

## **Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**

### **Meeting for Worship for Business – Minutes**

**October 12, 2014**

Elaine Martin, Clerk

**Attendees:** Elaine Martin, Sue Watson, Doug Halpin, Bonnie Hall, Ken Hall, Bess Wilson, Jason Inswasty, Michael Shell, Al Geiger, Sue Williams, Randy Bohrer, Paul Hibshman, Jim Craig

#### **1. “What do we want to be as we grow up as a Meeting?” Queries**

In keeping with a sense that Meeting desires to continue the work we had started this summer of attending to our sense of who we are as a Meeting and how we want to move into the future, queries were read. There was silence but no sharing on the queries. Friends agreed to revisit the queries next month.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2014**

Minutes were unavailable and will be presented at November Meeting.

#### **3. FIBM Report – Elaine Martin**

E. Martin provided highlights and read summary from FIBM report which was included with the Agenda

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

S. Watson reported that there is presently \$1363.03 in account, \$900 in property fund and \$456.03 in general fund with an additional \$230 to be deposited for total of \$1593.03 with 686.03 in general fund.

S. Watson reminded Friends that we have paid the assessment for the year and are presently building back the coffers.

#### **5. Meetinghouse Committee – Jim Craig**

J. Craig reported that the goal for the Meetinghouse Committee is to locate first a permanent temporary location and work towards a long term permanent meetinghouse. He discussed securing grants and raising money. He believes that a permanent meetinghouse will grow the Meeting. He suggested compiling a list of member/attenders and plotting geographical locations to determine a location that works for everyone. J. Craig asked about the origin of the Jacksonville Meeting.

A. Geiger spoke to the origin and history of the Meeting. He explained the importance of Bernard Walton who visited the Florida Meetings and organized them into a Yearly Meeting, (SEYM).

J. Craig noted the importance of writing and preserving the history of the Jacksonville Meeting.

Minuted (2014.10) Jacksonville Monthly Meeting approved the formation of a Meetinghouse Committee to be convened by Jim Craig.

#### **6. Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice / Sustainability Living Center**

E. Martin announced upcoming Meeting for Worship, potluck and activities at FCPJ/SLC on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A show of hands indicated that S. Watson, A. Geiger, J. Craig, E. Martin, D. Halpin were all planning on attending. E. Martin and D. Halpin offered to drive if anyone wanted to carpool. A. Geiger reminded Friends to bring bug spray as the mosquitoes were bad.

E. Martin reminded Friends of the Special Planning meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> and referred Friends to letter which was included with Agenda if interested.

#### **7. Quaker House**

E. Martin provided an update on the plans for the presentation on Moral Injury by Steve and Lynn Newsom, of Quaker House. A copy of the flyer announcing the event was included with the Agenda. The presentation is being co-sponsored by The First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and Wage Peace and will be held at the First Christian Church in Mandarin on Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.

E. Martin reported that she and W. Geiger were working together to make sure Meeting had literature available for the event. The treasurer approved the purchase of literature.

Friends discussed and made some changes to the Meeting's business cards. D. Halpin will print cards for the event.

#### **8. Website - Ken Hall**

K. Hall demonstrated the new website. He discussed capabilities of the website and answered questions. He has requested that site be maintained by others in the Meeting.

S. Watson expressed a concern about including date sensitive material unless site were maintained to keep current.

R. Borher expressed concern about including membership lists on the website.

K. Hall clarified that list would be password protected.

J Craig asked about ease of using calendar.

M. Shell asked if the links which had been established for the old website from other sources are still intact.

K. Hall stated that that hasn't changed.

E. Martin asked for anyone who feels so led to volunteer to come forward to work on maintaining the site.

Presently changes can be made by emailing K. Hall

E. Martin expressed a concern that the capabilities of new website allow for more content and changes and feels it is important that there be unity as we move forward with postings to the website. She asked Friends to visit the website. We will keep the item on the agenda and further discuss at November Meeting for Business.

#### **9. Newsletter – Bonnie Hall**

B. Hall reported that the Newsletter would be out November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **10. Adult First Day School – Faith and Practice**

D. Halpin and B. Hall are working on an outline for the Faith and Practice for First Day School and report that it will not be ready until after the holidays.

#### **11. Worship Sharing – “Healing”**

Friends agreed to proceed with the worship sharing on “Healing” which had been carried over from Eight Month for November 16<sup>th</sup> to follow the potluck.

#### **12. ICARE report**

M. Shell provided an update on ICARE activities. He related his experience from the recent house meetings and provided a written report including fact sheet and committee updates which were included with the agenda.

#### **13. Donations - Clara White Mission**

D. Halpin reminded Friends that the donations will be delivered to the Clara White Mission after the Meeting for Business in November.

#### **14. Christmas Potluck**

B. Hall asked that consideration for the Christmas potluck be added to the agenda at this time as it will be necessary to reserve the room if that is what Friends decide. Friends briefly discussed whether to have Christmas potluck in St. Augustine as we have for the past two years and decided in favor.

Friends discussed possible dates. B. Hall felt it important to make sure that the Meeting's children be included and suggested we check with the Wilson family for the dates they are available. Friends agreed.

B. Hall will report back to Meeting about date for Christmas potluck

Elaine Martin, Clerk

November 3, 2014