

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
November 13, 2016 (amended 1/8/2017)**

Minutes

Attendees: Elaine Martin, Willie Hager, Caroline Sheely, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Sue Watson, Mike Shell, Mark Inglis

Worship Sharing – In lieu of a query, Friends held an extended worship sharing and discussion about their fears, griefs and hopes following the national elections on November 8th.

Minutes of October 16, 2016 – Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson

- Names authorized to sign checks from our Hancock Bank account have been updated, removing Shannon Palmer and adding Elaine Martin and Michael Shell (see Minute **2016.10.16-1**).
- The 2016-17 budget approved in June projected at least \$4,000 in annual contributions. Actual income to date is closer to \$900. Friends reviewed fixed vs. discretionary budget lines to consider what may need cutting, given possible income of half the original projection.
 - *Friends Journal* (\$70) and *Quaker Life* (\$20) listings were considered important to continue
 - Friends deferred decision to contribute \$100 to the Property Fund
 - Community Donation expenditures are lower than budgeted: \$100 for FL Coalition for Peace & Justice, and \$100 for Quaker House
 - Newsletter expenditures were discussed in detail (see next item).

2016-17 Budget (approved 6/12/2016)		
Income		
	2011	\$2,188
	2012	\$2,908
	2013	\$3,422
	2014	\$4,609
	2015	\$3,719
	Projected for 2016	\$4,171
Expenses		
<i>Fixed</i>	SEYM	\$2,000
<i>Fixed</i>	Meeting space rent	\$600
<i>Fixed</i>	Insurance	\$350
	Friends Journal Listing	\$70
	SEYM-Attendance Support	\$150
<i>Fixed</i>	Friends Journal Subscription	\$150
	Quaker Life Listing	\$20
	Activities	\$100
	Meeting Literature	\$100
	Property Fund	\$100
	Community Donations	\$300
	Newsletter	\$100
	Total	\$4,040
Notes		
	SEYM	\$2,000
	Rent	\$600
	Ins	\$350
	Friends Journal	\$150
	Total	\$3,100
	Remaining Discretionary Funds	\$840
	includes 100 for newsletter	
	Newsletter YTD	\$310
	Six more months @ approx \$60/mo	\$360

Newsletter – Wendy Clarissa Geiger and Mike Shell

- The budget set aside \$100 for the newsletter. Year-to-date we have spent \$310 on photocopy and postage costs for a print newsletter (November issue mailed to 55 people). Sue estimates \$360 for another six issues at \$60/month if we continue with print-only issues.
- Mike is developing a template for an email newsletter (including an attached PDF version).
- Mailing lists
 - Wendy included a November request that recipients choose email or print format for future issues. Few responded. Friends agreed that a lack of response suggests lack of interest.
 - Wendy will give Mike the list of 55 recipients, indicating which need print copies and which have made or offered to make contributions for the newsletter's cost.
 - Mike will email or write all 55 repeating the request for statement of mailing preferences.
 - Objective: one list for email recipients, a second for those who need or prefer print.
 - Goal: to reduce monthly costs as much as possible while not excluding recipients.
- Friends will revisit the matter of newsletter costs in the January meeting for business.

ICARE Membership – ICARE <http://icarejax.org/> has invited Meeting to become a member congregation without paying the usual dues. For two years Meeting's team (now 10 members) has operated under the care of Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville. With non-paying membership status, our attendance numbers would continue to count toward UU's totals.

2016.11.13 – Jacksonville Monthly Meeting agrees to become a member congregation of Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment (ICARE).

Christmas Potluck – Meeting will host its Christmas potluck at Florida Christian Center on December 11, 2016, following meeting for worship.

Second Hour Activity

- Some Friends wish to begin a *Quakerism 101* series at FCC on potluck First Days.
- Bonnie was unable to attend but has proposed hosting the Rex Ambler/Faith & Practice study on a regular weeknight at her home in St. Augustine.
- Friends will revisit these options in January.

Informal Discussions on Racism

- Wendy offered to host a regular gathering at the Geiger farm for those wishing to go deeper into the exploration of racism.
- She will send out email invitations regarding dates and times.

Announcements

- Half Yearly Meeting – November 24-27, 2016, at Wekiwa Springs State Park (flyer and register at <http://seymquakers.org/news-events/half-yearly-meeting/>).
- Winter Interim Business Meeting – January 14, 2017, at Orlando Meetinghouse (details at <http://seymquakers.org/business-finance/>).
- 2017 Michener Lecture: Susan Waltz – January 15, 2017, at Orlando Meetinghouse (details at <http://seymquakers.org/news-events/michener-lecture/>).

Next Meeting for Business – First Day, January 8, 2017 (no December meeting for business)./

Mike Shell, Recording Clerk
11/14/2016