

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for Business – Minutes**  
**June 8, 2014**  
Elaine Martin, Clerk

**Attendees:** Elaine Martin, Sue Watson, Doug Halpin, Connie Guenther, Bonnie Hall, Ken Hall, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Brooke Stephens, Jim Craig, Mike Shell.

**1. Silence**

**2. Queries: *Education***

- Do we share our deepest beliefs and values with each other and with our children, while leaving them free to develop as the Spirit may lead them?
- Does the meeting give the children loving care and promote their spiritual life through religious education and other activities?
- Do we encourage our children's participation in the meetings work and cultivate their desire for service to others?
- How do we educate our members and attenders about the Bible (Especially the teachings of Jesus), other spiritual literature, and the history principles, and practices of Friends?

Southeastern Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice: Queries & Advices*

Friends offered various suggestions in response to these queries:

- Put faith and practice volumes from other yearly meetings, Quaker books, Bibles, Qur'ans, Buddhist writings, etc., out on chairs for Friends to read for worship inspiration
- Add adult education program, with Friendly Bible study, teachings of Jesus, other scriptures.

**3. Minutes of April 13, 2014 – Approved with corrections of typos.**

**4. SEYM Earthcare Minutes**

- Jacksonville Friends discussed the SEYM "Minute on Climate Change" which was approved at YM Gathering in April 2014 (see <http://www.seym.org/minutes/Min-Climate-Change-2014.pdf> or Attachment 1).

Minuted (2014.6) - Meeting joins with SEYM in approving the April 2014 "Minute on Climate Change."

- The SEYM Earthcare Committee brought forward to the Yearly Meeting 2014 Gathering a proposal and minute for a released Friend to do Environmental Work for discernment. (see Attachment 2)
  - Jacksonville Friends agreed to defer discussion until the September meeting
  - It was proposed that Meeting use the FL Committee for Peace & Justice (FCPJ) for a fall potluck and discussion, set tentatively for October 19<sup>th</sup>, with Gainesville Meeting and St. Augustine Worship Group being invited.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson**

- Fiscal Year 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 to date Reports shown in Attachment 3
- Sue explained her recommendations for the FY 2014-15 Budget Proposal (Attachment 4)

- The proposal uses last year's SEYM apportionment figure, since the FY15 figure is not yet known, and it considers Meeting's history of income growth and expenditures
- \$100.00 is designated for ICARE in place of Jacksonville Interfaith Council
- Friends agreed that Sue should resend the "financial state of the meeting" to members and attenders once we know the SEYM apportionment figure
- A Friend suggested that Meeting contribute to Quaker House (), which does work on moral injury, recruitment deception, conscientious objectors and deserters, all with a \$34,000/year salary shared by two people.
  - Friends agreed to put this concern on the agenda for next business meeting.

Minuted (2014.7) – Meeting approves the FY 2014-15 budget proposed by the Treasurer.

#### **6. Nurturing Community – Worship Sharing**

- 6/15/2014 – “forgiveness”
- 7/20/2014 – “plain living.”

**7. St. Augustine Potluck** – Set for September 21<sup>st</sup>, with September 7<sup>th</sup> as a backup date.

#### **8. Outreach/Community Activity**

- Sulzbacher volunteering – Friends agreed to defer this matter until the fall
  - There was a suggestion that we keep a box for donations of clothing and other items
  - Clara White Mission as a possible September recipient
- ICARE – Elaine gave an update on ICARE's youth crime actions
  - City Council passed RESOLUTION 2014-177-A on May 27<sup>th</sup> supporting the use of the civil citation process for eligible first-time misdemeanor youth (Appendix 5)
  - Duval Co. Superintendent of Schools supports this action and the use of a “student accountability process” to implement restorative justice practices.

#### **9. Meeting Housekeeping**

- Website
  - Meeting was advised that the email address is not current and that the phone number is not always answered
  - Ken suggested creating a GoogleVoice number, so that calls not answered would be redirected to GoogleVoice and an email notification sent
- Newsletter – Bonnie is developing a new issue
- First Day School
  - Linda Wilson must lay down her role with FDS
  - Friends asked if she would be willing to serve once more for the St. Augustine potluck.

Submitted 6/22/2014 by  
Mike Shell,  
Recording Clerk

## SouthEastern Yearly Meeting *of the Religious Society of Friends*

### MINUTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

April 2014

We, the Friends of Southeastern Yearly Meeting, bring this minute forward at a time when climate change is undeniable. The realities and impacts have become obvious as levels of CO<sub>2</sub> continue to rise past 400 ppm and are causing widespread global disruptions. As Friends from the SEYM region, we personally face catastrophic environmental damage from sea level rise, salt-water intrusion and pollution of our aquifers, rivers, lakes, and springs.

We as a religious community are called to respond now. We recognize we may feel overwhelmed and fear that humankind may not be equal to the task ahead. Many of us have used denial to protect us from what we see is coming. We understand with compassion that this is our attempt to protect ourselves from feelings of helplessness and hopelessness.

We need to remind ourselves that hope can be found in our Quaker faith and practices, in the unfailing presence of the Light, in our testimonies that guide us and clarify behaviors asked of us. We value the process of discerning leadings to give us the joy and determination to carry on. We find in our history that many Friends have found the resolve to bring attention and intention to the daunting work they faced, as we can.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the many individual efforts and changes Friends have already made, and the deep spiritual concern that motivates them. It is time we collectively address local, regional, and global climate issues. We can put our faith, completely, in the guidance of the Light to sustain and direct us.

We commit ourselves as a community to the following:

1. We resolve to see clearly the slow moving emergency of climate disruption, to educate ourselves and to seek to see the work that is ours as individuals and as communities.
2. We commit to seeking the Light to guide us in our efforts, to bringing in the wisdom of our knowledge and the deep wisdom of our hearts to this work.
3. We commit as monthly meetings to discern our particular leadings and undertake them, especially joining locally with other groups who share our commitment
4. We commit to provide emotional, practical, and spiritual support to those who work to care for the Earth.
5. We will strive to create right relationship with and within the Earth.
6. We commit ourselves to the well being of our children and future generations of all beings whose lives will be so profoundly affected by what we do.

6/7/14

Proposal and Minute  
From SEYM's Earthcare Committee  
For a Released Friend to do Environmental Work

Climate scientists report that we are now at 400 ppm of carbon in the atmosphere. The biosphere's optimal capacity for life as we know it is 350 ppm., and yet carbon continues to rise. Well-intentioned people may disagree about the implications of those numbers, but some have described the current environmental crisis as slow moving planetary suicide. We also recognize that Florida, as a peninsula, is particularly vulnerable.

SEYM Friends have become increasingly aware of environmental issues. Many of us are working as much as we can in our Monthly and Yearly Meetings and cannot take on another major responsibility. Thus, creating and funding a position for environmental released Friend is one way for our Yearly Meeting to acknowledge and put resources into addressing climate crises.

We offer the following initial job description: This released Friend will:

- Work within their own leadings and the guidance of the Spirit in work within SEYM on planetary healing
- Provide a liaison with other Quaker environmental organizations, such as QEW, FCNL, QUNO and EQAT, with an emphasis on new methods and successes in earthcare work.
- Work with monthly meetings to season and implement their meetings leadings for the Earth.

⊗ The Earth Care Committee offers the following minute:

We propose that SEYM take one year to season and discern way forward in creating a position of released Friend with a concern for the Earth.

SEYM will seek the Light concerning approval of a position of Released Friend with a concern for the Earth from April 2014 to April 2015.

During this time the Earthcare Committee will seek input from all Worship Groups and Monthly Meetings to refine and improve the purpose and job description for a released Friend.

We will work with the finance Committee to secure funds for payment of a Released Friend, with an intention of funding a 10 hour position plus travel allowance.

We will work toward funding the position and hiring the released Friend by summer, 2015.

Attachment 3 –FY 2013-14 Treasurer’s Report

Fiscal Year 2013-14				
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
2/28/2014		\$250.00		\$1,675.29
3/9/2014	Wendy Clarissa Geiger		-\$26.50	\$1,648.79
3/9/2014	Brooke Stephens		-\$100.00	\$1,548.79
3/10/2014		\$650.00		\$2,198.79
3/10/2014	SEYM		-\$618.00	\$1,580.79
4/6/2014	Brooke Stephens		-\$80.00	\$1,500.79
5/1/2014		\$360.00		\$1,860.79
5/16/2014	Friends Journal		-\$52.40	\$1,808.39
5/16/2014	Brooke Stephens		-\$80.00	\$1,728.39
<b>Total</b>		\$4,609.00	* -\$5,336.48	

\* Less \$900.00 in Property Fund (see below)

Property Fund – FY14				
	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

### FY 2014-15 Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year 2014-15				
Date	Description	Contributions	Payment	Balance
6/1/2014	Balance brought forward			\$1,728.39
6/1/2014	Connie Guenther		-\$235.00	\$1,493.39
6/1/2014	Brooke Stephens		-\$280.00	\$1,213.39
6/6/2014		\$705.00		\$1,918.39
<b>Total</b>		\$705.00		\$1,918.39

Property Fund – FY14				
6/1/2014	Balance brought forward			\$900.00

### Attachment 4 – FY2014-15 Budget Proposal

Budget – FY 2014-2015	
<b>Income History</b>	
2011	\$2,188
2012	\$2,908
2013	\$3,422
2014	\$4,609
<b>Expenses</b>	
SEYM (FY15 figure not known yet)	\$,2500
Meeting space rent	\$1,060
Insurance	\$350
Friends Journal listing	\$55
SEYM – Attendance support	\$250
FCPJ	\$100
Friends Journal subscription	\$150
ICARE	\$100
Quaker Life listing	\$20
Activities/Miscellaneous	\$100
Property Fund	?
<b>Total</b>	\$4,685

## Attachment 5

Introduced by Council Members Yarborough, Schellenberg, Clark and Lumb and amended by the Finance Committee:

### RESOLUTION 2014-177-A

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT A NEED EXISTS FOR MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE CIVIL CITATION PROCESS FOR ELIGIBLE FIRST-TIME MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature passed CS/HB997 in 2011 which encouraged the implementation and improvement of civil citations at the local level, and Florida Statute, Section 985.12 authorizes local governments to establish a civil citation program; and

**WHEREAS**, decades of research show that arresting children for prosecution of minor offenses needlessly harms children without any significant increase in public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of processing a juvenile by way of arrest is substantially higher than issuing a civil citation; and

**WHEREAS**, efficiently utilizing the civil citation and any other smart justice methods including non-arrest diversion tools are a very positive alternative for delinquent youth and has been shown to be effective in preventing youth from having a criminal record, reducing recidivism rates, and keeping law enforcement officers on the streets in order to attend to more serious and violent offenders; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby finds and declares that a need exists requiring the city to more efficiently utilize the civil citation process for eligible first-time misdemeanor youth.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

    /s/ Paige Hobbs Johnston

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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