

**Orlando Monthly Meeting of Religious Society of Friends, Inc. (OMM)**

**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)**

**Ninth Month, First Day 13 September 2015**

**Minutes submitted by Stephanie Preston**

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship at 12:00pm

**Review of Minutes**-Reading of Minutes from Eighth Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business by OMM Recording Clerk Stephanie Preston

**Clearness Committees for Membership Reports**-Membership clearness committees were initiated for Ray Jenkins and John Margerum following August 2015 MfB. The committee for John Margerum (consisting of Minerva Glidden, Liz Jenkins, and Stephanie Preston) continues to be in process. The committee for Ray Jenkins reached clearness and was united in recommending membership in OMM. (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT A)

**MINUTE 1-** Meeting joyfully approves membership for Ray Jenkins to the Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends per recommendation of clearness committee (consisting of Minerva Glidden, Kate Joseph, and Tom Gottshalk). The matter will be laid over for one month (as is custom among Friends) for final approval at Tenth Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on 11 October 2015.

**Communications Committee Report**-Michael Luke shared recent activity of the Communications Committee, reminded Friends of upcoming community events, and submitted request for additional funds (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT B). A new semi-private Facebook page has been created for OMM in which new members can be approved by a current member. OMM will host a rummage sale on Saturday 9/19/15, will attend the Global Peace Film Festival on 10/4/15, and will have a table at the Central Florida Veg Fest on 10/24/15. The committee asked for a budget increase of \$900 to purchase equipment and supplies for use in aforementioned activities. Friends weighed the pro's and con's of approving such an expense.

**MINUTE 2-** Meeting approves of the re-allocation of funds in the amount of \$300 from Homeless Ministry (7300) to the Communications Committee (7090) for the current budget year 2015 with recommendation to increase Communications Committee budget by an additional \$700 for 2016.

**First Day School Committee Report**-Report from Clerk of First Day School (FDS) Committee Liz Jenkins on recent 8/30/15 committee meeting. (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT C). A decreased pattern of attendance due to natural changes (eg.-children growing up) has been observed. Recommendation to alter current schedule and meetinghouse seating arrangement in response to this trend. FDS is in process of reorganizing and cleaning the space in Webster Cottage by selling some items in yard sale and discarding other items that are outdated, broken, or no longer functional. Improvements will make teaching FDS easier and safer and will not impact ability to house overnight guests. FDS continues to engage in discernment regarding purchase of new playground equipment.

**MINUTE 3-** Meeting approves new seating arrangement and schedule as recommended by First Day School committee with changes to be implemented effective as soon as is possible. Children will gather with their families in the seating area along the south wall of the meetinghouse when Meeting for Worship begins at 10:00am. Teachers and children will depart the meetinghouse at 10:15am for First Day School activities in Webster Cottage and return at 11:00am for announcements and fellowship. When there are no children present, the teachers will remain in worship that day.

**Naming Committee Status-** Clerk of Worship & Ministry Frances Stacey and Clerk of Care & Community Minerva Glidden both reported that their respective committees met following August 2015 MfB and have each identified two individuals that they recommend to serve on the Naming Committee.

**MINUTE 4-** Meeting approves Tom Ensign and Vicki Carlie (from Worship & Ministry) and Kay Lesnick and Bil Meeler (from Care & Community) to serve on the Naming Committee. This Naming Committee will bring forward at a near future MfB the names of individuals to serve on Nominating Committee for a two year period beginning in January 2016 and concluding in December 2017.

**Worship & Ministry Report-**Worship & Ministry Committee Clerk Frances Stacy reviewed updates from recent committee meeting (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT D). There was discussion about arranging the northeast corner of meetinghouse into a more child-friendly space. Future Conversations to Explore will be modified based on feedback from August 2015 MfB. All those wishing to facilitate a conversation are encouraged to be in contact with a member of the committee. The committee will additionally reach out to invite Friends and attenders to consider facilitating a conversation. Worship & Ministry asked for each position and committee at OMM to examine and update their "charges" (eg.-job description) to make sure they accurately reflect the work they are doing.

**MINUTE 5-** Meeting approves Worship & Ministry request to have each committee/position at OMM provide a written description of their charges to the Recording Clerk as soon as possible. This updated information will be shared with next Nominating Committee (still to be named by Naming Committee) for use in future discernment processes.

Member Tom Gottshalk transmitted concern from attender Miguel Adams who requested steering committee to assist with non-financial aspects of his non-profit organization Speak Up Florida. There was caring conversation among friends about best way to clarify any existing confusion regarding the difference between OMM's care for an individual attender and OMM's financial support for an organization with whom s/he may be affiliated. Though OMM previously awarded a grant donation to Speak Up Florida in 2014 and 2015, Friends present were clear that OMM is not in a position to offer guidance on day-to-day business operations of the agency. Arising out of the discussion from this request, a committee consisting of Bill Carlie, Ray Jenkins, and Tom Gottshalk agreed to meet with Miguel Adams for the purpose of clarifying boundaries and understanding Quaker process.

Lily Hollister reported that a group of Middle Adults has begun gathering to deepen and expand social connections. All members and attenders who are interested in attending community events outside of meeting are invited to participate and suggest ideas. Friends lovingly encouraged her enthusiasm and advised her to use utilize communications committee to publicize upcoming activities.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 1:25pm

**The following Friends/Attendees (16) were present for all or part of the meeting:** Bill Carlie, Stephanie Preston, Liz Jenkins, Frances Stacey, Kate Joseph, Tom Gottshalk, Michael Luke, John Margerum, Lily Hollister, Brenda Chappell, Ray Jenkins, Bil Meeler, Ingrid Swenson, Minerva Glidden, Chris Laning, Cathy Gaskill

**Subject:** Fwd: Clearness Committee  
**From:** william carlie (williamcarlie@embarqmail.com)  
**To:** scpreston@yahoo.com;  
**Date:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 4:01 PM

for the minutes

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** "Minerva Glidden" <minervaglidden@gmail.com>  
**To:** "Bill Carlie" <williamcarlie@embarqmail.com>  
**Cc:** "Ray Jenkins" <rayjenkins65@yahoo.com>, "Kate Joseph" <kljmsmc@yahoo.com>, "Tom Gottshalk" <tom@tomgottshalk.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 5:12:42 PM  
**Subject:** Clearness Committee

Dear Clerk,

This is Ray Jerkins' Clearness Committee minute for inclusion in tomorrow's Worship with Attention to Business.

A Clearness Committee, for membership, composed of Tom Gottshalk, Kate Joseph and Minerva Glidden met on September 10, 2015 with Ray Jenkins. The Committee united in highly recommending Ray Jenkins for membership in Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

Minerva Glidden

## Communication Committee - Additional Budet Request

Item	Cost	#	Total
Commercial-grade tent	\$320	1	\$320
Tent Weights (Set of 4)	\$30	2	\$60
Hand Truck / Dolly	\$62	1	\$62
Folding 4' Table	\$67	2	\$134
Fitted Table Cloths	\$14	2	\$28
Misc Hardware (Rope, Bungee, etc)	\$40	1	\$40
Brochures	\$30	1	\$30
VegFest Table Fee	\$80	1	\$80
Peace Film Festiveal Ad	\$125	1	\$125
Taxes Shipping	21	1	\$21
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$900</b>

**Minutes: First Day School Committee Meeting 08/30/15**

Webster Cottage at 11:30 a.m.

Present: Kate Joseph, Stephanie Preston, Florance Rezeau, Cathy Gaskill, Mira Tanna, Liz Jenkins

- After we gathered in quiet, we read the minutes from 8/24/2014.
- We read and discussed the report on attendance data from 8/3/2014 to 8/30/2015.
- In response to the pattern of attendance during the last twelve months at First Day School, the Committee recommends to the Meeting as a whole the following schedule change for the children:
  - Children and their family members gather in Meeting for Worship at 10:00 a.m.
  - Reserve the chairs along the south wall of the worship space for the teachers for the day and for children who are choosing to attend First Day School that day.
  - When there are children present, the teachers and children go to Webster at 10:15 a.m. for their First Day School activities.
  - When no children arrive, the teachers can remain in worship that day.
  - Teachers and children return to the Meeting House at 11:00 a.m. for announcements and fellowship.
- To better accommodate the ages and interests of the children currently attending First Day School, we will rearrange furnishings and materials in Webster Cottage to provide a more open discussion space in the front room for the older children and a play and create space in the back room for the younger children. Some materials and furniture from the back room and the TV set ups will be offered for sale at the September 19, 2015 Garage Sale. First Day School committee clerk, Liz Jenkins will organize these changes, assisted by the meeting members and the children as led and as able. These changes will not materially alter the current use of Webster Cottage by adults either for committee meetings or as guests of the Meeting.
- Liz updated committee members on the process being followed with the children for changes to our outdoor space. She invited members to share further ideas on the outdoor space. The goal is to support the children as they present a proposal for the outdoor space as a topic for Conversation to Explore.
- Liz provided an update regarding an attender who was known to be a registered sexual offender. This attender has relocated to Mobile, AL as of last report. First Day School committee members minute thanks and appreciation to Bill Carlie and all who assisted with the caring process to resolve this concern.

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- Liz provided everyone with copies of the draft of the First Day School policies and procedures. She requested that everyone review these pages ready for our next meeting.
- Kate voiced a concern, shared by other committee members, that it would be helpful to have a syllabus and/or curriculum to support the First Day School teachers. It was agreed to bring this to our next meeting for further discernment.
- We scheduled teachers for ninth and most of tenth month.
- We agreed to meet again at 11:30 a.m. in Webster Cottage on September 27, 2015.

EAJ 8/31/2015

**Subject:** Worship and Ministry Report

**From:** Frances Stacey (francesstacey@gmail.com)

**To:** williamcarlie@embarqmail.com; elizabethjenkins1@gmail.com; scpreston@yahoo.com;

**Date:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 7:18 PM

Hello Bill, Liz and Stephanie,

After our Worship and Ministry meeting yesterday I have a brief report.

1. That the northeast corner of the meetinghouse be made into a children's area, with a low table and chairs suitable for children of different ages; and that some children's books and materials for activities be placed in the bookshelves in that space.

2. W & M committee asks that each committee and officer review their present job description, and adapt it as needed to cover what they are actually doing. And, if possible, please give a vision of where they are headed or what they are trying to accomplish over the next year.

3. These updates can be compiled either by the Recording Clerk, or Worship and Ministry, and then be used by Nominating Committee in their work. This can help us to see where everyone is going, and what might be falling through the cracks.

4. We are adapting the way Conversation to Explore happens. As few people step forward on their own, we will simply go down the list alphabetically and invite people to lead a Conversation. People will be free to pass, as needed, but this way everyone will be given an invitation and opportunity to share an interest, a question, an exercise, etc. W & M is happy to help people with ideas for topics if they get stuck, and they will have plenty of advance notice.

I apologize the lateness of this report, but I had 2 committee meetings today, also.



Thanks,

*Frances*

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