

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
 November 10, 2013
 Elaine Martin, Clerk

1. Worship

2. Queries Care of the Natural World

- Do we live in harmony with nature? Do we live in keeping with the spirit of the unity, sacredness, and integrity of all creation?
- Do we seek to minimize our consumption of the earth’s resources? Do we encourage equitable and sustainable use of those resources?
- Do we walk gently over the earth, seeing that of God in all nature?
- Do we seek to educate ourselves, our children, our meeting, and our community about how our lives can be more in harmony with the earth?
- Does the meeting strive to bring all its practices in harmony with the natural world?

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3. Minutes of October 13, 2013 – Approved with corrections.

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 |
| 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 |
| 11/1/2013 | Brooke Stephens | | | | -\$80.00 | \$1,999.87 |
| 11/8/2013 | | | \$290.00 | | | \$2,289.87 |
| | | | \$2,234.00 | | \$2,400 | |
| Property Fund 9/24/2013 Transfer from Operating Account \$500.00 | | | | | | |

- EIN from Florida, not from Federal Government
- Meeting was dropped from *Friends Journal* directory. Wendy has written *FJ* about this.

5. Changes to the Directory Wendy Clarissa Geiger will continue to monitor changes and submit to Yearly Meeting recorder by the deadline

6. 2013 Spiritual State of the Meeting Statement – Due 2/15/2014 (queries [attached](#))

- Friends will gather on 1/5/2014 at Brooke Stephen’s home for meeting for worship, “brown bag” lunch, and worship sharing on the 2013 Statement.

7. Nurturing a Sense of Community / Deepening Spirituality of the Meeting

- Quakerism 101, Worship Sharing, Discussions
 - Friends wish to start with a discussion topic and worship sharing following the monthly potlucks
 - For the 12/8/13 holiday gathering, we will discuss Christmas, family holiday traditions, simplicity vs. consumption, etc.
- Community Activity – Doug Halpin investigated the idea of collecting post-holiday discard electronics to take to the City recycle center, but the City charges for large amounts.
- Canoe Trip – Al Geiger reminded meeting that the Meeting canoe trip is still in the planning phase.

8. Terms of Service – Friends accepted the Elaine’s suggestion of a three-year term for offices.

- Elaine was approved for a second 3-year term as Clerk, beginning on 12/3/2013
- Mike was willing to be Recording Clerk through the end of 2014, but reserved making a further commitment until next year.

9. Meeting Housekeeping

- Interfaith Council (IFC) – Mike joined other members for “Clara’s at the Cathedral” luncheon on 10/25/2013 http://www.clarawhitemission.org/Programs/clara_at_Cathedral.aspx.
 - IFC is no longer an active community service group but will continue to meet socially. Members will discuss at their next meeting how to use their sizable bank balance.
 - JAX Meeting will not make a 2014 donation to IFC.
- Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice
 - FCPJ continues to develop the “sustainable living center”
 - Meeting will make a one-time doubled donation of \$200 for 2014
 - On 11/16/2013 FCP&J held a memorial service and tree planning in honor of Pat Murphy and a memorial service and tree planning in honor of June Apple.
- SEYM Half-Yearly Meeting – 11/28 – 12/1/2013.
- Deferred Agenda Items – Website, Newsletter, First Day School.

Submitted by
Mike Shell,
Recording Clerk

12/7/2013

Queries to be considered for the Spiritual State of the Meeting

1. How do we support each other as members of this beloved community?*****
2. How well do our meetings for worship with a concern for business lead to a corporate search for and revelation of God's truth? *****
3. What was our meeting's witness in the wider community in the last year? *****
4. How has our meeting for worship or other meeting activities nurtured our spiritual growth? ***
5. Has there been a deepening and strengthening of the sense of the Divine Presence in our midst during the past year? Do we feel a sense of our individual spirits fusing into an undivided group as we worship? Do we leave our meetings filled with a sense of love and peace and courage to meet the challenge of Spirit filled living? ***
6. Where do you find hope in the meeting and in our spiritual life?***
7. How is God's presence being experienced in our meeting? *
8. Are there places where the meeting isn't reaching fully for the Light? *
9. Do you have other reflections on the current condition of the meeting—places where you see new life emerging, loss or sadness that you want to share? *
10. How does the spirit of worship extend into our committee work and into meeting for worship with a concern for business? *
11. How does love manifest itself in our meeting? *
12. How has the Spirit been moving among us this past year?
13. Especially in this time of economic uncertainty, are we taking stock of the meeting's financial health and planning for ways to help those in need?
14. What has already and would nourish you in our meeting?
15. What needs to be different to help us attend meeting more regularly?
16. What makes it difficult to attend meeting?
17. What would we like meeting to be to meet our needs and needs of those who would attend meeting?
18. What do I need to say about our meeting?