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**Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
3-9-98**

Stuart Smith distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. The Meeting's money has been moved to a new account at Community Educational Bank in Jacksonville Beach, with Chet Montgomery as a co-signer.

Al Geiger reported on the activities of the Peace and Justice Coalition. The building project at Starke is moving right along. On 3-21-98 in Lakewood there be an all day forum on Iraq.

Copies of the SEYM newsletter and the minutes from Representative Meeting were passed around.

Stuart Smith reported that the Violence Committee of the Inter-Faith Council is trying to work in the anti-death penalty area. Also several people are visiting teenagers incarcerated in adult facilities. This Juvenile Retrieval Program started six months ago and is gaining momentum.

Pot luck in April will be at the Smiths. Pot luck in May will be on the 24th at the Palmers in St. Augustine. The Study group will meet at 3:00, worship will be at 4:00 and dinner at 5:00

Julia Geiger said that Lodrick Harris' memorial service will be at Mary Harris' house in April, right after Meeting for Worship.

It was reported that the SEYM directory will not be free but will cost \$3.00 or \$4.00. The meeting felt that the money could be used for other things.

**Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
4-19-98**

Stuart Smith distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. He stated that the Meeting's budget is in good shape.

Stuart also reported that the Inter Faith Council outreach to adolescents in prison is going well.

Clerk Sue Williams said that FCNL newsletters are available to anyone interested in reading them.

The Clerk told the meeting that we are losing our babysitter in June and we need to find a replacement over the summer.

Julia Geiger said that the memorial service for Lodrick Harris on the 26th has been moved from Mary Harris' house to the Geiger's house.

Co-Clerk Hans Fletcher said that Helen Hooley has sent a minute requesting that her membership be moved to Meeting. Hans also stated that Helen had been an attender at the Jacksonville Meeting, but had never joined as a member. Helen will be so notified.

The September pot luck will be at Enid Katanach's house., date to be determined later. The May pot luck will be on the 24th at Noel and Daisy Palmer's in St. Augustine. Discussion group will meet at 3:00, Worship will be at 4:00, and dinner will be at 5:00.

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
5-10-98

Clerk Sue Williams announced that since it was Mother's Day we would have a short meeting for Business.

Sue stated that there are copies of Quaker Life and the Friends' Journal available to anyone who is interested in reading them.

Debbie Rasmussen said the children will be studying the Day-By-Day Bible Stories. The Clerk reminded us that we need volunteer teachers for the summer months. She also reminded us that we need to find a new babysitter before September.

~~Enid Katanach~~ said that she has purchased five acres of land near her house to be used as a wild life sanctuary in memory of her husband Charles. She would like to offer it to the Society of Friends on the condition that it be kept as a sanctuary. She would pay the taxes on the property until her death and then it would become the responsibility of the Jacksonville Friends Meeting. She would like the Meeting to consider this and discuss it further at the next Meeting for Business.

**Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
6-14-98**

After the regular weekly Meeting for Worship, the monthly Meeting for Business of the Jacksonville Friends Meeting was convened by the Clerk, Sue Williams.

The Treasurer, Stuart Smith, presented a report on the financial standing of the Meeting. A copy of this report is attached.

Al Geiger presented a request for renewal of the Meeting's donation of \$60.00 to the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. Friends approved the request. Al described the Coalition's plans to erect a building for peace education. He said that the process of getting permits has been lengthy due to zoning regulations and cost issues.

A request was made for scholarship funds in the amount of \$50.00 to be made available to a child to attend Peace Camp. If a child from this Meeting is interested in attending the camp, the scholarship would go to that child, if not, it would be made available to any child attending the camp. Friends approved the request.

Julia Geiger presented a request for support of Rita Lucy who is serving a six month prison sentence for civil disobedience in connection with a demonstration at the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. Friends agreed to hold her in the Light. Rita's address will be in the next newsletter for those Friends who would like to write her or send her paperback books.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business, agreeing to meet next Seventh Month, 12, 1998 immediately after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Sixth month 22,1998

Dear Friends,

At the last session of Southeastern Yearly Meeting, several Friends reportedly were concerned about the "homosexual agenda" of the newly recognized Fort Lauderdale Monthly Meeting. These Friends may not have realized this particular phrase is often used by extremist religious and political groups to create fear and misunderstanding about gay and lesbian people. However, concern for gay and lesbian people is not new among Friends and many monthly meetings in our yearly meeting have minuted their support for gay and lesbian people in their quest for civil rights and to be full members of society with all the responsibilities that entails. We urge them to more fully investigate this concern carried by many meetings and to be tender with gay and lesbian Friends who may see meetings as a special sanctuary.

Perhaps these people were new to the Religious Society of Friends and were not aware of our belief in the continuing revelation of God's will to those who seek it. They may not realize the movement forward in the Spirit that has been made among us. How do we communicate new Spirit-led concerns to newcomers? How do we make them aware of our diversity?

Please share our concerns with your monthly meeting or worship group. Fort Myers Monthly Meeting joins in the Light with all Southeastern Yearly Meeting Friends in our search for Truth and has requested at our Monthly Meeting for Business held Sixth month, 14,1998 that this letter be sent to all meetings and worship groups in our yearly meeting.



Ann deNevers, clerk

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
7-12-98

After the regular weekly Meeting for Worship, the monthly Meeting for Business of the Jacksonville Friends Meeting was convened by the Clerk, Sue Williams.

The Treasurer, Stuart Smith, presented a report on the financial standing of the Meeting. A copy of this report is attached.

The Clerk read a letter from Howard van Breeman. Writing on behalf of the Site Selection Committee of the Long Range Conference Planning Committee of Friends General Conference, he is exploring possibilities of holding a Gathering in our area. It was the sense of the Meeting that this is not something we would like to be involved with at the present time.

The Clerk read a letter from Anna DeNevers, Clerk of the Fort Meyers Meeting. The letter stressed her feelings that it is very important that Friends be tolerant of and supportive of homosexual Friends within our meetings. The letter was well received by our Meeting.

It was noted that there will be a "From Trident to Life Campaign" rally on Saturday from 2:00-5:00 at Kings Bay.

Julia Geiger reported that the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the de-funding of the School of the Americas will be coming up for consideration soon. She urged that we all contact our Congressional representatives with support for both of these issues. She also reminded us of the Grandmothers For Peace boycott of Nestles' "Nuclear" candy bar.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business, agreeing to meet next *Eighth* Month, 9, 1998 immediately after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

**Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
8/9/98**

After the regular weekly Meeting for Worship, the monthly Meeting for Business of the Jacksonville Friends Meeting was convened by the Clerk, Sue Williams.

The Treasurer, Stuart Smith, presented a report on the financial standing of the Meeting. A copy of this report is attached.

There was a discussion about buying peace book covers and distributing them to students in local schools. Friends approved buying 400 book covers at a cost of \$100.00 from Barton Glover Monthly Meeting.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business, agreeing to meet next Ninth Month 27, 1998, immediately after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly Montgomery

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
9/27/98

After the regular weekly Meeting for Worship, the monthly Meeting for Business of the Jacksonville Friends Meeting was convened by the Clerk, Sue Williams. There were twelve members and attenders present.

The Treasurer, Stuart Smith, presented a report on the financial standing of the Meeting. A copy of this report is attached.

Heidi Lowey-Ball passed around an assortment of correspondence from various sources.

The Clerk reminded us that we need to have a baby-sitter available when needed. Shawna-Kim Lowey-Ball said that she would be willing to baby-sit some of the time.

Chet Montgomery requested that the Meeting consider sending a contribution for hurricane relief to Santo Domingo. Al and Julia Geiger are going to Representative Meeting next week and said that they would look into the best way to do this. Stuart Smith said he would also check the internet to see what's there. Friends approved a \$400.00 contribution for hurricane relief.

News from- and- about Daisy and Noel Palmer, Pat Murphy and Henrietta Groot was shared with the Meeting.

Julia Geiger reported that Debbie Rasmussen would like to be relieved of the duty of FCNL representative for the Meeting. Beverly Montgomery agreed to become the Meeting/s liason with FCNL. Stuart Smith said that he would make the necessary address changes for this to happen.

Heidi Lowey-Ball suggested that the Meeting have a subscription to Friends Journal that would be available to give to first-time visitors. Friends approved the suggestion.

It was noted that the YWCA's "Week Without Violence" is coming up in October.

Stuart reported on the activities of the Interfaith Council's Committee on Violence. He said he was frustrated because the committee members don't seem able to come to consensus on any issues. Friends suggested that the committee look into the ads on television that contain so much violence. Perhaps there should be a violence rating for ads as well as television shows. In response to a question of what is the purpose of the Interfaith Council, Stuart stated that he felt that it exists to provide dialogue between the various faiths and is there for any potential need for mediation if problems should arise in the city.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business, agreeing to meet next Tenth Month, 11, 1998, immediately after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly Montgomery

**Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
10-11-98**

After the regular weekly Meeting for Worship, the monthly Meeting for Business of the Jacksonville Friends Meeting was convened by the Clerk, Sue Williams. Some ten members and attenders were present.

The treasurer's report on the financial standing of the Meeting was distributed. A copy of this report is attached.

Julia Geiger said that she had talked to some people at Representative Meeting about our desire to contribute funds for hurricane relief to Santo Domingo. She was told that the American Friends Service Committee did not have any contacts in Santo Domingo. Their relief funds were being sent to Haiti and Puerto Rico. We could contact Catholic Relief or Catholic Charities to see what they were doing. Upon returning home, Julia had attempted to contact these organizations, but had no success. After discussion, Friends agreed that Haiti and Puerto Rico had been hit hard by the hurricane and could put our donation to good use. The Clerk will instruct Stuart Smith to send the Meeting's \$400.00 donation through AFSC.

Al Geiger and Wendy Clarissa Geiger filled us in on the Peace and Social Concern Committee meetings held at Representative Meeting. Various printed reports from that committee were passed around. Julia reported on the activities of the Committee for Worship and Ministry. Dan Vaughan and Bob and Dorothy Allen are willing to meet with monthly meetings and discuss nurturing small meetings and building communities within meetings.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business, agreeing to meet next Eleventh Month, 8, 1998, immediately after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery