

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for Business**  
**February 8, 2015**

**Present:** Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Al Geiger, Paul Hibsichman, Sue Watson, Elaine Martin

**Query:** Friends shared on the query “What do I value and appreciate about my meeting?”.

**Minutes of January 11, 2015** were approved

**Membership of Danny Geiger:**

Minuted (2015.1) With regrets, Jacksonville Monthly Meeting accepts Danny Geiger's request to lay down membership in the Jacksonville Friends Meeting.

**Treasurers Report – Sue Watson**

Sue provided report noting that payments have exceeded contributions by \$1,000 to date. Although not a problem presently, if the trend continues, it will become a financial concern for Meeting.

Based on treasurer's recommendations, Friends agreed to provide financial assistance for those in need who wish to attend the Yearly Meeting Gathering.

Friends approved a \$100 donation to Quaker House. Elaine announced that a second presentation on Moral Injury, by Steve and Lynn Newsom of Quaker House, has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Meetinghouse Committee – Jim Craig**

Held over since Jim was not present

**Spiritual Ministry and Counsel of the Meeting**

Elaine reported that although the special meeting concerning the spiritual care of the Meeting was planned as a threshing session, a sense of those gathered at the meeting did emerge. The sense was to separate the function of ministry and counsel from the function of clerk; to name a point person for worship, ministry, care and counsel issues, concerns, and/or ideas. Paul willingly volunteered and Friends agreed to name Paul as the point person; and to commence with the monthly reading and sharing on the Faith and Practice.

Friends approved of proceeding in that manner

Paul offered to provide an autobiography for Meeting and for announcement in the Meeting newsletter

**Jim Craig's ministry** as Jim was not in attendance, Paul agreed to call him to learn more about the situation

Elaine spoke of feeling a leading to do peace work and asked for a clearness committee. Friends suggested that due to size of Meeting that she continue to work with Friends from the yearly meeting. She agreed. Paul, Wendy and Al agreed to sit as a clearness committee.

#### **Faith and Practice Adult First Day School**

It was noted that the reading material and outline for the first session, to be held February 15<sup>th</sup>, was included with the attachments. As neither Michael nor Bonnie was present, no further information was provided.

#### **Golden Isles Worship Group**

Wendy reported that she had been in contact with Lisa Perrin who has been coordinating the Golden Isles Worship Group. Wendy reported that Golden Isles is facing numerous challenges at this time, including health challenges for some members and a sense that the Meeting is downtrodden and merely trading water. Golden Isles requested that Jacksonville Friends hold them in prayer.

Friends agreed to send cards and correspondences from Meeting to keep in touch.

#### **Conflict Resolution Training**

Held over until more members/attenders could be in attendance.

#### **Website**

Elaine reminded Friends that Meeting is still searching for a webmaster to handle maintenance and upkeep of the website

Elaine requested adding a link to Quaker House on the website. Friend approved

#### **ICARE report – Elaine**

Elaine reported on the activities of the ICARE Youth Crime Committee

Paul suggested researching JCCI which has a large well funded program for Youth Crime

#### **EarthCare Minute**

Held over to March meeting

#### **Winter Interim Business Meeting Report**

Elaine noted that the report was sent with the attachments for Meeting's information

#### **Announcements**

Wendy reported on the The 7th Annual Urban Education Symposium: Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville's Future which was held February 11th at the Main Library.

Submitted by  
Elaine Martin  
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