

**Orlando Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting for Business Minutes**  
**11-13-2016**

Meeting Clerk, Stephanie Preston, opened the meeting at 11:55 am. Friends settled into silent worship to begin the 11th month Meeting of Worship with an Attention to Business.

The Agenda is displayed on a whiteboard for members to view.

The Clerk gave the monthly reading first Introducing the context of writer Rufus Jones' observations.

I believe for the moment these hard and brutal-minded men, accustomed only to ways of force and violence, found themselves confronted with an unexpected new way of life, which had at its heart another kind of force to which they, in a moment of softness, yielded and paid their respect. If that view is correct the outcome was a miracle wrought by the way of love.

--Rufus Jones Our Day in the German Gestapo Published in *The American Friend* 1947

*Friends Welcome* a Quaker visitor from Japan, Miki Endo. She attended Friends Girls School in Japan. Miki presented a brief video about ten years of Young Quaker Gatherings in Japan. The movie can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/h8oa6h9>

*Membership Request* – It is joyfully noted attender Gary Evans seeks membership. The Clerk read the letter of membership request which is referred to Care and Community Community for a clearness committee's consideration.

*Treasurer's Report* – Tom Gottshalk distributed the report as of 10/31/2016. He attention to items, most importantly repairs and maintenance. The Treasurer is pleased with the budget status. He responded to several questions regarding grants. The [Treasurer's report is attached.]

The Meeting Clerk requests that committees discern any funding they need for next year's budget and ask them to submit this information to Treasurer as he prepares proposed 2017 budget.

## Committee Reports

*Property Committee Report* – Ray Jenkins spoke of the Audio-Visual project status. A proposal at \$13K is being reviewed. The committee awaits another proposal. Question: Will the sound system be ready for Michener lecture? Two weeks will be needed for installation once a contract is approved. As stated earlier, the system's ease of use is a priority. The possibility of LCD monitors, which are problematic was discussed. Acquiring the most appropriate system takes importance over the quickness of installation. There should be a contingency plan if rented audio-visual equipment is needed for the Michener Lecture in January.

Hurricane Matthew necessitates some repairs to the meetinghouse roof. The men's room will be renovated causing some possible inconvenience. The committee wishes to purchase four (4) tables needed in time for Michener Lecture.

**11-2016.01** Friends approve the Property Committee request \$300 for four folding tables.

*Nominating Committee* – The Assistant Clerk is stepping down 12/31/16. The Membership Recorder is released as of 11/13/16. Nominating Committee recommends Vicki Carlie and Martha Morris to serve in partnership to do the work of Recorder and Assistant Clerk. Until proper approval, Vicki and Martha will temporarily serve in these capacities.

Friends accept the report. Joyfully thank the committee for their efforts.

*Young Friends Report* - Liz Jenkins reported on the Young Friends UNICEF fundraiser.

**11-2016.02** With appreciation, Orlando Friends thank our Young Friends, Cathy Gaskill, and all others who contributed money and effort to the UNICEF “trick or treat” fundraiser. \$171.20 has been collected to date.

*Hospitality* – Liz Joseph states the committee requests a holiday pot luck for December 18. Activities for the holiday period were discussed. For Christmas Day, which is on a first day, attending Friends will discern the events to follow the meeting for worship on that day.

Ray Jenkins reminded us to contact him if one can host out of town Friends for Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM), Michener Lecture weekend, January 13-15.

*The Trustees Report* was offered by Chris Laning.

The Trustees will convene for a meeting the evening of Monday, November 14.

The Trustees announce a special called meeting following meeting for worship on 11/27. Friends will be asked to review real estate offers and discern recommendations from Trustees regarding the sale of the Cisney House property.

*Other concerns from Clerk and members.*

Liz Jenkins noted Miami MM's need for financial support.

In a discussion opened by Jerry Knutson, several Friends spoke of a possible action to re-emphasize our testimonies in trying times. Based on the OMM August minute (attached), Minerva Glidden will facilitate a conversation to explore following worship on November 20. Jackie Schroeder saw a need to act on our words. Friends raised the question would we “think and respond differently if the recent political results would have been different.”

Liz Jenkins closed the discussions with a reminder that “we should all be tender with one another.”

Following the reconsideration of the numbered minutes and a period of silent worship, the Clerk closed the meeting at 1:24 PM.

*In attendance for all or part of the Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business:*

Bil Meeler	Jerry Knutson
Cathy Gaskill	Kate Joseph
Chris Laning	Liz Jenkins
Davis Lindsay	Minerva Glidden
Ed Lesnick	Ray Jenkins
Gary Evans	Stephanie Preston
Greg Allen-Anderson	Tom Gottshalk
Jackie Schroeder	Vicki Carli

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk

# OMM TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT As of 10/31/16

Chart of Accounts	2015 BUDGET	2016 Revenue		2016 Budget	
<b>REVENUE</b>					
5100 Support Gifts	\$ 11,000.00	\$5,869.00		\$ 9,000.00	65.21%
5200 Reimbursement/Use of MH	\$ 2,600.00	\$1,390.00		\$ 4,125.00	
5500 Trustee transfers, yearly	\$ 49,350.00	\$50,350.00		\$ 49,350.00	
5600 Trustee transfers, Grants	\$ 10,000.00	\$15,875.00		\$ 16,875.00	
5800 Reserves allocated to budget	\$ 7,500.00			\$ 6,900.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 80,450.00</b>	<b>\$73,484.00</b>		<b>\$ 86,250.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>		<b>Remaining</b>
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 17,000.00	\$7,612.97	95.16%	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 387.03
6040 Housekeeping	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,470.00	81.67%	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 330.00
6045 Pest Control	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,761.00	88.05%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 239.00
6050 Grounds Care	\$ 2,200.00	\$2,350.00	90.38%	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 250.00
6090 Utilities, MH	\$ 2,300.00	\$2,540.35	90.73%	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 259.65
6100 Insurance	\$ 3,900.00	\$3,946.68	98.67%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 53.32
6110 Utilities, WC	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,002.18	83.52%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 197.82
6120 Taxes, City Services	\$ 1,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
6150 Professional fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$70.00	7.78%	\$ 900.00	\$ 830.00
6160 Property Agent	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,100.00	75.83%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,900.00
6500 Other Property Expense	\$ 300.00	\$509.43	101.89%	\$ 500.00	\$ (9.43)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 42,050.00</b>	<b>\$30,362.61</b>	<b>81.84%</b>	<b>\$ 37,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,737.39</b>
6060 Bank Service Charges	\$ 75.00	\$57.50	76.67%	\$ 75.00	\$ 17.50
6070 Phone	\$ 480.00	\$442.10	88.42%	\$ 500.00	\$ 57.90
6155 Treasurer's expenses	\$ 59.00	\$191.29	34.78%	\$ 550.00	\$ 358.71
7030 Outreach & Adult Ed.	\$ 105.00	\$0.00			\$ -
7050 Fellowship & Hospitality	\$ 300.00	\$169.67	42.42%	\$ 400.00	\$ 230.33
7070 Library & Subscriptions	\$ 150.00	\$201.00	80.40%	\$ 250.00	\$ 49.00
7080 Archives	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
7090 Communications	\$ 400.00	\$62.93	15.73%	\$ 400.00	\$ 337.07
7100 Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
7110 Travel for SEYM	\$ 2,000.00	\$395.00	19.75%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,605.00
7150 Care & Community	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
7170 Peace & Social Concerns	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
7200 SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare		\$1,250.00	100.00%	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
7210 Young Friends Group	\$ 2,800.00	\$1,700.00	56.67%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
7220 SEYM	\$ 4,911.00	\$4,958.21	100.96%	\$ 4,911.00	\$ (47.21)
7230 Worship & Ministry	\$ 200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
7500 Other expenses	\$ 300.00	\$46.92	15.64%	\$ 300.00	\$ 253.08
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 14,930.00</b>	<b>\$9,474.62</b>	<b>55.62%</b>	<b>\$ 17,036.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,561.38</b>

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

7300	Homeless Ministry	\$ 3,200.00	\$126.00	3.15%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,874.00
7400	Special Ministry Projects	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,491.70	49.83%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,508.30
8240	Meeting Projects	\$ 270.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
8330	Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00	\$240.00	16.00%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,260.00
8500	Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$725.00	72.50%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 275.00
8600	Grants	\$ 10,500.00	\$4,375.00	27.56%	\$ 15,875.00	\$ 16,000.00
9000	Pendle Hill S.F. Award	\$ 7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>\$ 26,470.00</b>	<b>\$7,957.70</b>	<b>23.09%</b>	<b>\$ 34,465.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,507.30</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 83,450.00</b>	<b>\$47,794.93</b>	<b>53.94%</b>	<b>\$ 88,601.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,806.07</b>

**General Fund 2016 Budget**

Revenue	\$71,973.00
Expenses	\$47,794.93
Received from Trustees for 2016	\$66,225.00
SEYM Budget for FY2017 will be:	\$5,998.00

**General Fund Assets** AS of 9/30/16

Checking Acct. Bal.	\$30,098.00
Savings Account	\$30,119.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,217.78</b>

**PENDLE HILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,500.00
Awards	\$ 600.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,900.00
Reserves in Checking (#9000)	

Presented by Tom S. Gottshalk, Treasurer  
Orlando Monthly Meeting of the  
Religious Society of Friends, Inc.

## Re-Posted On Request - Friends approve Clerk's Minute: Orlando Monthly Meeting Statement on Recent Violence, August 2016

8-2016.04 Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends carries a concern regarding recent acts of violence in the United States and the world.

Do rightly, justly, truly, holily, equally to all people in all things; and that is according to that of God in every man, and the witness of God, and the wisdom of God, and the life of God in yourselves; and there you are serviceable in your generation, laboring in the thing that is good, which does not spoil, nor destroy, nor waste the creation upon the lusts...  
---George Fox, Epistle 200, 1661

We, Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, are heartbroken by the mass shooting tragedy in our community at the Pulse night club on June 12, 2016, which targeted members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) and Latino population.

We deplore all forms of violence. We are grieved by violence perpetrated against people solely because of their identity and acknowledge the gifts and inherent worth of all members of our human family.

We bear witness to how the current climate of fear and polarization in our society creates a fertile breeding ground for the justification of violence towards those seen as "the other."

We recognize that those disproportionately victimized by this divisive culture of "us" vs. "them" are members of historically oppressed groups including LGBTQ individuals, people of color, religious minorities, and women. We invite and welcome all to worship with us at Orlando Monthly Meeting.

As Quakers, we seek the light and hope in a world that often feels dark with despair.

We believe that positive change begins with an inward examination of our conscience to ask ourselves how we are called to lead with love as the first motion.

Orlando Monthly Meeting minutes its commitment to working together as individuals and as a community, to live out our beliefs for the cause of peace.

We call upon Friends to engage in ongoing discernment, to follow the leadings of Spirit, to offer mutual support, to educate and hold one another accountable to create a more just and compassionate society.