

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**January 8, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Willy Hager, Elaine Martin, Sue Watson, Mike Shell, Caroline Sheely

*You don't have to know what to do next. In fact, you can't. Trying to discern it is work that gets in the way of seeing it. Pay attention to the need, not the solution. Pay attention to how you feel about knowing of the need. Really settle into it.*

*What you are doing is exploring those inward defenses which stand in the way of your truly engaging with the person in need. So long as you avoid direct experience of your own conflicting feelings, those feelings are barriers to being truly open to the other person.*

–January 1, 2017, blog post on *Quaker Universalist Conversations*  
<https://universalistfriends.org/weblog/what-should-i-do>

**Queries:** What feelings do I notice in myself when I become aware of the pain of others? What do I experience when I sit with those feelings instead of avoiding them?

**Worship**

**Minutes of November 13, 2016** – Approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue Watson  
1,150.00 taken in to date.

Assessment for fiscal year 1,714.00. We paid 750.00 in October 2016. We owe SEYM 1,000.00. To discern how to handle the remaining assessment, we considered unpaid fixed expenses.

SEYM	1,000.00
Insurance	325.00
Rent	200.00
Friends Journal Listing	70.00
Quaker Life Listing	20.00
Total	1,615.00

Meeting agreed to contribute 500.00 more to SEYM for apportionment in January. Remaining 500.00 to be paid by May.

Jacksonville Friends approved the following minute:

*Minute 2017.01.08 - Friends deferred the decision to make the budgeted annual contribution of 100.00 property fund.*

**Newsletter update** – Wendy & Mike

Wendy and Mike were able to reduce the print copy mailing list from 55 to 25. UPS store price copies at .04/piece. Mike is willing to print copies himself as an in-kind donation. Willie can supply several reams of paper. The newsletter will incorporate news as well as inspirational notes. Approval for copyrights will be gained.

**Ministry to Absent Friends** – Worship Sharing

**Query:** What would I hope from meeting if I were unable to because of health reasons or of family and other responsibilities? Because of financial or legal challenges? Because I felt hurt, angry or resentful toward someone in meeting?

Worship sharing was postponed. Members' personal consideration of the issue was submitted to meeting—why might individuals not be coming? How can we address/heal reasons behind such choices. The meeting's role in re-connecting to members was discussed.

**Calendar:** Potluck for January 15 was canceled. The next potluck will be on February 5.

**Announcements**

January 13-15 – SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM) & Michener Lecture  
Orlando Friends Meetinghouse, 316 East Marks St., Orlando, FL 32803  
January 13, 7pm – Executive Committee Meeting  
January 14, 9am – WIBM  
January 15, 1pm – Michener Lecture & Seminars presented by Susan Waltz (see flyer)

February 5, 11:30am – Spiritual State of the Meeting Report, Worship Sharing (see queries)  
Meetinghouse at Florida Christian Center, 1115 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville, FL 32205

March 3-5 – Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) Basic Workshop  
Church of the Brethren, 4554 Prunty Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205

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