

Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting for Business

January 14, 1996

Present: Heidi Lowey-Ball, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, Ben Lowey-Ball, Stuart Smith, Debbi Rasmussen, Pat Murphy, Noel Palmer, Daisy Palmer, Jennifer Ray, Al Geiger, Julia Geiger, Sue Williams, Paul Sanderson, Haldan Gates, Joanne Herrmann

1. The Meeting opened with the reading of the Query of the Month and a brief period of worship sharing. The children presented a play about the life of John Woolman.
2. Ben Lowey-Ball brought his application for a Cub Scout badge on Quakerism for review and signatures. Friends approve Ben's project.
3. The treasurer reports that the Meeting accounts are in good order.
4. Worship, Ministry and Oversight report:

~~Jean Lawrence~~ has sent a request to transfer her membership and that of her daughters, Tanya and Tiffany, to Gainesville Meeting. Friends approve and minute their good wishes to Jean and the girls. The certificate of transfer will be sent.

Noel Palmer will lead a discussion group this winter and spring on the Bible in Quaker experience. The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. the first Sunday of the month beginning in February and also on potluck Sundays.

Friends are reminded of the upcoming Northern Quarter gathering in Ocala.

5. Friends approve a minute of thanks to the children for their excellent play this morning and also to the adults who have worked with them on the John Woolman curriculum.
6. The formation of a nominating committee will be deferred until February.

The Meeting for Business closed with silence.

*Debbi Rasmussen, Clerk*

JACKSONVILLE FRIENDS MEETING

**Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
February 11, 1996**

Present: Julia Geiger, Wendy Clarissa, Pat Murphy, Stuart Smith, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Jennifer Ray, Joanne Herrmann, Paul Sanderson, Debbi Rasmussen, Casey Carpenter-Smith

The Meeting for Business opened with the reading of the Query of the Month and a brief period of worship sharing.

1. The treasurer reports that the Meeting accounts are in good order.
2. Worship, Ministry and Oversight:

Friends approve a minute of thanks to Noel Palmer for leading the current adult discussion group on the Bible in Quaker experience.

A concern was raised about Jean Lawrence's financial situation with the suggestion that Friends who would like to contribute something to offset the cost of her new car might earmark a donation to the Meeting treasury, and that the full donation would then be made by the Meeting. Friends approve. Those wishing to contribute should do so by the end of February.

The Northern Quarter gathering in Ocala was a success and plans are underway for another gathering to be held in Tallahassee this summer.

Julia Geiger suggested that the Meeting consider providing "quiet toys" for children to play with during Meeting for Worship. She will look into some specific items.

Friends are asked to think about possible adult discussion topics for the future.

3. Child Care committee:

Friends note that the suggested format for weekly First Day School is not working as planned. Currently a children's program is organized for each second Sunday (to correspond to business meeting) and play days occur as Friends are willing and able to supervise. Parents are reminded to bring quiet activities for their children when they come to Meeting. A baby sitter is still available for the youngest Friends.

4. Pat Murphy is working on a sailing project for the children and invites others to sail with him, too.

5. Peace and Social Concerns committee:

Joanne Herrmann has literature for projects for kids.

CCCO has an 800 number to call for draft/C.O. counseling including help for those currently in the military who would like to get out based on conscientious objection. Julia Geiger and Debbi will research the number.

Friends are asked whether they, as a Meeting, would consider joining the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. A number of Friends are active in this organization as individuals. More information is needed. The question will be deferred until next month.

6. The annual Yearly Meeting gathering will be held April 17-21 in Leesburg. Heidi Lowey-Ball will put together a State of Society Report. She asks for input from Friends about the content. Parents are reminded that letters are available from Yearly Meeting explaining this gathering to principals so that children may be excused from school to attend.

7. Friends approve the formation of a nominating committee to find a new clerk and other individuals willing to carry out the work of the Meeting. Henriette Groot has expressed interest in serving on the committee. Julia Geiger also volunteered. Heidi Lowey-Ball is willing to help. Julia will convene a meeting. All Friends are encouraged to add their input. The first report will be prepared by March.

8. Friends are reminded that we will have to make a decision about keeping the Meeting phone for another year at the next business meeting.

The Meeting for Business closed with silence.

*Debbi Lammiman, Clerk*

Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
March 10, 1996

Present: Henriette Groot, Julia Geiger, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Sue Williams, Joanne Herrmann, Daisy Palmer, Noel Palmer, Bill Nunez, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, Debbi Rasmussen

The Meeting for Business opened with the reading of the Query of the Month and a brief period of worship sharing.

1. The treasurer reports the Meeting accounts are in good order. Friends approve renewing membership in the Interfaith Council of Jacksonville.
2. The nominating committee gave a thorough report from their first meeting. Friends participating include Julia Geiger, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Sue Williams and Henriette Groot. Questions relating to the overall structure of the Meeting were addressed as well as those of specific leadership. The committee members agree that there should be an emphasis on involving more people in the "housekeeping" work of the Meeting and that many tasks could be shared. They also suggest that all leadership positions be reviewed annually and in time for changes to appear in the Yearly Meeting directory. The committee will meet again to work on the details. Friends approve the work presented so far. A full copy of the report is attached.
3. Friends approve keeping the Meeting phone for another year. The phone line will stay in the Rasmussen-Gates home even after the change in clerks.
4. Friends approve joining the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice with a membership fee of \$60.00.
5. A draft of the State of Society Report was read with discussion of additions yet to be made. Friends approve the report so far and will finalize by the March 24<sup>th</sup> potluck.
6. Because many Friends will be out of town attending the Yearly Meeting gathering on Sunday, April 21, no Meeting for Worship will be held in Jacksonville.

The Meeting for Business closed with silence.

*Debbi Rasmussen, Clerk*

Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
April 14, 1996

Present: Noel Palmer, Daisy Palmer, Sue Williams, Debbi Rasmussen, Ben Hutchinson (guest)

The Meeting for Business opened with the reading of the Query of the Month and a brief period of worship sharing.

1. The treasurer was not present with a report.
2. Jean Lawrence has written her thanks for the financial assistance provided by the Meeting.
3. The Meeting minutes with sorrow the death of Ruth Russell, a long time member of Jacksonville Friends Meeting. Ruth was born January 27, 1900, in Kansas City, MO, and died on April 13, 1996, in St. Augustine, FL. She is survived by her husband, Josiah Russell, also a member of Jacksonville Friends Meeting and living in St. Augustine with their son, Walter Russell. Another son, Eldred lives in Miami. Josiah has requested that a Memorial Meeting after the manner of Friends be held for Ruth in St. Augustine. Al Geiger is working on arrangements for this and Friends will be notified of the time and place.
4. The nominating committee has submitted its second report in writing for Friends' approval. It is suggested that the Meeting work be broken down as follows: an administrative clerk will be responsible for the Meeting for Business and Meeting mail and communications. An assistant clerk would be available as a resource. A recording clerk would record the minutes of the Meeting for Business. A treasurer will keep the Meeting accounts. A new position (title to be determined) would be created with responsibility for the Meeting signs, literature, keys and "meeting stick or stone." That individual would be responsible for setting up the room for worship each Sunday or for delegating that task to someone else. A newsletter clerk would produce the newsletter.

The nominating committee suggests that the administrative clerk, assistant clerk, recording clerk and treasurer serve as the Executive Committee and, with others, as the Worship, Ministry and Oversight committee.

The following have agreed to serve at the request of the Nominating Committee:

Administrative Clerk: Heidi Lowey-Ball  
Assistant Clerk: Daisy Palmer  
Treasurer: Stuart Smith  
Recording Clerk: Joanne Herrmann  
Newsletter Clerk: Debbi Rasmussen

Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
May 12, 1996

Present: Henriette Groot, Daisy Palmer, Noel Palmer, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Casey Carpenter-Smith, Stuart Smith, Debbi Rasmussen, Sue Williams, Al Geiger

The Meeting for Business opened with the reading of the Query of the Month and a brief period of worship sharing.

1. The treasurer reports the Meeting accounts are in good order.
2. Worship, Ministry and Oversight:  
Heidi Lowey-Ball has sent a letter requesting membership in the Jacksonville Friends Meeting. Al Geiger and Debbi Rasmussen will serve on her clearness committee. Julia Geiger will be asked to participate, too.
3. The nominating committee reports that Al Geiger has agreed to serve as Meeting caretaker. Friends approve.
4. A Memorial Meeting after the manner of Friends was held for Ruth Russell on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 2 p.m., at Craig Chapel in St. Augustine. Al Geiger clerked the Meeting.
5. Heidi Lowey-Ball will assume the responsibilities of Administrative Clerk effective June 1. Because she will be out of town on the second Sunday in June, her first business meeting as clerk will be held on Sunday, June 16, following Meeting for Worship.

The Meeting for Business closed with silence.

*Debbi Rasmussen, Clerk*

JACKSONVILLE FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS Sixth Month Sixteen 1996

Bartram Campus of Bolles School

Present: Heidi Lowey Ball, Stewart Smith, Henrietta Groot, Marge Curry, Alfred Geiger and Julia Geiger.

Heidi Lowey Ball, Clerk, read the Query of the Month:

"How do I experience and describe living in kaircs-God's time-a time "whose rhythms and cycles and patterns go beyond myself?"

How is God's Spirit guiding me in simplifying my life?" A brief period of sharing followed.

Stewart Smith presented the Treasurer's Report: Balance forward \$531.91, Contributions \$492.50, Expenses \$235.29, Balance as of Sixth Month Fifteen \$772.37 and Children's fun \$50.25.

Julia Geiger gave a report of the Worship, Ministry and Oversight Committee which recommended accepting Heidi Lowey Ball's request for membership, and the Meeting concurred.

Henrietta Groot requested that her membership be kept in the Meeting as she is moving to California and there is no Meeting in the immediate vicinity. She thanked Heidi for a Minute of introduction.

Heidi reported that Mary Ann Aveddie, Development Representative of the South East Region of AFSC, will be in Jacksonville July 22-25th.

Heidi reported that our subscription to the Pastoral Care Newsletter of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is expiring and it was decided to renew one subscription.

Heidi reported that Yvonne Ferguson of the Bahai (221-683) would like to begin a discussion on world peace, and she will contact her to secure more information.

A letter was read from Nadine Mondalang regarding the regional gathering in Tallahassee Saturday July 20th requesting that anyone planning to attend should contact Jim Meade in Tallahassee at least two weeks prior to the event. There was also a request for volunteers to work with the children that day.

Nadine also requested that Meeting appoint a representative to the SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee and after discussion it was decided that Heidi would write Nadine that we will send someone when available.

There was a discussion about the reading of a query at the beginning of Meeting for Business and it was decided to experiment with reading the query at the beginning of Meeting for worship.

The next Meeting for Business will be held eighth month 1. There will not be a Meeting for Business seventh month as the clerk will be out of town.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.



Jacksonville Friends Meeting  
of the  
Religious Society of Friends

Minutes: August 11, 1996

The Query was read at the beginning of Meeting for Worship.

The treasurer's report was given.

Consideration was again taken regarding a regular babysitter. Friends with children are to be contacted and asked about a monthly babysitter.

It was decided that the newsletter would be sent out the week after Meeting for Business to let all the business news to be included.

Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends  
Youth Group  
(Middle-High School)

Minutes of Youth Group meeting August 24, 1996

Attendees: Becca Rosenthal, 287-3576 or 287-9463  
ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, 249-8642  
Ben Lowey-Ball, 249-8642  
Jennifer Ray, 273-9002  
Mary Ann Rosenthal, 287-3576

Our discussion began with talking about what we could do outside of Meeting for Worship to get to know each other better. We agreed on having four outings this year.

The first is to be held on Sunday, September 22. It will be an ice skating event at Skate World. We would like to invite all younger friends to join us. Rebecca Rosenthal is in charge of calling everyone and coordinating the time. Please call her if you are attending or have any questions.

Our second event will be later this winter. We will be horseback riding. We hope it will be a trail ride. Jennifer Ray is going to call around to find the best deals and places to ride.

In the spring we hope to help on a Habitat for Humanity House. Mary Ann will be finding out more information about this project.

In the summer we are planning to go to the Ichetucknee for tubing, rafting, or canoing. ShawnaKim will be in charge of finding out more about our options.

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Minutes of the parents meeting, August 24, ~~1994~~

Attendees: Laurie, Skylar, Becca, and Wyatt Griesemer; Heidi, ShawnaKim, and Ben Lowey-Ball; Casey Carpenter-Smith; Tracy, William, and Emily Leeser; Jennifer Ray; and Mary Ann and Rebecca Rosenthal.

The first discussion centered around a Christmas Pageant. All the parents were in favor of a pageant. Tracy will get a script from her old meeting. There will be one rehearsal on business meeting in December and the performance will be on pot luck. There was a request for a late pot luck so the pageant could be performed in candlelight.

A general consensus was reached on two other issues:

1) The parents continue to be in favor of a regular babysitter for all meetings, if the whole meeting agrees. This is to both support current members and attendees as well as to provide babysitting services for occasional visitors.

2) It was agreed that First Day School will be held monthly, on business meeting first day. The theme in September will be turning swords into plowshares. A "sword-into-plowshares" machine will be built for use in Heidi's library later in the year. It is envisioned that this machine will be made from cardboard boxes and string etc. The machine will be of the children's design.

ShawnaKim and Casey will be leading this meeting.

October's theme is to plant some trees in the playground of Love Grove Elementary School where our children have had play day. Al Geiger has agreed to have the children come to the farm on October 12 to dig up trees and to help plant them on October 13. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with digging and planting.

Sat. afternoon  
for Leeser

In November the children will be learning about the Christmas story as told in the various Gospels. We again need a volunteer to lead this meeting. The theme is to lead up to a Christmas pageant.

December's business meeting will be the rehearsal for the Christmas pageant. The pageant will be on pot luck Sunday in December.

If you can volunteer for any of these projects please call Heidi at 249-8642.

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September 8, 1996

(Remembered attendance, not taken at the time)

Tracy Leeser, William Lesser, Mrs. Leeser, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, Ben Lowey-Ball, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Becca Griesemer, Skyler Griesemer, Kinsey Griesemer, Laurie Griesemer, Chet Montgomery, Beverly Montgomery, Casey Carpenter- Smith, Debbie Rasmussen

(Remembered minutes, not recorded at the time)

The Query was read prior to Meeting for Worship.

The children built a Swords-into-Plowshares machine from cardboard boxes, paint, doo-dads, tin foil, and pipe cleaners. The machine was about four feet high and was tested by William Leeser.

The parents and childrens minutes were read from the meeting on August 24. They were joyfully accepted by all. Plans are under way for monthly children activities.

MINUTES  
JACKSONVILLE FRIENDS MEETING  
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
MEETING FOR BUSINESS OCTOBER 13, 1996

Business Meeting began with a moment of silence.

Meeting for Business was attended by: Dolph, Heidi, ShawnaKim and Ben Lowey-Ball, Al and Julia Geiger, Stuart Smith, Laurie, Skylar, Becca and Wyatt Griesemer, Alexander, Tracy, William and Emily Leeser, Sue Williams, Paul Sanderson, Debbi and Haldan Gates, Greg Martin, Amber, Marishka and Caz Mozeleski.

Stuart Smith, Treasurer, presented the budget which was discussed and approved. Approval was given to order new checks for the checking account.

Heidi Lowey-Ball reported on the Childrens' Program. And ice-skating party was hosted by the Youth Group at Skate World on September 22, 1996. It was attended by Dolph, ShawnaKim and Ben Lowey-Ball, Mary Ann Rosenthal, Greg Rasmussen and Haldan Gates, Laurie, Kinsey, Skylar, Becca and Wyatt Grisemer. On October 12th, Meeting children and their families met at the home of Al and Julia Geiger to dig up trees which were then planted October 13th on the playground of the Love Grove Elementary School where Meeting children have been playing for many years. Participating in the tree transfer were the Geigers, Lowey-Balls, Leesers, Griesemers, Mozeleski-Martins and Gates-Rasmussens.

Pot luck dinners were set up for October 27th at Hanna State Park and on November 17th at the Griesemers. The November potluck will follow an "original foods" Thanksgiving dinner. Amber Mozeleski volunteered to research dishes for this dinner.

Heidi asked if the Meeting wanted to participate in the Festival of Faiths on October 27th, 1996 and have our Meeting banner carried in the parade, but we feel it would conflict with our potluck already scheduled for that day.

Julia Geiger announced "A Moral Witness for Children", an interfaith service focusing on the plight of children on October 20th at the Prime Osborn Convention Center sponsored by ChildWatch Partnership of Jacksonville.

Heidi asked for a volunteer for a new Recording Clerk to replace our temporary Recording Clerk. Laurie Griesemer volunteered for the job.

JACKSONVILLE FRIENDS MEETING  
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
MEETING FOR BUSINESS  
NOVEMBER 10, 1996

Present at Meeting for Business were: Al and Julia Geiger, Paul Sanderson, Debbi Rasmussen, Amber and Caz Mozeleski-Martin, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Traci, Emily and Alexander Leeser, Chet and Bev Montgomery.

November's "First Thanksgiving" potluck dinner was discussed. Amber shared a cookbook with recipes prepared at the first Thanksgiving. These dishes included geese, ducks, turkey, lobster, oysters, clams, venison, roasted corn, corn meal, johnny ckaes, beans, succotash and squash. Anyone desiring to make one of these dishes should contact Amber. The potluck will be Sunday November 17th at the Griesemers. Parent Meeting at 3:00, Meeting for Worship at 4:00, followed by potluck Thanksgiving.

The discussion group will resume in December.

On November 1, 1996 our Clerk, Heidi Lowey-Ball sent a letter to Lyn Cope-Robinson regarding SEYM's updating of Faith and Practice. This letter details our Meeting's history in regard to Faith and Practice approvals and a copy of same is attached to these Minutes.

Debbi Rasmussen read the Marriage section of Faith and Practice, 1987 revision. Our only concern was that it doesn't address what the procedure is if Meeting does not find clearness to approve a marriage. It was agreed that we approve the section regarding Marriages but we will ask that the committee considers recommendations as to how a Monthly Meeting would proceed if clearness is not reached on approval.

The second proposed change to Faith and Practice regards revisions to same. Upon further discussion, our Meeting agreed to revise our last month's minutes regarding this issue. Our revised statement will read:

While our Meeting agrees in principle with the proposed revision to Faith and Practice regarding formation and Revision of the Discipline, we must disapprove this revision as we feel two months is not sufficient time for Monthly Meetings to prepare comments for Representative Meeting regarding proposed revisions. We request that a minimum of six months be given for this purpose.

Heidi will send a letter to Lyn Cope-Robinson regarding the above.

Julia Geiger requested a refreshment schedule be set up for future Business Meetings. She volunteered to bring refreshments for December.

It was agreed that our Meeting send \$50 to the Mandarin Community Club for the Memorial Service held there on November 3rd.

Business Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

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Heidi read a request from Southeast Yearly Meeting for approval of a rough draft revision of the SEYM Discipline. After discussion, our Meeting agreed on the following statement:

Our Meeting approves of the proposed rough draft revision of SEYM Discipline from the Discipline Committee dated October 4, 1996.

Our only concern would be the time given for the Monthly Meetings to prepare comments for Representative Meeting if they so choose. We feel two months is not a sufficient length of time and suggest three or four months be allowed for responding to Representative Meeting, preferably not during the summer months.

We have formed a 90-day Discipline Committee consisting of Debbi Rasmussen, Heidi Lowey-Ball and Julia Geiger. At November's Business Meeting the committee will present recommendations.

Meeting for Business closed with a moment of silence.

## Minutes of November 17 Parent's Meeting

Those who attended: Laurie Griesemer, Kinsey Griesemer, Skylar Griesemer, Becca Griesemer, Tracy Leaser, William Lesser, Emily Leaser, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Ben Lowey-Ball, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, Amber Mozeleski, Marisca Mozeleski, and Caz Mozeleski

Plans were discussed for children programs for the next few months. The following monthly plans were adopted:

January 12: Playday!! Dolf Lowey-Ball, outside games

Bring indoor board games if it is cold or wet.

Additional volunteer needed.

Decide what creature to buy for the Heifer project.

February 9: Make toys for younger children at Meeting. Adults please bring soft cloth already cut wheels, smallish wood blocks for vehicle creations, small nails, small hammers, etc. Need volunteer to coordinate and work with the children. (sewing will be done at home after Meeting).

March 9: Make toys for younger children at Meeting. Adults please bring soft cloth, already cut wheels, smallish wood blocks for vehicle creations, small nails, small hammer, etc. Need volunteer to coordinate and work with the children. (sewing will be done at home after Meeting.)

April 13: Make T-shirts for another Friend. Please bring a plain T-shirt your size. Need volunteer.

May 11: Music event? Make kites with dreams written on them? Need a volunteer who is willing to coordinate and do.



MINUTES OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON MARCH 17th, 1996

Present: Heidi Lowey-Ball, Sue Williams, Noel Palmer, Daisy Palmer, Julia Geiger and Clerk Henriette Grcot

Discussion was held regarding dividing the Clerkship according to the calendar; however it was pointed out that the Meeting needs someone constantly available, that it was essential to have an anchor to offer stability, and to know there are firm roots. It was decided to have an Administrative Clerk whose duties would be to clerk Meeting for Business and be responsible for the Meeting Mail. Opening and closing Meeting would be shared by anyone who desires to assume the duty that day and an object (stone or stick) would be placed for that person to pick up to signal that someone had taken the responsibility. There would also be an Assistant Clerk to assume the duties when the Administrative Clerk was unavailable or needed assistance.

The Administrative Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer will serve as the Executive Committee with power to co-op as members, with others, of the Worship, Ministry and Oversight Committee. The duties of that committee as well as other committees will be discussed at the next Nominating Committee meeting. There will be a new position, with title not yet chosen, to be responsible for the two Meeting signs, opening and locking the Meeting rooms, and putting out the Guest Book, literature and the Meeting stick or stone. When the individual is unable to perform these duties he/she will be responsible for finding someone to assume them. In Tallahassee the person is called the Warder and someone has suggested the Greeter. It is recommended the Meeting as a whole consider the naming of this position.

The following have agreed to serve at the request of  
the Nominating Committee:

Administrative Clerk	Heidi Lowey-Ball
Assistant Clerk	Daisy Palmer
Treasurer	Stuart Smith
Recording Clerk	Joann Hermann
Newsletter Clerk	Debbie Rasmussen

Inasmuch as the present Clerk wishes to step down in June, the  
above slate is presented for nomination in May - serving until  
January 1997.



Julia Ould Geiger  
Acting Clerk of Nominating  
Committee

MINUTES OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON 3/3/96

Present: Julia Geiger, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Sue Williams,  
Henriette Groot

Friends present addressed questions relating to the overall structure of Jacksonville Meeting as well as that of leadership. They found themselves in accord on the following matters:

1. We should attempt to involve a larger number of people in taking responsibility for the various jobs that need to be done; shared responsibility lightens the load.

2. The burden of the routine jobs that have to be done at every Meeting for Worship (i.e. unlocking the door, putting out signs, being present to greet people, closing Meeting for Worship, getting guests to sign the guestbook, paying the babysitter) should be taken off the Clerk's shoulders. Talahassee Meeting has a "Warder"; do we want to call this person the "Greeter?"

3. We all felt that anyone accepting one of the leadership positions should not have to feel bound to that job for each and every meeting; however they would have the responsibility of finding a substitute for those occasions that they would not be able to attend.

4. The Clerk of Jacksonville Meeting should only be responsible for conducting Meeting for Business, for communications with SEYM and the outside world, and for keeping the Meeting archives. (The Meeting phone will stay in Debbi's house.)

5. A Recording Clerk should record the minutes of the Meeting for Business and forward them to the Newsletter Clerk (Debbi).

6. A key (sorry!) question is still whether we could have more keys to the premises as this would make the responsibility sharing easier. Or could the security guard unlock for us?

7. It was felt that all leadership positions should be reviewed (and if so desired, renewed) annually. The best time for this would be in January, so that any changes can go forward in time for the SEYM Directory. This would entail the formation of a Nominating Committee in October (November?) so that

this committee would have a few months to do their work. As the present change of clerks is planned for June '96, it would seem best to postpone the first annual review until January '98.

8. The annual review time (Oct-Jan) also would be a good time to see what changes might be made in committee assignments. (It appears that several of our committees presently need this kind of attention.)

9. Too much effort may have been spent on attempting to provide First Day School. It was proposed that we scale this back to one Sunday per month.

This draft submitted in haste by Henriette Groot

JACKSONVILLE FRIENDS MEETING  
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MEETING FOR BUSINESS  
DECEMBER 8, 1996

Present at the Meeting for Business were: Al and Julia Geiger, Hans Fletcher, Debbi Rasmussen, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Laurie Griesemer, Stuart Smith.

Business Meeting began with a moment of silence.

Heidi Lowey-Ball reported on the Childrens' Program: January 12th will be Play Day for the children - outside if weather permits. If it is cold or wet, bring board games for indoor play. Children will decide what creature to buy for the Heifer Project.

Stuart Smith presented the budget for September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997.

Heidi shared the new brochure for Jacksonville Meeting which will be mailed to anyone requesting information about Meeting.

December 31st to January 2nd will be SEYM's New Years Camping Trip at Juniper Springs in Ocala. Teenagers will go on an overnight hike.

Heidi called Kathy Wood of St. Simons Meeting to invite them to potlucks. Kathy said that potlucks need to be earlier in the day for the Georgians to attend so they have time to drive home before dark.

The annual Friends General Conference Gathering of Friends will be June 28th to July 5th at Harrisonburg, Va.

A discussion on committees was postponed until January's Business Meeting.

Debbi Rasmussen received a letter from Marina Riata of AFSC who wishes to share slides of her trip to the Mideast with us. Debbi will invite her to our January potluck which will be held at the Rasmussen-Gates home on January 19th with worship at 11:00 to accomodate our St. Simons Friends.

Julia Geiger reported that the discussion group met last week and will meet again before potluck.

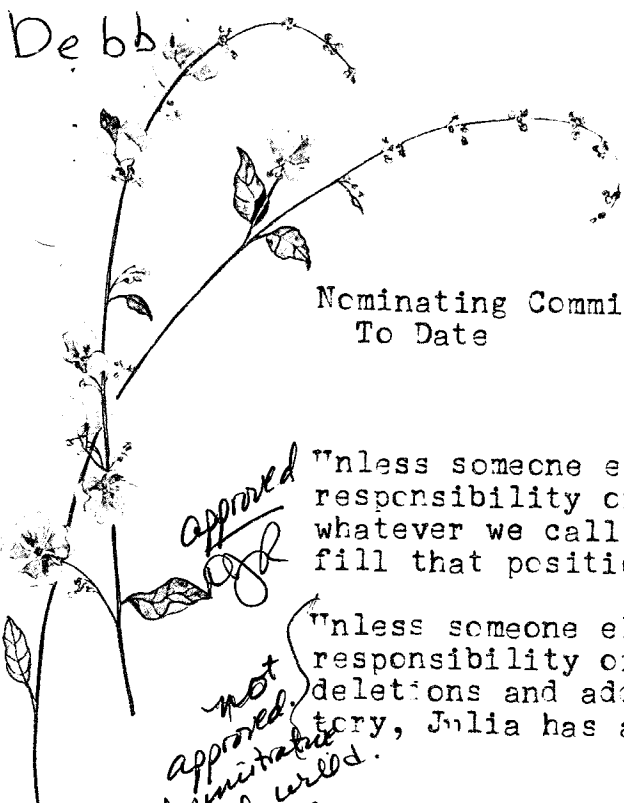
Laurie Griesmeer volunteered to bring snacks for January Business Meeting.

December Potluck will be at the Lowey-Ball's on December 16th. Meeting for worship at 4:00, the childrens' Christmas pagaent at 5:00, followed by potluck.

Business Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Debb

5/12/96



Nominating Committee Report Brought Up To Date

*Approved*

*APR*

"Unless someone else wishes to assume the responsibility of Warder, Greeter or whatever we call it, Alfred has agreed to fill that position.

*not approved*

*Administrative Clerk would.*

*APR*

"Unless someone else wishes to assume the responsibility of notifying Nadine of deletions and additions to the YM Directory, Julia has agreed to do this.

*Julia*