

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
1-9-2000

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

There was a discussion about the telephone listing for the Meeting, whether we should be in just the white pages or in both the white and yellow pages. As we didn't know what the different prices were, it was the feeling of the Meeting that we needed more information before we could make any reasonable decision. Stuart Smith will call the telephone company, find out the relative costs, and report back to the next business meeting.

The Clerk reminded the Meeting that it is time to fill the positions of Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer for the next year. She then asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Noel Palmer, Sue Williams and Stuart Smith agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

Friends decided to have "Pot Luck" meetings in March at Joanne Herman's house, in April at the Smiths, and in May at the Palmers. There was also some discussion about a joint pot luck with the Gainesville and Halifax Meetings at the Coalition for Peace and Justice grounds. No date was set. Al Geiger will see what dates are available and contact the other two meetings.

Friends agreed that it would be a good idea to start each Meeting for Worship with an Advice or a Query. Sue Williams said she would put together a list and whomever has the "stick" to close the Meeting will also be the one to read the Query at the start of Meeting.

Joanne Herman told Friends that she was feeling led to do something in the area of peace education. She asked if anyone had any literature that would help her. It was suggested that she get in touch with Mary Claire VanderHorst.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
2-13-200

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 seven members and attenders were present.

There was a discussion about the telephone listing for the Meeting, whether we should be in just the white pages or in both the white and yellow pages. Friends decided to have one white page listing and one yellow page listing (under "Churches - Quakers"). Having a website listing was put on hold until a later time.

Golden Isles Meeting wants us to be their FCNL contact . Pat Murphy said that he would be willing to do that and will get in contact with Kathy Woods.

The Clerk told the Meeting that the annual state of the meeting report for yearly meeting is due Feb. 25th. Sue said she would e-mail Heidi Lowey-Ball and ask her to write the report.

Marge Kary from Penny Farms requests that her membership be transferred from the meeting in Connecticut to this meeting. She would like to be on the social concerns committee. Friends need more information from Marge before they can contact the meeting in Connecticut.

The "Amigos Community for Construction and Development" from Miami is part of the SEYM concerns. They are trying to make up a resource list for the state of Florida. They asked us to put an article about this in our newsletter. Friends agreed to do so.

Pat Murphy announced that the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice will be having a birthday celebration for Peg McIntyre on March 18th. Pat encourages all to go.

Friends were told that the US Navy uses the southern portion of the Ocala National Park as a bombing practice range. The contract between the navy and the National Forest Service expires 12/2000. There will be several demonstrations scheduled to protest renewal of this contract. The first will be 2/19/2000 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Ocala. Friends were urged to attend.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
3-19-200

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 nine members and attenders were present.

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

The nominating committee reported that all people currently in positions (Sue Williams, Clerk; Stuart Smith, Treasurer; and Beverly Montgomery, Recording Clerk) have agreed to serve for another year. Also, Julia Geiger has agreed to be Membership Clerk for the Meeting.

Beverly Montgomery noted that the Meeting finances are in good shape and asked whether we should consider paying the remainder of our assessment (\$602.30) to SEYM. After discussion, Friends decided to wait until Julia and Al Geiger get back from attending yearly meeting. It was felt that we would have a better understanding of yearly meeting's proposed budget at that time.

Friends set April 16th as the date for potluck at the Stuarts in Ponte Vedra and May 21st as the date for potluck at the Palmers in St. Augustine.

Noel Palmer suggested that Friends send a "welcome" letter to people who have come to their first Meeting for Worship and a "miss you" letter to those who have missed several meetings. Friends agreed that this was a good idea. Noel will draft some sample letters for consideration by the Meeting.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Sunday the 19th of March

TO: Sue

FROM: Julia

IN RE: Meeting for Business

MEETING POTLUCK

Gainesville Friends have accepted our invitation to meet with them at the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice land south of Starke on Sunday May 7th. Meeting for Worship will begin at 11 followed by potluck. There will not be a discussion prior to Meeting. Babysitting will be available if Geigers are notified by Thursday May 4th.

STUDY CIRCLES

The Jacksonville Human Rights Commission has held Study Circles to promote small group deliberation that is voluntary and participatory. There are usually 8 to 11 participants who meet 2 hours once a week for 5 weeks. Six study circles to improve race relations in Jacksonville are now being formed in various parts of the city and will begin in April. In the event you are interested but cannot attend one in April, there will be another group of study circles beginning in September.

From: j.hermit
To: barry_heath@email.msn.com
Subject: Meeting for Business

April 4, 2000

Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends Meeting for Business

Those in attendance were: Stewart Smith, Julia and Al Geiger, Betty Freel, Danny Jones, Pat Murphy, Shelly Chapman, Pat Zink, Richard Tillman, Debbie Rasmussen, Barry Heath, Joanne Herrmann, and Sue Williams

The April 2000 meeting for business was opened by the clerk, Sue Williams. The first order of business was the financial report, given by the treasurer, Stewart Smith.

Inquiries were made regarding the contributions to yearly meeting. According to the yearly meeting's statistical report, the Jacksonville monthly meeting consists of 14 members and 32 attenders, about 53 total. The assessment for the Jacksonville meeting to the yearly meeting is \$1405.50.

The question was raised: If the principal spiritual life is in the monthly meeting, why is the big budget item required by the yearly meeting? A discussion followed about revamping the process. Instead of "here is the budget," yearly should present their funding needs to be addressed by the monthly meeting. Itemizing the concerns of the yearly meeting would show a good spiritual base for all monthlies. Some of these concerns are Pro Nica, Amigos, the Death Penalty, which should also be addressed by the monthly meetings.

What followed was a discussion and a consensus decision to give \$50.00 to Service International for Peace (SIPAZ)

The following announcements were made: SE Yearly Meeting will be held in Leesburg, FL on Wednesday, April 19 - Sunday, April 23. The April Pot Luck will be held at Stewart Smith's on Sunday, April 14.

The clerk then made a request for production people for the Newsletter. The response was: Julia Geiger will copy and send; Shelly Chapman will compose; Pat Zink will type and format. Contributions to the Newsletter were requested from the members.

Barry Heath proposed that the Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends sponsor an Alternatives to Violence Program, which would eventually become a non profit organization. Following a five year plan, the organization would begin a drive to present non violence programs in the local school systems. Some of the problems that were addressed were the use of the Jacksonville Friend's checking account which is set up to get no interest and is not filed with the IRS. However, there would be no problem with collecting and contributing to another non-profit organization. Another problem addressed was that a tax exempt organization cannot add on another organization. But we could do the project as one, which the Friends sponsor, and the other organization could eventually spin off of ours. Clarification was needed regarding the reimbursement of expenses. For example, when would a reimbursement for services become a wage? A suggestion was made to consult with the Miami Friends who have a similar project with AVP.

A suggestion also was made to view the AVP video.

The meeting reached a consensus to support the AVP project but tabled the discussion of sponsorship until the next meeting for business in May. The clerk, Sue Williams, closed the meeting with the decision to obtain more information about the project which will be opened for discussion and a final decision at the May meeting.

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5/14/00

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

Barry Heath announced that the InterFaith Council has agreed to sponsor the Alternative to Violence conference.

Al Geiger reviewed the potluck meeting with Jacksonville Friends and the Gainesville Meeting. Approximately forty people attended the potluck that was held in the Educational Building of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. Gainesville Meeting is considering building their own meeting house.

Friends approved purchasing a copy of "Among Friends" which reviews the state of Quaker Meetings.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
6/11/00

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 eight members and attenders were present.

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

Stuart Smith presented a request from the Interfaith Council for money to help fund a program "Inside-Outside". It is a weekly program designed to help at risk youth. Friends agreed to donate \$100.00 to the program.

It was announced that SEYM representative meeting will be in Miami in October. More details will be available at a later date.

There was considerable discussion about whether Friends should pay the full assessment to Yearly Meeting. The assessment is \$45.00 per member and \$22.50 per attender. As no consensus could be reached, this will be discussed at another business meeting.

Julia Geiger asked if the Meeting should consider hiring a baby-sitter for worship meetings.

Friends hired a sitter in the past, but few children were brought to the meeting. It was decided that Friends would not hire a sitter until there seemed to be a need for such.

Barry Heath requested that Friends donate \$50.00 to fund a scholarship for the Alternative to Violence Conference. Friends approved the donation.

Applications were available for those interested in listing in the Friends host travel directory and also for those interested in signing up their children for Peace Camp.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
8/6/00

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 seven members and attenders were present.

Stuart Smith was not present, so there was no financial report.

Barry Heath reported that the Alternative to Violence workshop was a success. A copy of the breakdown of expenses for the workshop is attached.

Joanne Herman told Friends that the Unitarian Universalist Church on Arlington Expressway is considering making office space available for the Peace Studies Resource Center. She said that she is waiting for the pastor, John Young, to take this matter to his congregation for approval.

Heidi Lowey-Ball said that there are now a handful of children in the Meeting. She has talked to Elaine Martin, Katherine Strader and Shelley Chapman to see if they would be interested in organizing a First Day School to meet the needs of their children.

Danny Jones raised the question of "endorsing" him for chaplain with Hospice if he should decide to become a Quaker. Friends had many questions, such as what would it involve, how would we do it, would there be any financial support required, etc. After much discussion, Friends thought that something could be worked out. An E-Mail from Julia Geiger on this subject is attached.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

AVP Jacksonville

Alternatives to Violence Project

PO Box 551201
Jacksonville, FL 32255-1201

August 4, 2000

Dear Ed,

The following is an accounting of the amount spent for the workshop. I am including one check for \$50 that I received the first night of the workshop. This gives us a total of \$850 and our expenses were \$914.91. I had six scholarships out of nineteen participants. There was \$140 dollars donated towards scholarships, so we were approximately \$160 dollars short. I am hoping that I can get the Interfaith Council to give two scholarships of fifty dollars each, and that would cover our expenses with \$35.09 left for the next workshop. I would like three checks to be made out. One to Marie Zaret for \$298.67, one to Darrell Hefte for \$145.60, and one to me for \$470.64 as I paid for all the of the remaining expenses. I will list below the expenses and have included copies of the receipts.

Marie Zaret	Air Fare	\$ 99.00
Marie Zaret	Lodging	\$199.67
Darrell Hefte	Travel mileage for 448 miles @ 32.5 cents/ mile	\$145.60
Chef Express	Catering	\$231.15
Jo-Ann Fabrics	Sing materials	\$ 3.72
Publix	Food	\$ 5.17
Publix	Food, drinks, eating Utl.	\$ 22.05
Food Lion	Ice	\$ 1.06
Texaco	Ice	\$ 2.75
Sam's Club	Food	\$ 53.30
Jax NAS	Food, eating Utl.	\$ 43.06
Jax Airport	Parking	\$ 4.69
Toys R Us	Supplies	\$ 7.45
Home Depot	Supplies	\$ 8.49
Sam's Club	Supplies, food, eating Utl.	\$ 35.05
Office Depot	Supplies	\$ 22.00
US Postal	Stamps for reminder cards	\$ 2.40
Resource Com.	Phone conference	<u>\$ 36.75</u>
		Total Expenses \$ 914.91

If there are any questions, please call me. I will bring a copy of this letter with me to the Executive Committee Meeting.

Shalom,

Barry Heath
Workshop Coordinator

Sue

August 4th, 2000

TO: Sue and Stuart

FROM: Julia

IN RE: Danny Jones' request for endorsement from Meeting

Enclosed is the e-mail I sent to Cathy Gaskill re the above and her reply. It sounds fairly simple if the Meeting wishes to grant Danny's request for an endorsement regarding his position as chaplain for Hospice. It is important that the Meeting reaches consensus.

As Stuart suggested Noel and Daisy be contacted I spoke to them and he felt it should go from our Worship and Ministry to SEYM Worship and Ministry. If approved, it would then go to Representative Meeting, and finally to YM. Personally this sounds more like recording someone as a minister and is not what Danny is seeking. He suggested I refer to Faith and Practice in FUM Meetings. We only have Philadelphia, Briton and New England.

You might want to bring this up at Meeting for Business on August 6th. If Stuart is not present, perhaps it should be postponed until he can be present since he is Clerk of W and M.

Even though Danny has only been coming to Meeting since January 30th he has read Quaker literature and appears to appreciate our form of worship. His infrequent attendance is due to his being on call every weekend. His quiet presence is nurturing to me.

Julia

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
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9/10/00

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 twelve members and attenders were present.

Stuart Smith, treasurer, presented the proposed budget of \$3268.00 for the next year, which was accepted by Friends. A copy of the budget is attached.

Joanne Herman told Friends that the Unitarian Universalist Church on Arlington Expressway has agreed to make office space available for the Peace Studies Resource Center. The office will be called the "King Center" and will be a gathering place for alternative to violence training materials, etc. As Joanne has felt a calling to be involved in this Center, there was a consensus of Friends present that we should support this concern.

Friends accepted an invitation from Marge Carey to have a potluck at Penny Farms on the fourth Sunday in January. Details will be firmed up at a later date.

Although Danny Jones was not present, a question was raised as to what the Hospice requirements for "endorsing" a chaplain actually are. Then Stuart asked if Friends felt that Danny should be a member of the Meeting before we consider endorsing him. It was the feeling of Friends present that until we know what the requirements are we cannot make any reasonable decision on this matter. Sue Williams said she would try to contact Danny.

Friends asked Julia Geiger if she would e-mail Noel Palmer to see if he ever wrote a model "welcome letter" for the Meeting to send to first time visitors.

There will be an Interdenominational Meeting on environmental issues Tuesday, Sept. 19th, from 5:30 until 9:00 PM at the St. Johns Cathedral in Jacksonville. Also, the Tallahassee Friends have invited us to join them for a retreat Oct. 21st and 22nd. Details were available for those interested.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
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11/12/00

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

Stuart Smith, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. A copy of the report is attached.

Friends agreed that they will pay the Meeting's babysitter \$10.00 for being there until 10:45 (waiting to see if any children will come) and \$15:00 for staying the whole time to watch whatever children may arrive.

The "Meeting for Business" attachment to Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice will be discussed at the 12/3/00 Meeting. Ten copies of the attachment will be made and distributed to Friends.

The Meeting approved a \$50.00 donation to the Alternative to Violence Program's scholarship fund.

There are two potluck dinners coming up soon. One will be 12/17/00 at the Geigers at 4:00PM and the other at Penny Farms on 1/21/01 at 3:00PM. There will be no morning Meeting for Worship on those days.

Representative Meeting will be in Orlando in January. Dan Seeger will be the guest lecturer for the Michener Lecture on 1/14/01 at 1:00PM.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stuart Smith

Jacksonville Friends Meeting
Meeting For Business
12/10/00

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.

Stuart Smith, treasurer was not present, so no financial report was submitted.

Friends discussed the proposed changes in the "Meeting for Business" attachment for Yearly Meeting. Several had problems with the idea that a meeting could move forward "in unity" when one or more Friends were opposed. Perhaps it's just a matter of different wording being necessary, although some felt that a very basic Quaker philosophy was being changed. We recognize that sometimes one person can hold back a Meeting from moving forward, perhaps out of spite. Jim Gleaton suggested that the SEYM could present this as a "dilemma" that monthly meetings need to deal with. Mike Shell had sent an e-mail to Friends that seemed to sum up the sense of the Meeting. He will revise this (to add further examples that were discussed today) and this will be sent with a cover letter to Gay Howard, Clerk of the Discipline Committee of Yearly Meeting. A copy of Mike's unrevised e-mail is attached to this report and this will be sent with a cover letter to Gay Howard, Clerk of the Discipline Committee of Yearly Meeting. Friends will also suggest to Gay that proposed changes be in italicized caps. Betty Friel had done this for our Meeting's copies and it was very helpful.

Friends approved the following for next year: Sue Williams, Clerk; Stuart Smith, Treasurer; Beverly Montgomery, Recording Clerk, Betty Friel, Religious Education, Julia Geiger, Membership Clerk, and Al Geiger, Peace and Social Justice.

Friends approved the following minute submitted by Jim Gleaton:

- 1) The same term, marriage, may be used to designate the celebrations of commitment under the care of Jacksonville Monthly Meeting for both heterosexual couples and homosexual couples.
- 2) The procedure for marriage under the care of the Meeting outlined in SEYM Faith and Practice shall be followed for all couples seeking clearness for marriage under the care of the Meeting.
- 3) Inherent rights afforded heterosexual couples are accepted by society at large and are provided for by the institution of marriage. Such unquestioned privileges include kinship and legal rights, shared health benefits, medical rights, right of survivorship, child custody, contractual rights and others. The Meeting looks forward to the day when every married couple will enjoy the full range of legal privileges and social acceptance, regardless of the respective genders of the members of the couple.
- 4) The Meeting takes seriously its commitment to couples under its care, and encourages them to turn to the Meeting for support and counsel.

(Acknowledgment to the Family Relations Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Monthly Meeting(Homewood), and to Columbia(South Carolina) Monthly Meeting for the wording of the above minute.)

No further business appearing, Friends concluded the Meeting for Business.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Montgomery