

## **Orlando Monthly Meeting Meeting for Business October 15, 2017**

The Clerk called for attendees to gather at 11:46. The Meeting settled with a time of silence. In the manner of Friends, the Meeting Clerk Stephanie Preston offered an advice and two queries for contemplation.

“Our belief that people can continually discover more about the will of God makes us eschew dogma. We search for ways to meet human need in shared worship and open ourselves to disagreement as a path to God’s higher truths. The spirit leads our community to creative action occasionally in ways that transcend reason, as we listen to God’s voice in our prayers and in the messages we have for each other.”

– New York Yearly Meeting, 1995, Excerpt from SEYM Faith and Practice

Queries

“Have we truly tried to leave behind our personal desires, the better to be led by Spirit?”

“Do we seek to discern the Light in all viewpoints?”

**Treasurer’s Report**, Tom Gottshalk: The Treasurer distributed the September report (attached). He noted expenses for August and said we had reached 53% of the 2017 allocated budget. The Treasurer spoke about the \$36,000 property budget line, indicating the larger expenses and some savings made by not having a property manager in recent months. Housekeeping is over budget, but this raises no concern.

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with thanks.

**Trustees’ update**, Chris Laning: Proposal for Investment of OMM Funds in Friends Fiduciary. In a meeting open to all members, October 14, the Trustees met following a presentation by Friends Fiduciary. The intent was to approve a minute at the November business meeting based on the following recommendation:

1. At Meeting for Business, we would like to present a Trustee recommendation that Friends move most of their investment funds to Friends Fiduciary. The exception would be a relatively small amount that would be set aside in a money market account to cover expenses that will come up in the near future (the next year or two).
  
2. We would also like a minute that could go something like this: “OMM Friends approve the recommendation of the officers of the Incorporated Trustees of Orlando Religious Society of Friends to move most of the Meeting’s investment funds to Friends Fiduciary. A relatively small portion of the Meeting’s investment funds should be set aside in a liquid

account to cover expenses that will come up in the near future.” We think it would be appropriate to lay the minute over until the November Meeting for Business. In the interim, Friends would be urged to present any questions or concerns to the Trustees for consideration.

3. At the November Meeting for Business, Trustees will provide a proposed schedule for movement and allocation of funds. Then, assuming Friends concur, we would like final approval of the above minute, at which point we will convene a meeting of the Incorporated Trustees to formalize the decision.

4. Unless there are unaddressed concerns following the November Meeting for Business, Trustees will proceed to effect the transfer. The interim time is for further input, and considerations members wish to address.

Questions were raised about regular distributions to OMM. The customary allocation is 4% per year, semi-annually. Bill Carlie noted in the calculations with Friends Fiduciary and the amount of OMM investment, to cover minimum necessary for OMM's operational need is about 2%.

Regardless of inflation, the principal will remain intact. Several Friends talked about the benefits of the financial arrangement. Friends Fiduciary website was recommended.

**Property Committee Report:** Ray Jenkins, clerk: presented a “Proposal for Meetinghouse Security System.” An outline of Ray's presentation is attached to these minutes.

The Property Committee evaluated three potential vendors.

The Committee Recommends two (2) RioLink cameras; three (3) detectors from Protect America and a 24 monitoring service for \$41.99 a month Up to nine (9) people can monitor the system, remotely by smartphone.

Some functions were explained. For example, the system keeps a record of recordings, not continuous, but activated from phone to save. The Meeting Clerk noted the need for training users.

The clerk of Nominations, Liz Jenkins, stated security system access and support responsibilities would be developed by the Nominating Committee. Access will be granted according to the need for specific positions (not people) to have access.

The system was described as “passive security” to avoid theft. Friends contributed to a long discernment, raising questions and giving their leadings. In response to a question, there is no “panic” nor emergency call function in the system. The system will not be installed in Webster Cottage, for privacy reasons and the cottage's adequate security.

Some members stated their reservations to the security system concept.

**2017.10-01. Friends approve the Property Committee's recommendation for a meetinghouse security system by Protect America.**

**Care and Community**, Minerva Glidden, reported on the status of a current concern for an individual, which is in the process towards resolution.

Minerva emphasized the need for the committee to conduct its affairs with confidential discernment, which is central to the success of the committee's ministry. Referrals are to be made to the committee members. Also central to process is the need of the assisted person to take the lead in how he or she would receive support.

Concerns should be directed to members of the Care and Community Committee:  
Minerva Glidden, Liz Jenkins, Kay Lesnick and Martha Morris

**Peace & Social Concerns**, Greg Allen-Anderson, brought forward a Proposal for Letter to the Editor from OMM on The Dream Act. Following explanations and recommended revisions, the meeting approved a minute. The letter is attached to these minutes.

**2017.11-02. OMM approves a letter to the Editor of the Orlando Sentinel: Congress Should Pass the Dream Act of 2017 to be submitted by the meeting clerk at an appropriate time.**

**Grants Committee**, Bill Carlie, Clerk: The remaining budget for 2017 grants is \$5750. The Committee proposes grants of \$2500 relief for Puerto Rico, \$2500 to the Caribbean and Mexican disaster relief, and \$750 for immigration and displacement issues in Yemen and other areas in the general region.

**2017.10-03. Friends approve the Grant Committee report and distribution.**

Following the reading of the Numbered Minutes, the clerk called for a moment of silent worship. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

**In attendance:**

Stephanie Preston (Clerk), Chris Laning, Liz Jenkins, Ray Jenkins, Tom Gottshalk, Steve Riddle, Minerva Glidden, Bill Carlie, Greg Anderson, Jerry Knutson, Kate Joseph, Gary Evans, Vicki Carlie, and Ed Lesnick (Recording Clerk)

# OMM TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Chart of Accounts	2016 Budget	2017 Revenue	% of Budget	2017 Budget	Remaining
				Proposal	
5100 Support Gifts	\$ 9,000.00	\$3,910.00	43.44%	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,090.00
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	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 86,250.00</b>	<b>\$91,120.00</b>		<b>\$ 95,900.00</b>	

## EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES		2017 Expenses	% of Budget		Remaining
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$6,086.57	50.72%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,913.43
6040 Housekeeping	\$ 1,800.00	\$3,900.00	216.67%	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (2,100.00)
6045 Pest Control	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,100.05	55.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 899.95
6050 Grounds Care	\$ 2,600.00	\$1,840.00	51.11%	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,760.00
6090 Utilities, MH	\$ 2,800.00	\$2,383.76	79.46%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 616.24
6100 Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,077.34	76.93%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 922.66
6110 Utilities, WC	\$ 1,200.00	\$885.33	73.78%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 314.67
6120 Taxes, City Services	\$ 1,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
6150 Professional fees	\$ 900.00	\$230.00	25.56%	\$ 900.00	\$ 670.00
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)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 37,100.00</b>	<b>\$36,303.59</b>	<b>67.48%</b>	<b>\$ 53,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,496.41</b>
6060 Bank Service Charges	\$ 75.00	\$50.00	66.67%	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
6070 Phone	\$ 500.00	\$353.68	58.95%	\$ 600.00	\$ 246.32
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	\$822.03	27.40%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,177.97
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	\$633.56	63.36%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 366.44
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	\$1,700.00	56.67%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
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
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 17,036.00</b>	<b>\$10,188.76</b>	<b>46.58%</b>	<b>\$ 21,873.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,684.24</b>

**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	\$3,232.00	64.64%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,768.00
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	\$9,250.00	57.81%	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 6,750.00
9000	Pendle Hill S.F. Award	\$ 6,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>\$ 34,465.00</b>	<b>\$12,962.00</b>	<b>37.47%</b>	<b>\$ 34,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,628.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 88,601.00</b>	<b>\$59,454.35</b>	<b>53.92%</b>	<b>\$110,263.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,808.65</b>

**General Fund 2017 Budget**

Revenue	<b>\$ 91,120.00</b>
Expenses	<b>\$ 59,454.35</b>
Trustee Transfer	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
SEYM Budget for FY2017 will be:	\$5,998.00

**General Fund Assets**

Checking Acct. Bal.	\$36,366.92	As of 10/11
Savings Account	\$30,178.67	As of 10/11
TOTAL	\$66,545.59	

**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 September, 2017**

Security System Presentation by Ray Jenkins, Committee Clerk

Property Committee

Oct 15, 2017 Meeting For Business

1. The June 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 Meeting for Business approved the recommendation to take steps to find a way forward with the implementation of a security system for the meeting. The steps are as follows:
  - A. Check with treasurer about insurance discount
  - B. Check with LHPS to partner for night security sweep
  - C. Meet with security reps as needed
  - D. Present recommendations to meeting for business
  
2. Breakdown of security applications by company.

COST

- A. Protect America - \$52.99 @ month on a 36 month contract w/cameras and 41.99 @month after cameras are paid for. Total \$1,907.64
- B. ADT – 59.99 @ month on a 36 month contract. Total \$2,159.64
- C. Reolink - \$479.00 Self monitor system.

EQUIPMENT

ADT-2 CAMERAS AND 2 MOTION DETECTORS WITH A MINIMUM DETECTION OF OVER 60 POUNDS.

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INSTALLATION

ADT- TECHNICIAN INSTALLATION

PROTECT AMERICA-EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY US

REOLINK- EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY USER

## SERVICE

ADT- 6 MONITORING CENTERS: 4 U.S. AND 2 CANADA ADT IS OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY, REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

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REOLINK- 24HR ONLINE SERVICE, REPLACEMENT PARTS SHIPPED OVERNIGHT. (NON- MONITORED SYSTEM.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

2 CAMERAS FROM REOLINK-ALREADY PURCHASED

3 MOTION DETECTORS- PROTECT AMERICA

1 KEY PAD AND HARD DRIVE-PROTECT AMERICA

24HR MONITORING SERVICE-PROTECT AMERICA

41.99 @ MONTH

Proposal: a letter to the Editor of the Orlando Sentinel: **Congress Should Pass the Dream Act of 2017.**

Our faith has taught us to welcome the stranger, stand with the vulnerable, and love our neighbors. It is because of these values that we call on members of Congress to act immediately to protect Dreamers, the young people who grew up in the United States undocumented. When President Trump terminated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, he threw the lives of the nearly 800,000 immigrants that that program protects into uncertainty. If Congress does not act, Dreamers will soon be in danger of losing their work authorizations or even being deported. As people of faith, we are called to show mercy and hospitality to immigrants, providing the same welcome that we ourselves would hope for. As Americans, we live in a country built in large part by the hard work, dreams, and determination of generations of immigrants. Leaving DACA recipients and other Dreamers in limbo violates our nation's values and sends a message of exclusion to immigrant youth, many of whom know no other country but the United States. We have grave concerns about proposals to attach harmful immigration enforcement increases to relief for Dreamers. Dreamers are human beings, not bargaining chips to ransom for harsher enforcement or more spending on border security. That's why we're calling on Senator Rubio to support a swift and clean passage of the Dream Act of 2017.

The above letter was revised from the original and is approved in the minute.