

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
February 11, 2018

Minutes

Attendees: Al Geiger, Elaine Martin, Willie Hager, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Mike Shell

Reading

Quakers sit in silence because they want to know something that words cannot tell them. They want to feel something or become aware of something that they can really make connection with. It is something fundamental to their life, they know that, indeed it is the underlying reality of their life, but they are not normally aware of it. (11)

— Rex Ambler, *The Quaker Way: a rediscovery* (2013), "Introduction"

Worship

Minutes of January 21, 2018 – Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Shell for Sue Watson (as of 2/5/2018)

- Contributions \$2,614.00, Payments -\$2,330.52, Balance \$1,441.48
- Property Fund \$1,350.00, AVP \$613.48
- Treasurer has paid SEYM \$1,200 of the total FY 2017 apportionment of \$1,763. We will pay the remaining \$563 before the end of the fiscal year.
- Treasurer has paid the \$435 annual fee to Auto Owners Insurance for liability insurance.
- Friends were reminded about added steps that will be required when Meeting adds youth programs:
 - We must add a "sexual misconduct" rider to our liability.
 - Adults who work with children must have Child Abuse Protection Program (CAPP) training.

Redesigning Quakerism 101 – Elaine Martin

- Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's 1992 *Quakerism 101* is out of date, and it is built around Howard Brinton's 1952 book, *Friends for 300 Years* (<https://pendlehill.org/product/friends-for-300-years/>).
- Elaine and Mike propose redesigning the course based instead on Rex Ambler's 2013 book, *The Quaker Way: a rediscovery* (<https://quakerbooks.org/products/the-quaker-way-21>).
- We would still use earlier Quaker readings, but the focus would be Quaker practice in the 21st century.
- It would be important for us to *model* what Ambler describes during the sessions themselves, so that participants have an opportunity to experience the Quaker way first hand.
- Friends were in favor of this redesign.
- April 15th following potluck was set as the new target date for a first session.

Veterans for Peace Golden Rule Project – Willie Hager

- VFP has "recovered and restored the original peace ship, the Golden Rule, that set sail in 1958 to stop nuclear testing in the atmosphere" (<http://www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org/>).
- The ship was in San Diego for the winter and is now in Hawaii as part of a visit with Quakers there (<http://www.hawaiiquaker.org/>).

Calendar

- March 11, 12:00 – Meeting for Business
- March 18, 11:30 – Potluck
- March 28 – April 1 – SEYM 2018 Annual Gathering (see <http://seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/>).

Submitted by Mike Shell
2/13/2018