

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
January 9, 1994

Present: Al Geiger, Julia Geiger, Paul Sanderson, Mary Peel,  
Geoffrey Gates, Debbi Rasmussen, Noel Palmer, Daisy  
Palmer

1. The Clerk has received a letter from concerned Friends in Virginia concerning visitation of a prisoner on Florida's death row. Mary Peel will pursue.
2. Interfaith Council of Jacksonville has raised its annual dues to \$200.00 per faith group plus a "fair share" contribution. Friends agree that this amount surpasses our financial ability. The clerk will write a letter explaining our situation. We will send our budgeted contribution anyway to support council work.
3. Henriette Groot has sent a statement originating in London Yearly Meeting concerning Friends opposition to the worldwide arms trade. We will forward this concern to SEYM's Peace and Social Concerns Committee.
4. Our Meeting baby sitter, Tesha Goss, is expecting her first child in February. Friends may contribute to a gift for her as they feel moved.

*Deborah Rasmussen, clerk*

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
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February 13, 1994

Attendance not recorded

1. Friends approve amending the budget to include the following donations: FCNL - \$50.00; FGC - \$25.00; FWCC - \$25.00. This represents a cut in donations of \$200.00 which will be sent to SEYM.

*Deborah Resmussen*  
*Clerk*

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
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March 13, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Geoffrey Gates, Mary Peel, Paul Sanderson, Joanne Herrmann, Julia Geiger, Al Geiger

1. Items related to Southeastern Yearly Meeting were presented in preparation for the Yearly Meeting gathering coming up at the end of the month.

*Deborah Rasmussen*  
Clerk

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Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
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April 10, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Henriette Groot, Mary Peel, Joanne Herrmann, Julia Geiger, Al Geiger, Noel Palmer, Daisy Palmer, Stuart Smith, Paul Sanderson, two guests.

1. The treasurer's report was approved as given.
2. Henriette Groot reported on the spring FWCC section meeting. She noted a concern within the SEYM area that ties be strengthened between these two organizations. In response to this concern and as a result of her own observations at the FWCC gathering, Henriette is co-writing a letter with two other SEYM Friends to Gordon Browne, head of the Section of the Americas. She presented a draft of this letter for Friends feedback. The Meeting affirms support for Henriette's efforts as FWCC representative.
3. The Meeting has received a letter from Queensland, Australia, Yearly Meeting concerning the acquittal of Ed Drozd, a resident of St. Augustine, on drug charges. Ed was under the care of Queensland Friends for over two years, and has now been commended to our care. Jacksonville Meeting has been in contact with the family previously, and Henriette Groot will call the family again. Debbi Rasmussen will write a response to Queensland Friends.
4. The Northern Quarter Spring Gathering of SEYM will be held the weekend of May 21-22. Friends approve a contribution of \$25.00 to cover general costs. Friends further approve paying the expenses of any Jacksonville Meeting children who attend the gathering.

*Deborah Rasmussen*  
Clerk

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
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May 8, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Geoffrey Gates, Julia Geiger, Al Geiger, Noel Palmer, Daisy Palmer, Lodrick Harris, Mary Harris, Joanne Herrmann, Haldan Gates

1. Meeting approves a donation of \$50.00 to Kenn Hochstetler of Tallahassee Monthly Meeting to help cover expenses of his trip to Managua, Nicaragua, as co-facilitator in the Alternatives to Violence Project.
2. Friends approve a minute of appreciation of Mary Peel's work in the School of the Spirit this year. We wish her well as she pursues her work beyond the course, and approve a gift of \$75.00 to help cover the cost of course materials, or to add to her personal library of spiritual materials. Thank you, Mary, for sharing your gifts with Jacksonville Meeting!
3. No Meeting for Worship will be held at Bartram School on Sunday, May 22, as many Friends will be attending the SEYM Northern Regional Spring Gathering.
4. Debbi Rasmussen will send an updated list of Meeting representatives to the Interfaith Council of Jacksonville.

*Debbi Rasmussen*  
*clerk*

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Dear Friends,

## Thanx for your faith and support

We had two intensely rewarding AVP workshops in Nicaragua. The seeds of peace and non-violence have been sown in a place both needy and ready. Nurturing has begun, in unexpected places. The leaders of the National Police, who started a volunteer organization (ANIPRED) to deal with juvenile delinquency in Nicaragua, are very excited about the potential of AVP to help families and youth in Nicaraguan communities. Healing the deadly divisiveness fomented by years of U.S.-inspired war is a great challenge.

I am grateful that I had the opportunity to represent SEYM in Nicaragua. I partook of so much there that moved me deeply. The efforts of those I met at reconciliation for a painfully divided, war-torn country, which is still being crippled by an economic war waged by our government, are humbling. The images of Nicaragua are strong for me - children, smiling and beautiful; the landscape, alternately parched brown and splashed with exotic tropical color; the roads, filled with the dust and diesel fumes of every imaginable size and type of bus and truck, mostly filled beyond capacity like Kitty Madden's, in the bed of which I rode everywhere with people, suitcases, live chickens, bags, stalks of bananas, bottles of water, all being bounced around together on rocky curves, while we negotiated among ox carts, lean horses, sparer cattle, and incredibly skinny dogs, a few bicycles, and people, always people, with packages, under their arms, at their feet, balanced on their heads.

From Jenny, and Carmen, and Kitty and Pablo, and Jorge and Ileana, and all the others who will benefit from the experience of AVP in Nicaragua, and from me, who already has,

Thanx!

*Kenn*

Kenn Hochstetler

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
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June 12, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Stuart Smith, Julia Geiger, Al Geiger, Jean Lawrence, Henriette Groot, Mary Peel, Heidi Lowey-Ball, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, Paul Sanderson, Tracy Leeser

1. The treasurer reports a checking balance of \$225.54 with no outstanding bills.
2. Jacksonville Friends thank Midge Kapenga for her recent donation of Quaker books and Pendle Hill Pamphlets.
3. Concern was raised that the discussion group preceding Meeting for Worship is running into worship time. Friends do not wish to tamper with Meeting times. Therefore, discussion will last from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Meeting for Worship will begin promptly at 10:30. Friends are asked to move away from the circle of chairs to visit between discussion and worship so that the worship area is quiet and ready for others to occupy.
4. Julia Geiger will contact the Times-Union about the cost of placing a notice about our Meeting in the Friday Religion section of the paper.
5. Henriette Groot will represent SEYM at the FWCC Triennial in August. She will present information and lead discussion around Friends' involvement in efforts to end the international arms trade. Henriette asked for Friends' thoughts on this issue. Jacksonville Friends Meeting finds unity in the conviction that the continuing worldwide exchange of weapons is destructive to the cause of international peace and inconsistent with Friends' principles. We, therefore, minute our support of efforts to end the international arms trade. We further minute our appreciation of Henriette Groot's work on this issue through the Monthly Meeting, Southeastern Yearly Meeting, and Friends World Committee for Consultation. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she is led to pursue this concern.

*Deborah Rasmussen*  
Deborah Rasmussen, Clerk

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Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
July 10, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Lodrick Harris, Paul Sanderson, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Julia Geiger, Joanne Herrmann

1. The next newsletter will contain information about telephone directory and Times-Union listing for Friends' perusal. Discussion of whether or not the Meeting should purchase such listing will begin with the August business meeting.
2. The Interfaith Council of Jacksonville is seeking donations from faith groups to fund a gun buy back scheduled for September 10, 1994. Friends who wish to donate through the Meeting may do so by earmarking their checks "gun buy back." Donations will be pooled and sent as a Meeting contribution.

*Debbi Rasmussen*  
*check*

*7/10/94*



# INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF JACKSONVILLE

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**FROM THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF JACKSONVILLE**

**TO THE DONORS WHO SUPPORTED THE GUN BUY BACK**

**FAITH GROUPS**

African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Baha'i Community  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Church of God in Christ  
Church of the Brethren  
Eastern Orthodox Churches  
Episcopal Diocese of Florida  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Hindu Society  
Islamic Center of Northeast Florida  
Jacksonville Masjid  
Jewish Federation  
Latter Day Saints  
National Baptist Church  
Presbytery of St. Augustine  
Religious Society of Friends  
Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine  
Southern Baptist Churches  
Unitarian Universalist  
United Church of Christ  
United Methodist Church

**On behalf of the 21 denominations and faith groups of the Interfaith Council we thank you for your contribution in support of the Gun Buy Back event on September 10th. The event was successful in removing 35 weapons from the community. The enclosed article gives details about the Gun Buy Back.**

**To date over \$3400 was collected and deposited in a special account for Gun Buy Backs. The Interfaith Council will decide on future events. All remaining money will be retained for future Gun Buy Backs.**

**Thank you for your contribution.**

*B. Fred Woolsey*  
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Executive Secretary**

*\$125.00*  

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**Amount Contributed**

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August 14, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Mary Peel, Paul Sanderson, Geoffrey Gates, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Henriette Groot

1. No Meeting for Worship will be held at Bartram School in Jacksonville on Sunday, August 28, 1994, as many Meeting attenders will be visiting Friends on St. Simon's Island.
2. Mary Peel has sent a letter requesting membership in Jacksonville Friends Meeting. A clearness committee will be convened by Debbi Rasmussen.
3. Friends discussed the possibility of a Meeting listing either weekly in the Times-Union or in the telephone directory. The newspaper listing seems excessively expensive. The telephone possibilities will be explored further.

*Deborah Rasmussen*  
*Clerk*

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
September 11, 1994

Present: Al Geiger, Alexander Leaser, Stuart Smith, Mary Peel, Joanne Herrman, James Monroe, Julia Geiger, Marcia Norment, Geoffrey Gates, Debbi Rasmussen, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Paul Sanderson

1. The clearness committee met with Mary Peel and heartily recommends her request for membership be accepted. Friends approve.
2. Stuart Smith presented a proposed budget for the next year. A copy is attached. Friends discussed at length the possibility of instituting a telephone or newspaper listing, but do not find unity in pursuing either at present. A variety of informal ways of making our presence known were suggested, including the Jacksonville and Beaches Chambers of Commerce, the local colleges, and several newsletters. These will be pursued for now. Friends approve the budget as presented.
3. Jean Lawrence has requested a clearness committee to help her explore some personal concerns. Julia Geiger, Mary Peel, and Debbi Rasmussen will serve. Friends are asked to hold Jean and the committee in the Light.

*Debbi Rasmussen*  
Clerk

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
October 9, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Alexander Leeser, Henriette Groot, Paul Sanderson, Al Geiger, Julia Geiger, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Jean Lawrence, Geoffrey Gates, Stuart Smith, Mary Peel, Joanne Herrman

1. Henriette Groot reported on her trip to the FWCC Triennial Gathering in August. A minute reflecting Friends' concern over the international arms trade was accepted. Henriette has put much effort into the development and presentation of this minute. She is gratified by Friends support, and now asks Friends to share with her what steps might be taken next in confronting the trade in weapons. Jacksonville Friends thank Henriette for her work as FWCC representative from SEYM, and approve a contribution to her of \$75.00 to help cover costs of her triennial related work.
2. A potluck is planned for Sunday, November 6, 1994, at the Geiger farm. We'll gather at 3 p.m. for music and singing, to be followed at 4 p.m. by Meeting for Worship.
3. Stuart Smith reports a balance of \$600.00 plus in the checking account. There are no current outstanding bills.
4. Jean Lawrence suggested that Meeting, with the help of our children, begin to collect loose change that can be used to purchase school supplies for Nicaraguan children. Al Geiger will bring some small containers that our children can decorate for coin collection. It was suggested in relation to this discussion that Friends offer the children an opportunity to bring up concerns and ideas at the beginning of our business meetings.

*Deborah Rasmussen*  
*clerk*

Jacksonville Friends Meeting .... Budget 9/94-8/95 (proposed)

balance 8-31-93 .... \$580.30

balance 8-31-94 .... \$494.04

balance 8-31-95 .... \$751.67

	Budget '93-4	'94-95	'95-96
FCNL	100	50	
FWCC	100	25	
AFSC	100	25	
Friends Journal	27	30	27
Quaker Life		25	28
SEYM	300	500	500
Bolles/Bartram	275	300	300
Books & pamphlets	50	100	100
Postage & copy	35	50	100
Babysitter	400	100	500
Interfaith	50	50	75
Conferences	100	100	100
Misc.	100	100	100
Special Contributions		100	100
Bank Fee		5	10
Telephone		500	500
Balance 7-31-95	\$712.43		
contributions (Aug)	<u>125.00</u>		837.43
expenses (Aug)			
Clerk (phone, copies, mailing)			<u>85.76</u>
Balance 8-31-95			751.67

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November 13, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Geoffrey Gates, Alexander Leeser, Joanne Herrman, Laurie Griesemer, Julia Geiger, Al Geiger, Heidi Lowey-Ball

1. The Meeting has received a request to accept in transfer the membership of Stuart Smith from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Friends approve.

*Debrah Rasmussen*  
Clerk

Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
December 18, 1994

Present: Debbi Rasmussen, Stuart Smith, Casey Carpenter Smith, Paul Sanderson, Joanne Herrman, Mary Peel, Jean Lawrence, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Julia Geiger, Al Geiger, Laurie Griesemer, Kinsey Griesemer, Skylar Griesemer, Becca Griesemer, Haldan Gates, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, Ben Lowey-Ball, Tanya Lawrence, Tiffany Lawrence

1. ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball would like to work on her Quaker badge for Girl Scouts under the care of Meeting. Materials are provided by FWCC. Julia Geiger has agreed to serve as ShawnaKim's counselor. Meeting approves and looks forward to hearing about ShawnaKim's progress through this work.
2. The Interfaith Council has notified the Meeting of its new dues structure. We are asked to pay \$150.00, and are entitled to two representatives on the Council. Friends discussed whether we wish to spend our money in this way and whether there is someone who would like to serve as an active representative. A decision will be made at the January Meeting for Business.
3. The holiday worship schedule will be as follows: on Christmas Day worship and potluck will be at the home of Debbi Rasmussen and Geoffrey and Haldan Gates beginning at 3:30. On New Year's Day worship and potluck will be at the home of Mary Peel beginning at 11:00 a.m.
4. Tanya Lawrence has agreed to serve as treasurer for the children's coin collection. She'll accept coins every week and keep records. When enough money is collected, the children will purchase school supplies (or other supplies as needed) for children in Nicaragua. It was suggested that the money could be deposited in the Meeting's account at Tanya's discretion, earmarked for the children's use.
5. Friends are asked to share their thoughts on the content of this year's State of Society report. Heidi Lowey-Ball volunteered to write the report.
6. Plans for a spring gathering of Friends from Jacksonville, St. Simon's Island, Charleston, Augusta, and Savannah are underway.

*Deborah Rasmussen*  
Clerk