

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
February 9, 2014
Elaine Martin, Clerk

Attendees: Elaine Martin, Sue Watson, Sue Williams, Brooke Stephens, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Mike Shell

1. Worship

2. Queries - Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

- Are meetings for business held in the spirit of meetings for worship?
- In decision-making, do we promote a spirit of love, understanding, and patience as we seek unity on an appropriate course of action?
- Do we keep our remarks simple and speak only as the Spirit leads?
- Are we able to unite in good grace with the sense of the meeting when our personal desires tend in another direction?
- Do we maintain respect for others, however strongly our opinions may differ?
- Are meetings for business seen as positive opportunities for testing and practicing our spiritual life?

—Southeastern Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice*

3. Minutes of January 12, 2014 – Approved.

4. Membership – Friends approved the following minute:

- 2014.1 – It is with regret that Friends accept Marge Kary’s request to lay down her membership in the Jacksonville Monthly Meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson

- See [Attachment 1](#) for full report
- Auto-Owners increased the Meeting’s annual liability coverage premium from \$185 to \$328, which is the new minimum annual premium for all such policies.

6. SEYM *Faith & Practice* (2013 edition)

- The clerk will order three print copies, one to add to the Meeting library copy as a lending copy, and two more for individuals.
- An e-book version of *F&P 2013* is available through [Mybookorders.com](#), [Barnesandnoble.com](#), [Amazon.com](#), or [universalistfriends.org/bookstore](#) and there are PDF versions of each section on the SEYM website <http://www.seym.org/FandP.html>.

7. 2013 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report – Approved with the correction of two typos.

8. Nurturing Community/Deepening Spirituality

- Worship Sharing
 - February 16 –*Friends Journal* article “Quakerism Left Me” – Betsy Blake
 - March 16 – Submit topic suggestions to Elaine
- Canoe trip – Tentatively scheduled for March 23rd or following weekend
 - Thomas Creek Preserve (Thomas Swamp), 17198 Ethel Road ([Attachment 2](#) for maps)
 - <http://www.preserveflorida.org/Parks/thomas-creek-preserve.html>

- Pamphlet <http://www.preserveflorida.org/images/pdf/ThomasCreek.pdf>
- Picnic tables, restrooms, six giant cypress trees
- Al Geiger and Doug O'Brien have wide, stable canoes and lifejackets.

9. Sixth Urban Education Symposium: Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville's Future
[http://www.jaxpef.org/events/2014/02/the-sixth-urban-education-symposium-reclaiming-young-black-
 males-for-jacksonvilles-future.aspx](http://www.jaxpef.org/events/2014/02/the-sixth-urban-education-symposium-reclaiming-young-black-

 males-for-jacksonvilles-future.aspx) - Report by Wendy Clarissa Geiger

- Speaker, Pastor Brian Gullins, Family & Fatherhood Initiative of Richmond, Virginia (<http://richmondfatherhood.org/index.html>) and panel discussion by three local ministers
- Discussion
 - JAX Friends expressed concerns about these apparent Symposium shortcomings:
 - too much emphasis on charter schools as only option, with apparent abandonment of the public school
 - no one-on-one mentoring of young people
 - too little focus on girls
 - little mention of the “school-to-prison pipeline” (<https://www.aclu.org/school-prison-pipeline>), militarism, racism, the role of white people
 - Friends shared information about the following:
 - Nehemiah Family Life Centers (<http://www.nehemiahcenters.org/>)
 - originated with Nehemiah Baptist Church of Brooklyn
 - housing, education, mentoring, health services
 - giving oneself to the community on a daily and weekly basis.
 - ICARE (www.icare.org/)
 - Nehemiah Assembly, April 7, 7 pm, @ Potter's House Int'l Ministries
 - Issues– youth crime, homelessness, graduation rates, wealth creation.

10. Outreach

- Friends agreed that Meeting is still in a phase of exploration but not yet led to group activities
- Brooke and Mike posed the challenge: “How vulnerable do we want to be?”
 - For some of us, past experiences of burnout or of being hurt in helping roles make us wary of risking ourselves again
 - “Taking the risk” could be a topic for spiritual growth worship sharing
- Wendy Clarissa spoke about local “gleaning” projects and also cautioned against just adding “extra busywork” as “outreach”
- Sue Williams agreed to contact Sulzbacher Center about volunteer opportunities.

11. Meeting Housekeeping

- Interfaith Council – Members have chosen to cease role as community action group
- Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice – Connie Guenther is investigating SEYM Youth connections; reviving peace camps might be an option
- Newsletter
 - Bonnie plans a short February issue and a mid-March issue on SEYM monthly meetings
 - Wendy Clarissa will work with Bonnie to send copies to other meetings.
- Website No one has responded to Ken’s request for additional help with the website. Elaine stated that she will make an effort to learn.
- First Day School – Linda continues her bimonthly sessions.

Mike Shell, Recording Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Property Fund				
9/24/2013	Transfer from Operating acct		\$500.00	
12/3/2013	Contribution		\$200.00	\$700.00
1/10/2014	Contribution		\$100.00	\$800.00
1/28/2014	Contribution		\$100.00	\$900.00

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
9/30/2013	Heritage Landing HOA			-\$75.00	\$2,184.87
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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
11/18/2013	Quaker Life			-\$16.50	\$2,273.37
12/1/2013	Brooke Stephens			-\$100.00	\$2,173.37
12/3/2013			\$815.00		\$2,988.37
12/3/2013	Move \$ to Property Fund			-\$200.00	\$2,788.37
12/15/2013			\$25.00		\$2,813.37
12/15/2013	Heritage Landing HOA			-\$50.00	\$2,763.37
1/5/2014	Brooke Stephens			-\$80.00	\$2,683.37
1/5/2014	FCPJ			-\$200.00	\$2,483.37
1/10/2014	Move \$ to Property Fund			-\$100.00	\$2,383.37
1/12/2014	SEYM			-\$500.00	\$1,883.37
1/12/2014	Friends Journal			-\$150.00	\$1,733.37
1/28/2014			\$200.00		\$1,933.37
1/28/2014	Move \$ to Property Fund			-\$100.00	\$1,833.37
2/2/2014	Brooke Stephens			-\$80.00	\$1,753.37
2/7/2014	Auto-Owners			-\$328.08	\$1,425.29
Total			\$3,149.00	-\$2,921.50	

Thomas Creek Preserve

1. Lem Turner Road NW from Jacksonville
2. Turn right onto Lannie Road
3. Turn left at JI Montgomery Correction Center, or at Ethel Road before Jacksonville National Cemetery

