

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

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)

Eleventh Month, First Day 8 November 2015

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Preston

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship at 11:44am

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

MINUTE 1- Meeting joyfully gives final approval of membership for John Margerum to the Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

MINUTE 2-Meeting approves formation of clearness committee by Care & Community per request of application for membership from Steve Phelan. (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT A).

MINUTE 3-Meeting approves transfer of membership from Winter Park to Orlando per request of Ingrid Swenson (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT B).

First Day School Report-Clerk of First Day School Committee Liz Jenkins provided background context on the committee, and asked Friends to receive its efforts in a spirit of faith and trust. Information was shared about how its work to propose OMM First Day School Policy & Procedure was based on sound research and with expertise of the committee members and clerk.

Minute 4-Meeting approves OMM First Day School Policy & Procedure as recommended by First Day School Committee (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT C). The document is largely the same as presented previously, with minor edits made in discernment within the FDS committee based on input from other Friends (thanks to Ann Jerome). A printed hard copy version of this final document will be available in meeting house and will also be posted online at OMM website.

SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare-Per request of SEYM, OMM Clerk Bill Carlie presented the position description for Field Secretary for Earthcare (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT D). There is a request from monthly meetings to engage in discernment in a timely manner so feedback may be brought back to Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) at Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM) in January 2016. There was rich discussion with many questions regarding funding, sustainability, OMM contributions towards the position, healthcare benefits, salary, and number of hours worked. Bill Carlie as a member of SEYM Earthcare Committee and Vicki Carlie as Executive Secretary of SEYM responded to inquiries from those present. Friends approved the position description as presented with instruction for Clerk to bring back three specific feedback comments to WIBM 2016 as noted in attachment.

MINUTE 5-Meeting instructs OMM Treasurer to create a new line item in the FY 2016 budget to support ongoing compensation for Southeastern Yearly Meeting Field Secretary for Earthcare. The Treasurer will recommend appropriate funding amount based on previous year's budget and include this in the FY 2016 budget draft subject to final approval by Friends at a future MfB.

SEYM Youth Gathering Coordinator-SEYM is in need of a youth coordinator for the SEYM gathering during Easter weekend in March 2016. All monthly meetings were asked to make Friends aware of this need and direct interested individuals and those whom are willing to volunteer their time to speak with SEYM Executive Secretary Vicki Carlie.

Worship & Ministry Report-Clerk of Worship & Ministry Frances Stacey reported on recent work of the committee. They are currently 1) considering ways to encourage new attenders to stay engaged with OMM including the creation of an attenders packet 2) implementing spiritual formation groups under the guidance of Jerry Knutson (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT E) and 3) working with the hospitality committee to compile information that will be helpful to share with first time visitors and may include FAQ's on Quaker Meeting for Worship.

MINUTE 6-Meeting approves Hospitality Committee to move forward with creating a welcome packet and/or FAQ sheet for first time visitors which will be brought back to a future MfB for feedback/discernment

MINUTE 7-Meeting approves Worship & Ministry to move forward with creating an attenders packet as a way of reaching out to and encouraging more frequent attenders to stay engaged with OMM sample folder was shared.

There was vigorous discussion on what lists of names are kept of those coming to OMM and for what purpose. Friends agreed that a more formal membership list will be updated once per year by the OMM membership recorder to be submitted to SEYM, but noted that it is also acceptable practice to maintain our own less formal contact list for internal communication purposes.

Property Committee-An update on Webster Cottage was provided from OMM Property Manager Bil Meeler. The heating element in the hot water heater will be fixed to correct leaking problem and the electric circuit breakers in kitchen will be repaired.

FGC Central Committee Request-Request submitted from Kay Lesnick (as SEYM representative to FGC Central Committee) for OMM to provide accommodations for FGC CIRC to utilize the meetinghouse in April 2016.

MINUTE 8-Meeting approves OMM to provide hospitality to the Christian & Interfaith Relations Committee of Friends General during the first weekend of April 2016.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 1:18pm

The following Friends/Attenders (17) were present for all or part of the meeting: Bill Carlie, Stephanie Preston, Liz Jenkins, Chris Laning, Kate Joseph, Tom Gottshalk, Greg, Vickie Carlie, Jerry Knutson, Ray Jenkins, Frances Stacey, Bil Meeler, Robin, Minerva Glidden, Ingrid Swenson, Cathy Gaskill.