

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
November 12, 2017

Minutes

Attendees: Elaine Martin, Al Geiger, Sue Watson, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Mike Shell

Reading: We Seek a Society with Equity and Justice for All (FCNL)

What doeth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? – Micah 6:8

Friends' witness calls for right relationships among people and between individuals and God. Governments are instituted, in part, to promote and protect human rights. These are rights, not mere privileges subject to easy denial. Friends acknowledge the indispensable role of government in safeguarding the integrity of our society and the essential dignity of all human beings. Citizens have the responsibility to participate vigorously in making government more responsive, open and accountable.

—from Part 2 of *The World We Seek: FCNL's Statement of Legislative Policy*
www.fcni.org/updates/the-world-we-seek-25

Query – How do we discern right engagement with government over concerns that we and the Meeting share?

Worship

Minutes of October 1, 2017 – Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson

- Balances as of 11/5/2017: General Fund \$1,453.48, Property Fund \$1,355.00, AVP, \$613.48.
- Sue begins second year of second three-year term in January. Meeting is seeking an Assistant Treasurer (treasurer-in-training).
- SEYM has not cashed our final check for 2016-17, so Sue sent a second check with a cover letter.
- Apportionment for 2017-18 is \$1,763, a slight increase from last year's \$1,747 (we contributed \$1,750 in three payments).
- Sue is preparing to send the annual "financial support" letter to those listed in the *2017 SEYM Directory*. The letter will ask for confirmation of continued member or attender status (along with any contact information updates), explaining how SEYM apportionments are based on our numbers in the *Directory*.
- Mike will send personal letters/emails to new 2017 attenders to keep in touch with them.

Quakerism 101 Planning & Scheduling – Mike Shell, Elaine Martin

- Friends agreed to begin this 5-part curriculum from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting following potluck on **February 28, 2018**.
- Elaine Martin will lead the sessions. She and Mike will make new copies of supporting literature as needed, although Friends may buy personal copies of the recommended books if they wish.

2017 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report Scheduling - Mike

- Friends agreed to hold worship sharing to contribute to this report following potluck on January 28, 2018.

2018 SEYM Directory Update – Wendy Clarissa Geiger

- Treasurer will send Wendy the responses she receives regarding member/attender status and contact information.
- Meeting agreed that listed attenders whom we have not seen this year may be dropped from the directory.

Recording Clerk – Wendy Clarissa Geiger agreed to become recording clerk.

"What white folks can do...." – Wendy

- Wendy will revise and update this document with Mike's help and send copies to SEYM monthly meetings and worship groups over her own name.

Meeting Schedule

- December 10, 12:00 – *Meeting for Business*
- December 17, 11:30 – *Potluck & Discussion*
- January 12-14, 2018 – *SEYM Executive Committee Meeting, Winter Interim Business Meeting and Michener Lecture* at Orlando Friends Meetinghouse, 316 E. Marks St., Orlando, Florida 3280
- January 21, 12:00 – *Meeting for Business*
- January 28, 11:30 – *Potluck & "2016 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report" worship sharing.*
- February 11, 12:00 – *Meeting for Business*
- February 18, 11:30 – *Potluck & 1st session of "Quakerism 101."*

Submitted by Mike Shell, Clerk
11/12/2017