

Orlando Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Business Minutes
8-20-2017

Meeting Clerk, Stephanie Preston, convened the meeting at 11:50 am. The 8th-month Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business was postponed from second Sunday as members attended a Quaker memorial meeting and celebration of the life of Cathy Gaskill on August 13.

Friends settled into worshipful, attentive silence in preparation for the 8th-month meeting for business.

Clerk reminded Friends of the guidelines for Meeting for Business

Presiding Clerk's Message and Queries – Stephanie Preston

Readings

The only weapon we have is our bodies, and we need to tuck them in places, so wheels don't turn." -- Bayard Rustin

"We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers." --Bayard Rustin

Queries and Advices from SEYM Faith and Practice, 4th Edition (2013)

Queries

It is precisely when civility breaks down, free speech degrades into shouting matches, and tempers flare, that we MOST need to live out our Quaker testimonies. How are we called as Quakers to respond in turbulent times?

Treasurer Report – Tom Gottschalk. The July report was distributed (attached). Many checks were cleared in July. Line 8600 indicates grants paid: Forty-Nine per cent of the budgeted amount has been spent. Currently, \$150 week is allocated for caretaker services. In general, normal expenditures have been made while there are some outstanding bills are still being addressed.

Trustees – Chris Lanning. The Trustees are discerning the best way forward with investments, including the assets from the sale of Cisney House. Some investment firms have been contacted. While the amount to be invested has yet to be determined, the Trustees wish to invest in secure funds not overly influenced by stock market volatility and provides for self-ministering without constant oversight.

OMM will meet with representatives from the Friends Fiduciary Corporation at the meetinghouse the morning of October 14. Bill Carlie and others spoke in support.

Property Committee – Ray Jenkins. The committee clerk addressed the meetinghouse security system, the Caretaker position, and a recent fire inspection. (Committee Clerk's report is attached)

The Committee is pleased with the cleaning job done by the temporary caretaker. Necessary supplies and maintenance will be addressed. A Friend noted the need to consider the budget in the meetinghouse upkeep. A question was asked about the security system's use in the Cottage. It was stated a security system would be invasive to the privacy of guests staying at the cottage.

Gratitude was expressed for the Property Committee's efforts.

Hospitality Committee - Kate Joseph announced the "Rummage Sale is canceled this year. Road construction in the area limits access to the meetinghouse and assistance has not been forthcoming. Also, the committee clerk is unable to invest the additional time necessary for such a project.

Worship & Ministry Committee – Vicki Carlie

The committee clerk read the proposed OMM Memorial minute for Cathy Gaskill and her autobiography (a summary) written before her death. Following discernment, Friends approved two minutes.

2017.08-01 Friends approve the memorial minute for Friend Cathy Gaskill as prepared by the Worship and Ministry Committee. To wit: Memorial Minute Catharine Balderston Jones Gaskill

Cathy Gaskill, beloved Friend, Quaker storyteller, and a member of Orlando Meeting, passed away July 27, 2017. About 100 people attended her Memorial, held under the care of Orlando Monthly Meeting on Sunday, August 13th, at John Knox Village in Orange City, Florida.

Cathy was born Catharine Balderston Jones on Jan. 29, 1927, to a family with deep Quaker roots and connections. Her mother had been a Quaker missionary to Japan. Her father, Thomas E. Jones, was president of Fisk University, and later, president of Earlham College. Cathy graduated from Westtown and Swarthmore, as well as from Cornell with a nursing degree. She was a fountain of knowledge of all things Quaker.

Cathy was very active in Southeastern Yearly Meeting, since its beginnings in the 1950s and '60s. She served many years on the SEYM Faith & Practice committee, including working on our latest edition and, most recently, serving as a permanent member *emeritus*. She was instrumental in starting and supporting the Michener Lecture and Luncheon for many years--- raising funds and serving on the Michener Lecture committee. She had a role in the beginnings of SEYM Publications. She worked hard, and cheerfully, on the SEYM Archives. For many years, she worked with the youth at Yearly Meeting, leading workshops and telling stories.

Cathy is fondly remembered by generations of SEYM Friends for her avocation as a Quaker Storyteller. Wearing a traditional Quaker dress and bonnet, Cathy would tell stories from Quaker history, of the underground railroad, and of Quaker heroines & heroes such as Sojourner Truth, Betsy Ross, Lucretia Mott, and many others. Later in life, she became an author, writing *Ruth's Gift*, a story about a Quaker ancestor.

Cathy was a member of Orlando Monthly Meeting during the time that the meetinghouse was being built and

through the 1960s. Then she became a member of Winter Park Meeting when they were established. Later in life, she transferred her membership back to Orlando. She had been very active in both Meetings; and over the decades carried concerns for peace, social justice, racial equality, and many other issues. Cathy also loved music, played various instruments, and sang in the Bach Festival Choir in Winter Park for many years. We can only begin to list all that she did; she had such a keen interest in people, enthusiasm for life, and energetic joy in service. Cathy continued to read, learn, and be open to new light to the very last.

Friends in Orlando Meeting will deeply miss Cathy's cheerfulness, enthusiasm, and ministry. We will miss her presence in Meeting for Business, which she attended faithfully, and her presence as a seasoned Friend in our midst. Cathy had a way of speaking plainly, in the spirit of truth and love; she was an example to us all.

2017.08-02 Friends are in unity to record Cathy Gatskill's autobiography that she previously prepared for her memorial. (attached)

2017.08-03 The Meeting unites with the recommendations from Worship and Ministry Committee in moving forward with the acquisition of new chairs as stated in their report (attached)

2017.08-04 The meeting refers the purchase of chairs to the Property Committee for their discernment.

Peace & Social Concerns – Greg Allen-Anderson gave an update of a meeting with Orange County Library board. The Meeting was seeking library access for the homeless. The proposal was rejected by a vote 5-1. At this business meeting, a Friend proposed bringing the issue directly to the American Library Association due to the Orange County board's position.

Greg reviewed what is provided and what can not be provided by the public library, particularly noted was the problem of a homeless person's personal identification.

Item for September: The Meeting clerk wishes time in the meeting to address recent incidences of violence (August 2017). She requests members to consider this concern for discernment at the next business meeting. Friends pointed out the numerous Quaker sites dealing with the systemic aspects of race and discrimination. Another Friend sees the need to discern the topic within in the context of some active response the Meeting could undertake.

The meeting for worship with attention to business concluded at 1:25 PM.

In attendance:

Bill Carlie	Jerry Knutson	Steven Riddle
Chris Laning	Kate Joseph	Tom Gotschall
Ed Lesnick	Liz Jenkins	Vicki Carlie
Gary Evans	Minerva Glidden	
Greg Allen-Anderson	Ray Jenkins	
Jackie Schroeder	Stephanie Preston	

Faithfully submitted by Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk

OMM TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 2017

Chart of Accounts	2016 Budget	2017 Revenue	% of Budget	2017 Budget	Remaining
				Proposal	
5100 Support Gifts	\$ 9,000.00	\$3,315.00	36.83%	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,685.00
5200 Reimbursement/Use of MH	\$ 4,125.00	\$2,310.00	115.50%	\$ 2,000.00	
5500 Trustee transfers, yearly	\$ 49,350.00	\$62,000.00		\$ 62,000.00	
5600 Trustee transfers, Grants	\$ 16,875.00	\$16,000.00		\$ 16,000.00	
5700 Return Credit					
5800 Reserves allocated to budget	\$ 6,900.00	\$6,900.00		\$ 6,900.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 86,250.00	\$90,525.00		\$ 95,900.00	

EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES		Expenses	% of Budget		Remaining
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$5,789.84	48.25%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,210.16
6040 Housekeeping	\$ 1,800.00	\$2,925.00	162.50%	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,125.00)
6045 Pest Control	\$ 2,000.00	\$546.00	27.30%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,454.00
6050 Grounds Care	\$ 2,600.00	\$1,420.00	39.44%	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,180.00
6090 Utilities, MH	\$ 2,800.00	\$1,402.33	46.74%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,597.67
6100 Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,077.34	76.93%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 922.66
6110 Utilities, WC	\$ 1,200.00	\$621.45	51.79%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 578.55
6120 Taxes, City Services	\$ 1,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
6150 Professional fees	\$ 900.00	\$70.00	7.78%	\$ 900.00	\$ 830.00
6160 Property Agent	\$ 12,000.00	\$4,000.00	33.33%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
6500 Other Property Expense	\$ 500.00	\$12,800.54	106.67%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (800.54)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 37,100.00	\$32,652.50	60.69%	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 21,147.50
6060 Bank Service Charges	\$ 75.00	\$50.00	66.67%	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
6070 Phone	\$ 500.00	\$309.47	51.58%	\$ 600.00	\$ 290.53
6155 Treasurer's expenses	\$ 550.00	\$87.66	14.61%	\$ 600.00	\$ 512.34
7030 Outreach & Adult Ed.		\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
7050 Fellowship & Hospitality	\$ 400.00	\$702.21	23.41%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,297.79
7070 Library & Subscriptions	\$ 250.00	\$115.96	46.38%	\$ 250.00	\$ 134.04
7080 Archives	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
7090 Communications	\$ 400.00	\$227.87	56.97%	\$ 400.00	\$ 172.13
7100 Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
7110 Travel for SEYM	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
7150 Care & Community	\$ 1,000.00	\$560.00	56.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 440.00
7170 Peace & Social Concerns	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
7200 SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare	\$ 1,250.00	\$200.00	16.00%	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,050.00
7210 Young Friends Group	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,300.00	43.33%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,700.00
7220 SEYM	\$ 4,911.00	\$5,998.00	100.00%	\$ 5,998.00	\$ -
7230 Worship & Ministry	\$ 250.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
7500 Other expenses	\$ 300.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 17,036.00	\$9,551.17	43.67%	\$ 21,873.00	\$ 12,321.83

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

7300	Homeless Ministry	\$ 4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
7400	Special Ministry Projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$2,137.00	42.74%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,863.00
8240	Meeting Projects	\$ 190.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
8330	Scholarships	\$ 1,500.00	\$180.00	12.00%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,320.00
8500	Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$300.00	30.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
8600	Grants	\$ 15,875.00	\$7,500.00	46.88%	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
9000	Pendle Hill S.F. Award	\$ 6,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		\$ 34,465.00	\$10,117.00	29.25%	\$ 34,590.00	\$ 24,473.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 88,601.00	\$52,320.67	47.45%	\$110,263.00	\$ 57,942.33

General Fund 2017 Budget

Revenue	\$ 90,525.00
Expenses	\$ 52,320.67
Trustee Transfer	\$78,000.00
SEYM Budget for FY2017 will be:	\$5,998.00

General Fund Assets

Checking Acct. Bal.	\$41,034.69	As of 8/20
Savings Account	\$30,171.11	As of 8/20
TOTAL	\$71,205.80	

PENDLE HILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,500.00	
Awards	\$ 600.00	
Ending Balance	\$ 6,900.00	(\$1225.00 Refunded)
Reserves in Checking (#9000)		

Presented by Tom S. Gottshalk, Treasurer
Orlando Monthly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends, Inc.
Budget Report for July, 2017

A Brief Auto-Biography Written by Cathy Gaskill

This brief autobiography Cathy wrote for her memorial tells more about her personal life:

Born within the walls of a Civil War fort, to Quaker parents, within an interracial faculty community, in “Jim Crow” Nashville, Tennessee – Cathy’s best friends were two “negro” girls slightly older, whose warm friendship counterbalanced the cold ostracism of all but one of her white school classmates. She was constantly sick as a child, painfully underweight, and was often teased by her two older brothers. Finally at age 13 she was sent away to Quaker high school and college, where she found herself. She taught in a one room school in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and then graduated from Cornell University New York Hospital School of Nursing where she stayed on for three years to teach nursing. She attended the university of Michigan intending to get a M.A. in Nursing, but instead got a ‘Mrs.’ From Roger A Gaskill. Their son David was born in Ann Arbor, and then the family of three settled in Windermere, Florida, where they welcomed another son, Benjamin, into their family, and lived for about 40 years. During this time she sang in the Bach Festival Choir and became a Quaker storyteller. The boys left home and Cathy and Roger moved to Orlando for nine years. In 2000 Roger died. In 2005, Cathy moved to John Knox Village.

Worship and Ministry Report

New Chairs

We recommend there be one to two dozen more comfortable chairs for the worship space. We suggest these be simply wider chairs with arms, not necessarily overstuffed. We suggest moving the red comfy chairs back to their original location in front of the fellowship area fireplace. In the long term, we suggest replacing the yellow chairs with stackable, more comfortable chairs.

We also suggest that we could use fewer chairs in the worship space; the stacked yellow chairs are unsightly. When more chairs are needed, such as for Michener lecture weekend, they could be rented.

[See minutes 2017.08-03 and 2016.08-04]

Property Committee Report

The Property Committee provides a brief update regarding the selection of security equipment to present to the meeting. We have contacted and interviewed three companies and are currently testing a camera system. We will bring the selection to the next meeting for business with a recommendation from the committee.

After the security system is installed, we will run ads and begin interviews for the Caretaker position. We felt it would not be wise to hold interviews with a series of strangers without the security system being in place.

We experienced a fire inspection at which two violations were found. One was reflective exit signs over each door, and the other was a defective door that would not open. Both violations have been corrected and the Fire Inspector was advised of, and acknowledged the corrections.

Fresh supplies have been purchased and until a Caretaker is hired, Cassandra continues to do an excellent job cleaning both buildings.

Two florescent light bulbs in the fellowship room will be replaced no later than next week.

Ray Jenkins, Clerk
Property Committee