

The Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Business Minutes
March 10, 2002

The meeting opened with the treasurer's report and a request that someone else take over the phone responsibility from Deborah Rasmussen.

Meeting approved a scholarship for the Alternatives to Violence Project workshops, as needed and subject to the approval process.

Meeting approved the proposal to establish a \$500.00 line item for scholarships, replenished if and when needed and subject to change if needed. Scholarships themselves will be subject to the approval process.

It was proposed that a letter be drafted to be sent to inactive attenders and members to determine if they want to remain on the mailing list or if they want to transfer membership.

Meeting approved the purchase of ten (10) copies of *Faith and Practice* to be distributed among the attenders and members of the meeting, who will reimburse the meeting at \$8.00 per copy.

Meeting approved a scholarship for Elaine Martin and children for Yearly Meeting, for which the yearly pays 1/3 and monthly pays 2/3rds of the \$342.00 fee.

The following announcements were made: The March 31st Easter potluck at Stewart Smith's at 11:00 a.m. and the May 19th potluck at Noel and Daisy Palmer's in St. Augustine at 3:00 p.m.

A request was made for discussion topics for the 9:30 a.m. discussion group before meeting.

End

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April 14, 2002

Presided over by the clerk, Sue Williams, those present were: Ann Carrigan, David Currie, Jim Gleeton, Al, Julia, and Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Joanne Herrmann, Dan Jones, and Noel and Daisy Palmer.

Item 1: Meeting opened with a discussion of the proposed draft of a letter to inactive members and attenders. It was determined that a letter from the Yearly Meeting would be used as a model.

Item 2: The queries for the discussion prior to the potluck to be held by Noel and Daisy Palmer on May 19, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. were distributed. The focus for the discussion will be to seek meaningful solutions to present day struggles in the Light.

Item 3: A proposal was made to give separate donations to the Columbia Project rather than create kits for children of the meeting. The Columbia Project was identified as an Emergency Assistance Program for Peace in Columbia, South America, with children's kits sponsored by AFSC. The question was: Do we want donations in the meeting's name or as individual contributions? It was approved to give a \$100.00 donation to PAZ (Peace for Columbia) from the meeting. Individuals are free to give as well.

Item 4: A yearly report from the Friends General Contribution was distributed.

Item 5: The following announcements were made: Potluck at Peg McIntyre's with a Global Exchange speaker from Columbia on April 14th, the Anti-war Rally in Washington, D.C. on April 20th, the FCPJ protest of the bombing range in Ocala National Forest on May 4th, and the FGC Yearly Meeting at Illinois State University in Normal, IL on June 29th-July 26th 2002.

The meeting closed with the distribution of an updated membership list to those present.

Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends
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May 12, 2002

Presided over by the clerk, Sue Williams, those present were: Betty Freel, Jim Gleaton and Michael Shell, Julia and Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Joanne Herrmann, Dan Jones, Noel and Daisy Palmer, and Stuart Smith.

Item 1: The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Item 2: Through a discussion of Friends General Conference information and events, the subject in the Pastoral Care Newsletter, "Moving Toward Wholeness" (January, 2002), was taken under consideration. It was agreed that it is important to increase racial understanding and diversity in meeting, and it was proposed that more information on the subject be included in the Jacksonville monthly meeting's newsletter.

Item 3: Wendy Clarissa Geiger thanked the meeting for the scholarship to Pendle Hill Weekend Workshops, "A Healing History," conducted by Vincent and Rose Marie Feeney Harding, and "Writing Quaker Style," conducted by Margaret Hope Bacon.

Item 4: The issue was raised whether or not to have discussion prior to meeting on Memorial Day Weekend.

Item 5: The issue was raised whether or not to disband meeting during the summer.

Item 6: Meeting will send best wishes to visiting member, Amy Parrish, who has returned to her home state.

Item 7: The meeting closed with a report on the AVP (Alternative to Violence Project) participation in the Springfield Youth Festival on Saturday, June 15, 2002, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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June 9, 2002

Preside over by the clerk, Sue Williams, those present were:

Item 1: Klutho Park where the Springfield Youth Festival will be held, will become a Peace Park, containing a Peace Garden. Meeting members of AVP will be a presence at the Festival on Saturday, June 15, 2002.

Item 2: A memorial for 9/11 was proposed. It should focus on the non-violence theme advocated by the Peaceful Tomorrows Organization. It should be interfaith, particularly inclusive of the Islamic community. It should consider causes of 9/11 and include a dialogue on the attitude towards patriotism in the USA. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville at Arlington has proposed hosting a memorial service with a peace movement theme.

Item 3: Notices on activities regarding Iraq. The Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) newsletter (2002), Quaker Life, June 2002, and the AFSC newsletter have cited the Bush administration's military actions and sanctions against "terrorist" nations with Iraq as the primary target. AFSC is asking monthly meetings to hold public forums, sign petitions, network with others, send letters to the editor, etc. in a "Campaign of Conscience" for the people of Iraq.

Item 4: The proposal was raised to disband meeting for business during the summer, but the consensus was to continue meeting for business during the summer, except in July, during which month the meeting for business was canceled.

Item 5: The proposal to change the discussion before meeting to discussion after meeting, possibly with lunch, etc. was accepted and agreed upon by consensus of the meeting.

Item 5: Petitions to pledge opposition to the expanding war on Iraq were distributed.

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Meeting for Business Minutes
September 8, 2002

Presided over by the clerk, Sue Williams, those present were: Ann Carrigan, Betty Freel, Julia, Al, and Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Joanne Herrmann, and Stuart Smith

Item 1: The treasurer's report was read, corrected and approved

Item 2: A proposal was made and approved to write a letter to non-attenders to determine whether or not they should be removed from the SEYM list. After the letter was written and a response received, a meeting should be held to decide which ones to remove from the SEYM list. Notification would be made by letter and also in the newsletter.

Item 3: The city of Jacksonville's commemoration of 9/11 was presented as an option for those who want to attend.

Item 4: On October 12, 2002 there will be anti-war demonstrations. Discussion followed about what the Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends can do to participate, perhaps a local vigil to tie in with the national and international peace day event.

Item 5: The clerk announced that a speaker for FCNL will be at the Potluck on October 13th. It was proposed and accepted that a free announcement may be placed in the Florida Times Union religion section regarding the event.

Item 6: The meeting closed with a discussion over the alternative 9/11 commemoration to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville. The Quaker peace testimony and items for the table were proposed and approved. Stuart Smith agreed to make the presentation as representative of the Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends.

Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Business Minutes
November 10, 2002

Present: Sue Williams, clerk, Paul Davis, Betty Freeland, Jim Gleaton, Julia Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Kurt Gunther, Dorie Monsharbach, (Lynn, David, Judy ??), Michael Shell, Stuart Smith

Item 1: The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Item 2: Discussion took place about setting up a Clearness Committee regarding the request for membership of Sally Freeman and Paul Clever from Golden Isle Meeting. It was proposed and approved that a Clearness Committee made up of Julia (or Alfred) Geiger, Jim Gleaton, Michael Shell, and Sue Williams meet at the Geiger farm with Paul and Sally.

Item 3: We were invited to a Thanksgiving Service to be held by the National Conference of Community and Justice at 4:30 pm at the Riverside Christian Church on Sunday, November 24, 2002. It was agreed that participation can be voluntary.

Item 4: The question arose as to whether or not to give to FCNL collectively at meeting or individually. It was proposed and approved that the meeting give a one time capital fund contribution of \$300.00 (tax deductible) and individuals may also give on their own if they so choose.

Item 5: Discussion arose but was unresolved regarding FGC's request for money.

Item 6: An announcement was made that FUM has requested that we participate in a Chain of Prayer for Peace.

Item 7: Registration for Half Yearly Meeting on November 28 – December 1, 2002 (Thanksgiving weekend) was discussed. Friends were invited to attend and announcements will be mailed to friends who were not at this monthly meeting.

Item 8: The FGC catalogue was shared.

Item 9: It was proposed and approved that the Christmas Potluck be held on Sunday, December 15, 2003 with meeting for worship to begin at 11:00 am at the Geiger farm.

Item 10: The meeting ended with a request from Paul Davis and Dorie Monsharbach for an informal Clearance Committee Meeting regarding their engagement for marriage and their desire to have their wedding in the style of Quakers and under the Jacksonville Society of Friends Meeting. Al and Julia Geiger and Jim Gleaton agreed to form the committee to be held at the Geiger farm, date to be determined among them. The wedding will be held on February 14, 2003.

Dear Sue,

Nov. Business
2002

Thursday 11/7

Al will be attending a retreat at the land in Hampton this weekend and gave the signs and box to Jim last Sunday. Wendy and I hope to be at Meeting Sunday but just in case we don't make it I thought I would give you some thoughts about Meeting for business.

meeting @ 11 AM 12/15

1. Does Meeting want a Christmas potluck and would anyone care to host it. If no one offers, we could have it here. Sunday the 15th would probably be best for us. Should it be morning Meeting and noon potluck or Meeting at 4 followed by potluck. Penney Farm folks would probably prefer morning since it gets dark so early now. However, we have no preference.

2. How does the Meeting feel about sending a contribution to FCNL for their capital fund? Some of us contribute individually but since Sue May came down to talk to us perhaps it would be good to send them something in addition to our regular contribution.

3. Did I hear Paul Klever ask you about membership? He has been such a responsible contact person for Golden Isles Worship Group that I hope the Meeting will look favorably upon his request.

4. Ask Joanne to put something in the minutes about our Silent Vigil for Peace at the Fountain. There were 52 of us.

5. Remind Friends to send Bettie any items of interest for the newsletter. Please give her the enclosed quotes if she needs to fill up space.

6. Remind Friends about 1/2 YM at Wekiva State Park.

Julia

PS Our Dell computer has arrived but it has not been set up. It will be a relief not to have to traipse all over to check our e-mail. After a week without checking we had 131 e-mails. Most to do with the elections, the war, etc. We went to the Orange Park library twice, to a renter once and to FCCJ once. We will go back over to FCCJ this afternoon to get caught up again. I am concerned it will take me a long time to learn the new computer!!!

Jacksonville Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Business Minutes
January 12, 2003

Present: Sue Williams, clerk, Ann Carrigan, Betty Freel, Julia, Al, and Wendy Geiger, Jim Gleaton, Kurt Guenther, Laura Herrmann, Joanne Herrmann, Marge Kary, Michael Shell, Dan Smith, Ken Smith, and Stuart Smith

Item 1: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The cost of the phone was brought up (\$600.00 per year). It was suggested that a web site would be less expensive, either the use of the Yearly Meeting's website or our own. The meeting will continue to investigate other solutions to the problem.

Item 2: The question arose, but was unresolved, as to whether or not Archbishop TuTu should be invited to speak at the meeting since he is presently teaching a course at UNF.

Item 3: The ad hoc meeting returned with a favorable recommendation regarding the application for membership of Sally Freeman and Paul Clever, who were requesting membership prior to their move to a larger meeting in North Carolina. The recommendation was accepted and their membership approved.

Item 4: The other clearness committee meeting regarding the marriage of Adora Lynn Monsharbach and Paul Martin Davis recommended that they be married not under the care of the meeting but within the Quaker frame of reference for marriage. The recommendation was accepted and approved.

Item 5: The consideration of a request for donations to the Friends General Conference (FGC) was tabled to be discussed at the next business meeting.

Item 6: It was proposed and approved that the meeting pay the \$50.00 yearly dues for the year 2002 to the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (FCPJ).

Item 7: The meeting closed with the announcement of the Michener lecture in Orlando to be given by Heather Moss on "Being Truthful" on January 19, 2003. A reminder was given during the meeting of the Peace Vigil to be held at 2:00-3:00 pm at Friendship Fountain on Saturday, January 18, 2003.

Meeting for Business -- Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
First Day, April 13, 2003, 11:30am

There were twelve Friends in attendance for Meeting for Business:

Sue Williams (clerk)	Stuart Smith
Bettie Friel	Pat Murphy
Al Geiger	Jim Gleaton
Wendy Clarissa Geiger	Michael Shell
Noel Palmer	Danny Jones
Daisy Palmer	Ann Carrigan

Julia Geiger was not present due to health concerns but had sent some concerns to Sue via Email.

First, the upcoming potluck hosted by Noel and Daisy Palmer will be on May 11th in St. Augustine, from 3 to 6 p.m. This is also Mother's Day -- all mothers are welcome.

We discussed the issue of whether the current arrangement of having a business phone line, at the expense of approximately \$600 per year, is a worthy expenditure of Meeting funds. It was noted that the line receives very few phone calls pertaining to Meeting concerns, but does receive a fair amount of solicitation phone calls. It was suggested that since many seekers have contacted the Meeting via Email, an expanded web presence might meet our needs better than a phone line. Other Friends expressed concern with this as being limiting to those without Email/Internet. Ann Carrigan suggested her home phone number could be used as a contact number. Ultimately no decision was reached at this time, but Friends agreed to consider the matter for future discussion. We were reminded to be mindful of any publishing deadlines for phone directories and how that might affect the timing of our decision.

The matter of a donation to Tampa Monthly Meeting towards their new meetinghouse was revisited from the previous month's business. A few Friends expressed their hesitation to endorse the idea of a meetinghouse as a priority, because the expense and upkeep can sometimes be a spiritual distraction. It was not known what use the Tampa MM may be able to make of their new home beyond Meeting for Worship. The notion of Tallahassee's gift of \$25 was discussed... and the sense of the Meeting was that any gift would be more of a gesture than actual underwriting of the building. It was concluded that a gift of \$50 would be sent from Jacksonville Monthly Meeting to Tampa Monthly Meeting. The check will be mailed.

The Meeting currently has about \$100 set aside in a scholarship fund. Currently the only AVP workshop scheduled is the upcoming Training for Trainers group in early May; Ann Carrigan (who will be a participant in that session) said she is unaware of any scholarship needs for that group of four. The scholarship funds may be better applied to a Basic workshop for newcomers in the future.

Julia had suggested resuming the 9:30am discussion groups before Worship, which might be of particular interest to those new to Friends. Bettie reminded us that due to schedule conflicts the

discussion group had faltered over the summer, and since we are heading into summer this might not be the right season to start things going. Michael noted that there were times when he'd prepared a topic and arrived to find almost no one was in attendance. Ann and Stuart both expressed their preference for having time to prepare for Worship -- and possibly have any discussion after Worship. No definite plan was made at this time, but there was interest in planning something in the future.

There was definite interest also in the idea of an all-day retreat, for which the Geigers have generously offered their farm as a location. Such a retreat would include a worship period and other activities. Friends were open to the idea of having a visiting Friend present at the retreat, though some felt it was not necessary. It was suggested that Friends be polled to come up with possible themes for such a retreat so that it would speak to our concerns. This will be addressed in an upcoming newsletter and every effort will be made to include our newer Friends in the process of planning the endeavor.

Stuart distributed the budget report through 4-13-03. SEYM dues have been paid, and over \$1100 in contributions have been received. The statement appears as follows:

Balance 02-02-03 \$2,480.00

Phone (2 months) \$ 100.65

FCPJ \$ 50.00

SEYM \$1,500.00

Newsletter \$ 37.14

Contributions \$1,120.00

Balance 04-13-03 \$1,912.554

It was noted that Laura Wood Webster will be listed in the SEYM directory, but she will be removed from Jacksonville Monthly Meeting's assessment. Elaine Martin and her children Andrew and Laura are to be listed as attenders. Membership issues regarding Hans ____ have not been finalized yet.

Sue accepted the signs and the guest book for next week as the Geigers will be at Yearly Meeting next weekend.

Subj:	Finally, notes from last Business Meeting (rough draft)
Date:	10/11/03 6:54:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From:	<u>Symposium1</u>
To:	<u>Sewilliamsjax</u>

Dear Sue,

If it hadn't been so dreary out today I'd have probably had more ambition to get out and get my food for tomorrow afternoon. Instead I'm going to run to the store tonight and put some things together. I had signed up for cheeses and crackers but might look for something else to add, because I'm worried about not having enough stuff.

I left a voice mail for Joanne, who should be back sometime today. Had to call her anyway because I had an AVP meeting update for her.

I had my little procedure on Thursday, and I was worried about having a lot of down time due to anesthesia and so forth, but I've been essentially fine and just taking it easy. (They did a D&C and removed a polyp. My best friend had a hard time when she had it done, and had me a bit more prepped for disaster than I needed to be, I guess. It's been nice to get the rest.)

See you tomorrow. I do plan to make meeting unless I'm feeling too tired. Otherwise I will see you at the UU Church.

Peace and joy,

Ann

(notes following)

Meeting for Business
Seventh Day of the Ninth Month, 2003
11:30am following worship at the Bolles School

Those present were: Sue Williams, Pat Murphy, Michael Shell, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Bettie Friel, Ann Carrigan, Stuart Smith, Al Geiger. (9)

It was the first business meeting since June 2003 due to summer scheduling limitations and a low volume of business.

Stuart shared copies of the proposed budget for 9/2003 through 9/2004. The budget was confirmed and agreed to. There were no major changes except for the elimination of the business phone line we had incurred in the past yearly period.

A letter was shared from Wilton Meeting regarding the transfer of membership of Maggie Campbell Stevenson Smith having been completed on the 13th day of the 7th month of 2003.

Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice sent us a letter acknowledging our gift of \$50 and highlighting the summer peace camps and upcoming events.

We had received mail from Carol Mosely who is now with Bridges Across Borders (bridgesacrossborders.org).

We discussed a proposal from AFSC to prepare infant care kits for shipment to Iraq. A potluck was proposed by Heidi Lowey-Ball at her house in Neptune Beach for October 5, at which the kits were to be prepared.

Heidi discussed an interest in setting up a web site for the Jacksonville Friends Meeting and said she would explore options.

Announcements included

-- the FCPJ Peace Pick-In, Sat., October 4, 12n-11pm in Graham, Florida.

Saturday, October 11, 2003 America Online: Sewilliamsjax

- The 9/11 interfaith Quaker-style vigil at Friendship Fountain
(which was noted with a concern about furthering the war politics related to Sept 11)
- 9/14 interfaith service at Universalist Unitarian Church of Jacksonville
- Letter announcing appointment of new Roman Catholic Bishop
- Howard Zinn article [that's all I wrote - think it means we reprinted part of it in our newsletter?]