

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

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)

Twelfth Month, First Day 13 December 2015

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Preston

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship at 11:47am

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

Committee Reports

Property Committee-Clerk of Property Committee Michael Luke presented two expense items for further discernment including purchase of audiovisual presentation system and tree care service. Friends John Margerum and Anne Jerome offered the use of their digital recording equipment for Michener Lecture in January 2016 until such time that permanent purchase can be made.

MINUTE 1- Meeting approves Property Committee request to purchase audiovisual system in 2016 with capability to both digitally record audio as well as visually display computer and video presentations. The system will be compatible to wirelessly connect with existing computer and smartphone technology.

MINUTE 2-Meeting approves Property Committee budget request for tree care service in the amount of \$3500 utilizing funds from 2015 budget line item Reserves (5800) as needed.

MINUTE 3-Meeting approves scheduling of meetinghouse cleaning and work day on Saturday 10 January 2016 in preparation for OMM to host SEYM WIBM. Friends are requested to bring their own cleaning supplies and yard tools.

Hospitality Committee-Ray Jenkins presented draft copy of FAQ sheet for visitors. There was extensive feedback and questions from Friends. Other Friends expressed concern about need to respect time and energy for those preparing written reports by not engaging in unnecessary "wordsmithing" during MfB. Based on feedback received, Hospitality Committee will integrate suggested comments and receive additional information via e-mail to Ray Jenkins (rayjenkins65@yahoo.com) which will be presented for final approval at a future MfB.

Nominating Committee Report-Clerk of Nominating Committee Stephanie Preston reported that at this time there is not clearness on bringing a name forward for approval to serve as Recording Clerk beginning in 2016, though at least one Friend continues to engage in discernment. The importance of identifying someone to serve in this role was stated by several Friends who expressed concern about how such a vacancy might impact MfB and Clerks.

Annual Holiday Potluck –Reminder was given about the annual holiday potluck that will take place next week on 12/20/2015 after worship. The children of First Day School will present a short play prior to meal. Friends are requested to bring a dish to share.

Budget-Treasurer Tom Gottshalk provided written and verbal report for 2015 Budget and previewed the 2016 Budget Forecast.

MINUTE 4-Per recommendation of Treasurer, meeting approves request for the Incorporated Trustees of OMM to make early deposit as soon as possible to budget line item (5500) of Yearly Trustee Transfer.

Transition of Clerk-Outgoing Clerk Bill Carlie shared reflections with Friends on his term of service as Clerk of OMM for the past twelve years prior to stepping aside for minute of appreciation by Recording Clerk Stephanie Preston. Meeting gathered in silent worship for several minutes to hold outgoing Clerk Bill Carlie and incoming Clerk Stephanie Preston in the light.

MINUTE 5-The Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses its deep appreciation to Bill Carlie for his service in the role of Clerk for the past twelve years. His contributions to our community have extended beyond his official responsibilities in this capacity. He has generously shared his wisdom and knowledge of Friends' practice with hundreds of visitors, attenders, and members over the course of several decades. We, the Quakers of Orlando, are especially grateful for the attributes of his approachable smile, calm demeanor, steadfast attendance, firm and gentle presence, enduring sense of humor, and mastery of barbeque techniques. These gifts of spirit have helped Orlando Monthly Meeting to navigate difficult challenges as well as flourish into the vibrant faith community into which we have joyfully transformed today. We minute our heartfelt thanks and heartfelt love to Bill Carlie for his time and dedication.

MINUTE 6-Meeting expresses its appreciation to Stephanie Preston for her faithful and loving service in the role of OMM Recording Clerk in 2015.

MINUTE 7-Meeting expresses its appreciation to Liz Jenkins for her conscientious service in the role of Assistant Clerk in 2015 and her continued willingness to serve in this capacity in 2016.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 1:13pm

The following Friends/Attenders (18) were present for all or part of the meeting: Bill Carlie, Stephanie Preston, Liz Jenkins, Chris Laning, Kate Joseph, Tom Gottshalk, Vickie Carlie, Jerry Knutson, Ray Jenkins, Bil Meeler, Lily Hollister, Minerva Glidden, Ingrid Swenson, Cathy Gaskill, Anne Jerome, John Margerum, Michael Luke, Dennis Schmalstig.