

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship for  
Business Minutes October  
13, 2013

Attending: Elaine Martin, Sue Watson, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Doug Halpin

**1. Worship**

**2. Queries: Social and Economic Justice**

Do we seek to transform the world with our loving spirit?

Do we take an active interest in the social and economic conditions of our community?

Have we objectively considered the causes of discrimination, and are we ready to abandon old prejudices and think anew?

Do we as individuals and as a meeting do all in our power to end governmental, social, economic, and educational injustices in our community and to create equal opportunity for all?

How do we as individuals and as a meeting promote the welfare of those in need and work to secure a just distribution of the world's resources?

What are we doing as individuals and as a meeting to understand and remove the causes of war and violence and to develop the conditions and institutions of peace?

Southeastern Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice

**3. Minutes of September 8, 2013** - Approved with noted corrections

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

<b>Jacksonville Friends Meeting - 2013-2014</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
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
10/3/2013	Dedge's Lock & Key		-\$101.65		\$2,158.22
10/12/2013	Brooke Stephens		-\$78.35		\$2,079.87
		\$1,944.00	-\$1,580.00		

**Property Fund**

9/24/2013 Transfer from Operating acct \$500.00

- Letter to Members/Attendees
  - Meeting reviewed the draft letter to Members/Attendees explaining meeting finances that Sue Watson had prepared.
  - It was discussed and agreed to insert language to determine if the addressee would like to continue to be listed as a part of the Jacksonville Monthly Meeting since the validation of the current listing will be due in January.
  - It was agreed to include a return address, stamped envelope for response.
  - It was agreed that Sue Watson would make appropriate changes to the letter and mail them as soon as feasible.
  - A copy of the letter with revisions is attached
- EIN
  - Wendy Clarissa Geiger advised that she has the original EIN documentation and will supply this to Sue Watson.
  - Sue Watson will continue to investigate if the existing EIN is active.

5. **Nurturing community** –Held over until next Meeting for Business.

6. **Literature for Newcomers** -Wendy Clarissa Geiger

Meeting reviewed the selection of printed materials Wendy presented for use for newcomer literature. Meeting discussed and approved the selection noting that the materials provided focus mainly on meeting for worship which is very appropriate for anyone new to Quakerism.

The selection included:

Silence and Speech by Richard Allen

Quaker Meeting for Worship by Douglas Steere

Stages of Meeting for Worship adapted by Michael Wajda & Alison Levie from

Four Doors for Meeting for Worship by William Tabor

Silent Worship and Quaker Values: an Introduction by Marsha Holliday.

Wendy agreed to put together a package of material and have this information available in the meeting information box.

7. **FIBM update**- Elaine Martin

Elaine gave a report from the SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting which was held in Palm Beach on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, which included:

- SEYM Youth Program – Elaine read the report which was presented at FIBM. The report details the youth's year-long activities supporting the Immokalee Workers Campaign for fair food.

- Circus McGurkis – A People Fair dedicated to celebrating peace education, sponsored by St. Petersburg MM is scheduled for October 26 Meeting discussed the activities and history of the fair.
- There are positions open in SEYM for anyone interested in serving at the yearly meeting level.
- Pendle Hill Scholarship of \$200 is still available.
- A SEYM Peace and Social Concerns list of initiatives under consideration includes: the death penalty, mass incarceration, water, bees, military spending, and Quaker House.
- Collaboration between meetings working on shared interests was discussed and highly encouraged.
- Earthcare Committee – The minute for climate change is still under discernment.
- Elaine announced that Susan Taylor, Tallahassee MM, was invited to assist the Independent Worship Group of Greater Boston in their discernment concerning their relationship with FUM in light of their policy on homosexuality. Susan was the YM clerk at the time SEYM was discerning our relationship with FUM.
- SEYM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – It was announced that this year SEYM will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the yearly meeting gathering. Anyone who has ideas for the celebration is encouraged to contact YM gathering committee.

8. **Meeting Housekeeping** -All items held over for next business meeting.

Dear Members and Attenders of Jacksonville Friends Meeting,

Each year Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) contacts each Monthly Meeting and Worship Group as part of its annual planning cycle. Representatives from SEYM inquire about the status of members and attenders affiliated with Jacksonville Meeting and do the same for other Meetings and Worship Groups. Members of our Meeting then contact our list of members and attenders to determine their interest in maintaining a relationship with our Meeting.

Those involved in the SEYM budget process calculate the percentage of total Yearly Meeting membership represented by our Meeting members/attenders, and apportion that percentage of SEYM's Annual Budget to our Meeting. For the fiscal year June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 Jacksonville Friends Meeting was requested to contribute \$2,518 to SEYM as our apportionment. The math works out to approximately \$119 for each of our 10 members and \$60 for each of our attenders. In addition to the Meeting's apportionment there are ongoing expenses of the Meeting for rent, insurance, contributions to local charities, subscriptions, etc. As a Meeting we have also decided to set aside funds with the goal of being able purchase a permanent place to hold Meeting for Worship and First Day School.

All contributions to the Meeting are deeply appreciated. Only you can examine your personal circumstances to determine what would be appropriate. We hope that you consider our Meeting to be among your highest charitable priorities and that you make a gift that you feel is significant. Donations need not be in the form of a single gift. Many members find it more convenient to spread their contributions throughout the year. If you have already given to the Meeting this year, thank you!

Blessings,

Sue Watson, Treasurer