

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
December 10, 2017

Minutes

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

Queries

- In decision-making, do we promote a spirit of love, understanding, and patience as we seek unity on an appropriate course of action?
- Do we keep our remarks simple and speak only as the Spirit leads?
- Are we able to unite in good grace with the sense of the meeting when our personal desires tend in another direction?

Advices

- In meetings for business and in all duties connected with them, seek the leadings of the Light. Avoid undue persistence. As we release our attachment to our ideas, the Light may reveal solutions none of us has considered.
- Remember that the foundation of a lasting decision lies in the search for unity—that is, a corporate seeking of the Light in an atmosphere of love, trust, and mutual forbearance.

—*Southeastern Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice*

Worship

Minutes of November 12, 2017 – Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Watson (as of 12/4/2017)

- Contributions \$2,311.00, Payments -\$595.52, Balance \$1,715.48
- Property Fund \$1,350.00, AVP \$613.48
- Meeting has not yet made payments on the 2017-2018 SEYM apportionment
- Potential Assistant Treasurer role and duties – Deferred

Recording Clerk

2017.12.10 – Jacksonville Friends approve Wendy Clarissa Geiger to be recording clerk beginning January 2018.

2018 SEYM Directory Updates

- Sue has received 2 postal replies to year-end letter and Wendy may have received email replies.
- Mike is reminded to send personal messages to new 2017 attenders and to absent Friends.
- *Member/Attender List* – Meeting discussed changing our approach for the 2019-2020 SEYM listing to more explicitly address Friends' accountability to meeting.
 - We would remove Friends from the list if they have neither attended worship nor made financial contributions during 2018. We would keep them on our mailing lists.
 - We will revisit this issue and minute a decision in a future meeting for business.
- *Officers & committees list* – Meeting decided on the updates shown on [page 2](#).

"Simple Snacks"

- Friends agreed to defer until meeting is larger any organized rotation on bringing "simple snacks" for social time at rise of meeting.

Quakerism 101 Promotions

- We agreed to extend invitations to people of ICARE, Veterans for Peace, and Florida Christian Center.
- Although we cannot require a commitment to all six monthly sessions, participants will need to know that there is reading homework in preparation for each session.
- Meeting will develop a flyer for the January meeting for business and send it out to relevant people.

ICARE Update – Elaine Martin

- The November 14th Community Problems Assembly of 38 congregations decided on criminal justice as a new ICARE issue. Staff narrowed the focus to policing, and participants kicked off the research process in a December 5th meeting. The next step will be the "issue cut," sharpening the focus further to determine what the "ask" will be for 2018.
- Re the ongoing ex-offender reentry project, last year Sheriff Williams committed to increasing the budget for this effort to \$1.5 million, but instead he had to return \$600,000 of a \$800,000 grant the state of Florida had given Jacksonville. He has not been willing to explain why. ICARE members will meet with him on January 23, 2018.

Calendar

- December 17, 11:30 – Potluck & social time
- January 12-14, 2018 – SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM) at the Orlando Meetinghouse, 316 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL 32802 (seymquakers.org/business-meeting)
 - Executive Committee session – Friday the 12th starting at 7pm
 - WIBM sessions – Saturday the 13th from 9am to 4pm
 - Michener Lecture by C. Wess Daniels, "Remixing the Quaker Tradition: Renewal in a Participatory Culture" – Sunday the 14th, luncheon @ 11:30am, lecture & seminars from 1pm to 4pm (seymquakers.org/news-events/michener-lecture)
- January 21, 12:00 – Meeting for Business
- January 28, 11:30 – Potluck & 2017 *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*

2018-2019 SEYM MONTHLY MEETINGS, PREPARATIVE MEETINGS & WORSHIP GROUPS

JACKSONVILLE MONTHLY MEETING

SEYM MM, PM, or WG

Meeting Place	Florida Christian Center (Activities Building, 1115 Edgewood Ave S., Jacksonville, FL 32205
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Email	Clerk: bright_crow@mindspring.com
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Meeting for Business	2 nd Sunday after worship
Website	www.jacksonvillefriends.org/

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Submitted by Mike Shell, Clerk
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