

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
May 21, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Elaine Martin, Willie Hager, Al Geiger, Sue Watson, Mike Shell

Membership in a monthly meeting is a commitment to a spiritual community and to responsibility for the group. Since early Friends rejected the distinction between clergy and laity, responsibility for the full range of meeting activities rests with the membership.

Members are expected to participate in communal worship, to share in the work and service of the Society as they are able, and to live in harmony with its basic beliefs and practices. Membership entails readiness to live as part of the monthly and yearly meetings. Specifically, this means participation in meeting for worship, meeting for business, committee work, and giving time, skills, and financial support to the meeting.

– "The Meaning of Membership," *SEYM Faith & Practice* (2013)

Query: Do we participate in meeting for worship with a concern for business and support it financially and with personal service according to our resources and abilities?

– "Self-Discipline and Responsibility," *SEYM F & P Queries*

Worship

Minutes of April 9, 2017 – Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson

- Monthly report (Attachment 1)
 - Balance on hand = \$1,358; payments (\$4,280.44) exceed contributions (\$4,009.50) by \$270.94, primarily due to unbudgeted newsletter expenses
 - To show Friends the true costs of maintaining Meeting, gifts-in-kind are now being included (**highlighted in light orange**).
- Property Fund – Friends approved the following minute:
2017.05.20-1 – Jacksonville Friends approve moving \$100.00 from General Funds to the Property Fund, as budgeted for FY 2016-17.
- Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice – After an update from Al Geiger, Friends approved the following minute:
2017.05.20-2 – Jacksonville Friends approve contributing \$100.00 to Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice, as budgeted for FY 2016-17.
- Budget for FY 2017-18 – After discussion, approved the proposed budget.
2017.05.20-3 – Jacksonville Friends approve the Treasurer's proposed budget for FY 2017-18 ([Attachment 2](#)).

Peace & Social Concern Updates – Elaine Martin

- Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment (ICARE)
 - Meeting has received a New Member Award from ICARE, and we brought 17 people to the 2017 Nehemiah Assembly. Friends agreed to contribute to ICARE in FY 2017-18.
 - Elaine described progress on restorative justice (<http://icarejax.org/youth-crime/>), ex-offender re-entry program (<http://icarejax.org/ex-offender-re-entry/>), and the Community Owned Grocery projecting the NW Jacksonville "Soul District" (<http://icarejax.org/jobs/>).
- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) – Gainesville MM will host a mini-AVP workshop on June 24th. Jacksonville Meeting & AVP team plan to do several of these in the fall.
- "Conscientious Objection: Is It for You?" (Quaker House publication) – This curriculum has three agenda options (see sample PowerPoint at <http://tinyurl.com/QuakerHsPPT>). Elaine will explore options for local use sponsored by Jacksonville Meeting.
- Visions of Peace 2017 – Vets for Peace and Jacksonville Meeting are beginning preparations for this September event (see the 2016 video here: <https://youtu.be/CA8AwekRb8c>).

Website – Mike has added Al Geiger's feature story (<http://tinyurl.com/JAX-Feature>) about the Florida Christian Center's 155+ year old pine tree. Friends approved the following minute:

2017.05.20-4 – Jacksonville Friends minute appreciation to Mike Shell for timely, attractive work on the Meeting website (<http://www.jacksonvillefriends.org/index.php>), and to Ken Hall for hosting the website and for his technical support.

Summer Meeting for Business Schedule – Friends agreed to the following:

- June 18th (3rd Sunday, since SEYM Executive Committee meets the previous weekend)
- July – No meeting for business
- August – No meeting for business
- September 17th (3rd Sunday, since Treasurer will miss 2nd Sunday)

Announcements – Mike Shell will attend the July 2-8 Friends General Conference Gathering, "Ripples start where spirit moves," at Niagara University, NY (<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>).

Submitted by
Mike Shell, Clerk
5/21/2017

Attachment 1

Jacksonville Friends Meeting - 2016-2017 (as of 5/10/2017)					
<i>Note: Highlighted items represent gifts-in-kind</i>					
Date	Description	Contributions	Payment	Balance	
6/1/2016	Balance brought forward				1628.94
6/5/2016	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1578.94
6/5/2016		25.00			1603.94
6/10/2016		250.00			1853.94
6/10/2016		50.00			1903.94
6/30/2016	Newsletter	370.00	-370.00		1903.94
7/1/2016	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1853.94
7/1/2016		100.00			1953.94
7/8/2016	Florida Christian Center		-100.00		1853.94
7/17/2016		300.00			2153.94
7/29/2016	Transfer to Property Fund		-100.00		2053.94
8/25/2016	Alfred Geiger-Newsletter		-143.00		1910.94
10/2/2016	Alfred Geiger-Newsletter		-59.36		1851.58
10/16/2016	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1801.58
10/16/2016	Alfred Geiger-Newsletter		-50.38		1751.20
10/25/2016	SEYM		-750.00		1001.20
10/27/2016		80.00			1081.20
11/6/2015	Friends Journal		-150.00		931.20
11/6/2016	Alfred Geiger-Newsletter		-56.96		874.24
11/6/2016	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		824.24
11/7/2016		100.00			924.24
11/9/2016	Harland Checks		-91.24		833.00
11/13/2016		100.00			933.00
12/4/2016	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		883.00
12/1/2016		400.00			1283.00
12/30/2016		750.00			2033.00
1/6/2017	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1983.00
1/31/2017		410.00			2393.00
2/6/2017	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		2343.00
2/6/2017	SEYM		-500.00		1843.00
2/6/2017	Auto Owners Insurance		-435.00		1408.00
3/1/2017		100.00			1508.00
3/5/2017	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1458.00
3/24/2017		100.00			1558.00
3/26/2017	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1508.00
3/31/2017		300.00			1808.00
3/31/2017	Clerk Exp-Winter Int Bus Mtg	162.64	-162.64		1808.00
3/31/2017	Clerk Exp-Clerking Workshop	211.86	-211.86		1808.00
4/28/2017		200.00			2008.00
5/6/2017	Florida Christian Center		-50.00		1958.00
5/10/2017	SEYM		-500.00		1458.00
5/10/2017	The Quaker House		-100.00		1358.00
Totals		4009.50	-4280.44		
Property Fund					
6/1/2016	Balance brought forward				\$1,150.00
7/29/2016	Specified donation \$100				\$1,250.00
AVP					
6/1/2016	Balance brought forward				\$590.28
10/16/2016	Alfred Geiger-food of AVP		-\$50.00		\$540.28
10/16/2016	Elaine Martin-AVP training		-\$241.80		\$298.48
11/13/2016	Donations from Training		\$120.00		\$418.48
1/29/2017	Elaine Martin-AVP training		-\$73.58		\$344.90
3/5/2017	Alfred Geiger-food of AVP		-\$50.00		\$294.90
3/24/2017	Donations from Training		\$331.00		\$625.90
3/26/2017	Elaine Martin-AVP training		-\$102.42		\$523.48
3/31/2017	Donations from Training		\$90.00		\$613.48

Attachment 2

Jacksonville Friends Meeting: Budget – FY 2017-2018		
Income		
	2011	\$2,188.00
	2012	\$2,908.00
	2013	\$3,422.00
	2014	\$4,609.00
	2015	\$3,719.00
	2016	\$4,171.00
	2017	\$4,000.00
Expenses		
	SEYM	\$1,800.00
	Meeting space rent	\$600.00
	Insurance	\$450.00
	Friends Journal Listing	\$75.00
	SEYM-Attendance Support	\$150.00
	Friends Journal Subscription	\$150.00
	Quaker Life Listing	\$20.00
	Activities	\$100.00
	Meeting Literature	\$100.00
	Property Fund	\$100.00
	Community Donations	\$300.00
	Newsletter	\$155.00
	Total	\$4,000.00