

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**October 1, 2017**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Elaine Martin, Willie Hager, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Ann (guest), Mike Shell

*How does a Quaker Meeting work? Its foundation is the conviction that God is not a distant remote being but a living presence to be discovered in the deep centre of every human being. ... The Quaker experience is that, in the silence, as we are open to one another in love, we help each other by sharing our strengths and weaknesses. The Quaker conviction is that as we go deeper into ourselves we shall eventually reach a still, quiet centre. At this point two things happen simultaneously. Each of us is aware of our unique value as an individual human being, and each of us is aware of our utter interdependence on one another.*

—George Gorman, 1982  
Quoted in *SEYM Faith & Practice*

**Query** – How would I describe my experience of silent worship to others?

**Worship**

**Minutes of June 11, 2017** – Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue Watson

- Friends Journal (FJ) annual subscription – During July, Sue paid \$150 as approved in the 2017-18 budget (\$48 fee plus \$102 to approximate the actual cost of the magazines).
- FJ annual listing – Sue paid the \$70 fee for our 2-line listing under Florida monthly meetings:

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- FJ listing change – After discussion, Friends approved the following minute:  
**2017.10.01** – Jacksonville Friends approve adding the Meeting's web address to the *Friends Journal* listing and paying \$35 per year for the additional line.

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**Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment** – **icare** <http://icarejax.org/>

– Elaine Martin announced two "house meetings" to recommend projects for 2017-18, both at our meeting house location:

- Wednesday, October 11 beginning at 6:30pm
- Sunday, October 22 following meeting for worship.
- Note: The *Community Problems Assembly* will be held November 14 beginning at 7:00pm at Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Rd N, Jacksonville, FL 32211.

## **"What white folks can do about racism & making Black Lives Matter" – Wendy Clarissa Geiger**

- At the June meeting for business, Friends deferred discussion of Wendy's list of action ideas because there were so few people present.
- Friends approved including this list as a supplement to the October newsletter and then setting aside a future potluck discussion for this topic.

## **October Schedule**

- October 6-8 - Southeastern Yearly Meeting - Fall Interim Business Meeting
  - See <http://seymquakers.org/business-meeting/>
  - Hosted by Sarasota Friends Meeting, 3139 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Sarasota, FL 34243 (*all welcome*)
- October 15 - Potluck @ 11:30am, following 10:30am Meeting for Worship

## **Other Concerns & Announcements**

- Adult First Day School: "Quakerism 101" – Since new attenders have expressed an interest, Friends will take a look at this Philadelphia Yearly Meeting curriculum during the October 15 potluck and decide when and how to present the sessions.

**Next Meeting for Business** – November 12, 2017.

Submitted by  
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