- Text” “The violence and deaths in the Syrian civil war grieve the Tampa Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and we think the international community should respond. However, military strikes would only bring more violence and death to Syria. We ask for a political solution that relies on enhanced diplomacy, restricted flow of weapons to all parties in Syria, investigation of war crimes, and increased humanitarian aid. Military intervention will bring more violence to a region that needs a commitment to peace.”
- Minuted (2013.9) – Jacksonville Meeting supports the Tampa minute.

8. Housekeeping

- Interfaith Council – Mike has had not notices of meetings since February. He will investigate.
- Website – Ken Hall now has the passwords and has updated the Meeting address
 - Administrative/financial/technical issues
 - Site is registered in Heidi Lowey-Ball's name, and she paid \$13/month in advance to the end of 2014
 - Current Domain Name System (DNS) registrant charges \$35/year, but GoDaddy would charge only \$8/year

- Ken will wait till Heidi's registration expires before moving the site
- Long-term plan: 3-part website
 - The existing site content
 - A part for news and announcements
 - A secure area for document sharing, accessible only to members and attenders
- Shannon Palmer will continue to help with web design
- Newsletter – Bonnie is holding the next issue until she can include a financial summary and rationale, including the Treasurer's letter to members and attenders.

9. Other Business

- Memorial for June Applen at 7:45 pm, Wednesday, 9/11/13, at the In the Garden Atrium, 510 Shelter Avenue, Jacksonville Beach.

Submitted by
Mike Shell,
Recording Clerk

10/4/2013

Attachment 1

From: Marisa Vertrees
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 3:20 PM
To: 'emartin227@comcast.net'
Subject: Faith Outreach at ONE

Hello,

My name is Marisa Vertrees, and I am the Faith Mobilization Manager for the ONE Campaign. ONE is an international organization that advocates for an end to extreme poverty, and works to build awareness and support for agricultural development, global health, and other programs that help the poorest of the poor around the world. We are not a fundraising organization, and only work on advocacy and education. We're not asking for your money--just your voice. I am writing because I was hoping to speak with someone from the Jacksonville Meeting of Friends. ONE currently works with a number of national partners, including faith based partners such as CRS, Bread for the World, Episcopal Relief and Development, and American Jewish World Services. We are currently trying to work more closely with local faith leaders and partners to build support for global development, and amplify the voices of people of faith. We are currently running a campaign to end energy poverty, beginning with support for a bill to expand access to electricity on the African continent.

I have attached some information about our current campaign, but I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you further about ONE, as well as our energy campaign. We are currently asking local leaders to support this campaign, and to write to their representative asking him or her to co-sponsor the Electrify Africa bill. I have also attached a sample letter, although we are glad to work with you to craft your own letter as well.

Please let me know someone might be available to speak with me. I can be reached by e-mail, at marisa.vertrees@one.org, or by phone at 202-495-2784.

Thank you,
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