

Orlando Monthly Meeting Meeting for Business December 10, 2017

The Meeting Clerk, Stephanie Preston, called for Friends to gather at 11:40 am. The Meeting settled with a brief time of silence.

Request for Discernment for a SEYM Youth Secretary Mira Tanna brought forth a request from the SEYM Youth Committee.

SEYM is discerning the position of Youth Secretary, a volunteer position for a two-year term, with a small stipend and health care benefits. Cody Hirsch, (Miami) has proposed the ministry in which he would serve. The position will begin in January 2019.

SEYM Youth Committee requests Webster Cottage as the residence for the Youth Secretary.

Friends offered several observations on the use of Webster Cottage as an accommodation for a permanent guest. There is regular Sunday morning use of the Cottage by OMM youth group (First Day School) and other activities (spiritual deepening, piano lessons, etc.) conducted on the premises. If we are to go forward, the OMM Youth should be part of the discernment.

Continuous use will impact maintenance and utility costs. Possible increased Insurance coverage may occur. Webster Cottage is customarily used to host traveling Friends for a day or two. Hosting a permanent resident would constrict, if not eliminate, such use. A cautionary parallel was made with Cisney House and using Orlando MM property as rental space and the resources (human and financial) required in managing the abode.

Friends will continue their discernment.

Treasurer's Report Tom Gottshalk distributed the report for November. He noted the status of grants; a \$2500 donation to Puerto Rico has been sent and is waiting to clear. Attention was given to the Transfer from Trustees and line items significantly over and under the 2017 budget. Housekeeping (6040) is minus \$3,300 but is offset by the unspent Property Manager budget of \$8000. The Activities budget has \$10,659 in unused funds to date.

A question was raised about a yet to be paid remaining budget line item balance (7200), an allocation of \$1050 to the SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare Fund. The Clerk will remind the Treasurer to send a check to the SEYM Executive Secretary for the above amount.

Gratitude is expressed to Tom for his service as Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Clerk Updates Stephanie Preston brought the following to our attention:

January Meeting for Business: The date change from 1/14/18 to 1/21/18 due to Michener Lecture.

MLK Annual memorial sponsored by City of Orlando and Interfaith Council of Central Florida Annual is on Sunday, 1/7/18. Friends wishing to attend should come to the meetinghouse at 5:00 pm to carpool to the event at City Hall.

Quakers of Orlando Dream Act Letter in Orlando Sentinel on 12/8/2017

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-letters-pass-dream-act-Quakers-plead-20171206-story.html>

Greg Anderson encouraged Friends' ongoing support of the "Dreamers Act."

Trustees' Report Chris Laning, In a follow-up of the minute approved at the eleventh-month Meeting for Business, the officers of the Incorporated Trustees of the Orlando Religious Society of Friends submit this short report summarizing the transfer of investment funds, as follows:

- This week (on 12/7), we transferred \$126,906.71 from CDARs maturing at Seaside Bank to the Short-Term Investment Fund at Friends Fiduciary.
- Next week (on 12/14), we will transfer \$45,060.04 from a CDAR maturing at Seaside Bank into our existing Money Market account at Seaside Bank, making the total in the Money Market account approximately \$165,300.
- Next week (on 12/14), we will also transfer \$1,117,124.32, representing all of the remaining CDAR funds at Seaside Bank, to the Consolidated Fund at Friends Fiduciary.
- Over the course of 2018, we plan to transfer all of the funds currently invested with Charles Schwab (\$2,209,430.89 as of 10/31) to Friends Fiduciary in four increments, one transfer at the end of each calendar quarter, so that by the end of the year all of the funds currently invested at Charles Schwab will have been transferred to Friends Fiduciary.

Worship and Ministry Committee Vicki Carlie: This year, the Committee wishes to take a different approach to writing the *State of the Meeting report*. A meeting will be called during Conversation to Explore "time" to consider the query: 'How has the Spirit been moving among us this year?'

In the past, a single member prepared the statement for the SEYM Documents In Advance of the annual sessions. Using a sharing meeting is in good order. It is practiced among many Quaker meetings. Participants will offer suggestions out of silence.

The meeting will be scheduled in late January or February. The final report is due by the end of February. Copies of last year's OMM State of the Meeting report will be provided.

Traveling Ministry Bill Carlie read the Traveling Ministry report for 2017. (Attached). This summarizes the many activities of Jerry Knutson, whose ministry is under the care of OMM. The meeting clerk shared several commendations received about Friend Jerry's ministry.

The financial accounting for the ministry was shared. (Attached) There was a request for clarity regarding the classification of contributions to the ministry in the OMM budget. Restricted or earmarked contributions to the ministry should be more identifiable in the budget.

2017.12-01 Friends approve the 2018 Travel Minute for Jerry Knutson.

Nominations Committee Vicki Carlie reporting on behalf of the Committee Clerk, Liz Jenkins:

The Committee recommends a new Quakers of Orlando position of Supporting Clerk.

Questions were asked and explanations given in the discussion of a Supporting Clerk, which differs from the traditional assistant clerk's duties. Friends are in unity.

2017.12-02 Friends approve the formation of a new role for OMM, that of Supporting Clerk. (1st Reading)

2017.12-03 Friends approve the role and responsibility description for the Supporting Clerk. (1st Reading)

The Supporting Clerk will:

support the Meeting Clerk by sitting at Clerk's table at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business;

serve in an 'eldering' role in the manner of Friends and as a centered presence;

be available for other kinds of support for Clerk as discerned between Meeting Clerk & Supporting Clerk.;

and assume the meeting Clerk's responsibilities when Clerk is temporarily unable to be present.

2017.12-04 Friends approve the nomination of Jerry Knutson as Supporting Clerk. (1st Reading)

Given Jerry Knutson is likely not to be present at some business meetings due to his dual membership and traveling ministry, a question was raised as to what provisions are made if he and the Meeting Clerk are both absent. The concern was referred to Committee.

Hospitality Kate Joseph reported on the preparations for the Michener Lecture.

There will be no potluck on the 5th Sunday in December. Following worship on December 17, there will be a short seasonal program by Young Friends before the fellowship hour.

Property Committee

On January 6, beginning at 9 am, there will be the annual preparation and clean-up of the meetinghouse property for the SEYM winter business sessions (WIBM) and the Michener Lecture. (January 12-14) It was stated the employed meeting house housekeeper is responsible for the inside space. Therefore, Friends should not have to clean the interior of the meetinghouse. Mostly, it is the outside grounds that are in need of much attention.

As advertised, Ray Jenkins is assisting in Michener weekend accommodations for visiting Friends.

Naming Committee Minerva Glidden reported on the Committee's recommendation, which was approved:

2017.12.05 Friends accept the Naming Committee's report to appoint Vickie Carlie, Liz Jenkins, and Gary Evans to the 2018 standing Nominating Committee (1st Reading)

Members of the 2018 Naming Committee were Minerva Glidden, Tom Gottshalk, and Ed Lesnick. The Naming Committee selects members for the Nominating Committee and then is laid down.

Following the review of the Numbered Minutes, there was concluding silent worship. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

In attendance: Stephanie Preston (Clerk), Tom Gottshalk, Chris Laning, Steven Riddle, Minerva Glidden, Greg Anderson, Jerry Knutson, Kate Joseph, Gary Evans, Vicki Carlie, Bill Carlie, and Ed Lesnick (Recording Clerk). Mira Tanna was present for the discussion of the SEYM Youth Secretary position.

OMM TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Chart of Accounts	2016 Budget	2017 Revenue	% of Budget	2017 Budget	Remaining
				Proposal	
5100 Support Gifts	\$ 9,000.00	\$4,260.00	47.33%	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,740.00
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	\$91,470.00		\$ 95,900.00	

EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES		2017 Expenses	% of Budget		Remaining
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$6,324.83	52.71%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,675.17
6040 Housekeeping	\$ 1,800.00	\$5,100.00	283.33%	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (3,300.00)
6045 Pest Control	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,178.05	58.90%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 821.95
6050 Grounds Care	\$ 2,600.00	\$3,000.00	83.33%	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 600.00
6090 Utilities, MH	\$ 2,800.00	\$3,005.71	100.19%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (5.71)
6100 Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$4,370.88	109.27%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (370.88)
6110 Utilities, WC	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,078.17	89.85%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 121.83
6120 Taxes, City Services	\$ 1,300.00	\$1,252.29	96.33%	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 47.71
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)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 37,100.00	\$42,340.47	78.70%	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 11,459.53
6060 Bank Service Charges	\$ 75.00	\$50.00	66.67%	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
6070 Phone	\$ 500.00	\$442.10	73.68%	\$ 600.00	\$ 157.90
6155 Treasurer's expenses	\$ 550.00	\$107.26	17.88%	\$ 600.00	\$ 492.74
7030 Outreach & Adult Ed.		\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
7050 Fellowship & Hospitality	\$ 400.00	\$979.16	32.64%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,020.84
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	\$610.12	30.51%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,389.88
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	\$1,850.00	61.67%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,150.00
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	\$11,214.03	51.27%	\$ 21,873.00	\$ 10,658.97

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	\$13,500.00	84.38%	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
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	\$17,212.00	49.76%	\$ 34,590.00	\$ 17,378.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 88,601.00	\$70,766.50	64.18%	\$110,263.00	\$ 39,496.50

General Fund 2017 Budget

Revenue	\$ 91,470.00
Expenses	\$70,766.50
Trustee Transfer	\$78,000.00
SEYM Budget for FY2017 will be:	\$5,998.00

General Fund Assets

Checking Acct. Bal.	\$26,123.24	As of 12/8
Savings Account	\$30,186.23	As of 12/8
TOTAL	\$56,309.47	

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.
Budget Report for November, 2017

OMM Traveling Ministry Report 2017

In 2017, this minute was approved: "Orlando Monthly Meeting [OMM] continues to take under its care Jerry Knutson's ministry in spirituality, discernment, Quakerism, and Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS). Worship and Ministry [M&W] Committee will be responsible for seeing that Jerry and his Anchor Committee [AC] have the support they need." The AC consists of Stephanie Preston, Vicki Carlie and Bill Carlie.

His Pendle Hill Pamphlet #443 "Individual Spiritual Discernment—Receiving, Testing and Implementing Leadings from a Higher Power" was published in February. He presented on this pamphlet for Quakers at FGC Gathering, OMM, Oberlin, Pittsburgh, Morgantown, Arizona Half YM and Baltimore YM (BYM). At BYM he also presented on forgiveness and "Experiencing God's Love and Grace." At FGC Gathering he also presented on PVS and his weeklong workshop on "Deepening your Experience with the Light." Lyn Cope was his elder and is very grateful for the elder support money from OMM. He presented a workshop on forgiveness for World Quaker Day in Morgantown, WV. He facilitated a paddling adventure that included 14 boats for SEYM Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) and was the co-clerk of HYM. Jerry presented two workshops over Easter at SEYM-Yearly Business Meeting (YBM) one on Lectio Divina Bible Study and a double workshop on Paddling and Birding.

On January 24, he became a registered SEYM Youth Worker in the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP).

He visited Prisoners at Hazelton, WV, Coleman, FL and attended the annual PVS Training in Philadelphia, PA.

He submitted an article to the Edgar Cayce organization and received the following response; "Everyone has seen and reviewed this. We like it very much. We will soon have the perfect place to run the article."

In 2018, he will be offering a weeklong workshop on Discernment for FGC Gathering in Toledo, OH. Jerry also plans to present workshops at SEYM Gathering, BYM-AS, SEYM-HYM (He will also clerk HYM.) and other workshops as requested. In February, he will also be on a 3-week pilgrimage to Israel to complete a Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, which he started in 2002.

Jerry has also begun to request donations to support his ministry. OMM has received donations to the Special Ministry Fund that exceed the budgeted amount.

Jerry would like to thank the anchor committee for support, clearness and accountability. He is also grateful for the support from W&M and OMM. He is also returning his endorsed 2017 travelling minute.

2017 BUDGET TRAVELLING MINISTRY BY JERRY

	Room Board & registration	Mileage
6 Visits to Coleman FL prison x50=		300 miles
7 visits to Hazelton WV prison x 40=		280
SEYM-YBM	\$300	100
BYM	\$500	230
FGC Gathering Niagara Falls	\$500	740
FGC Gathering elder support	\$500	
PVS training Philly	\$600	600
HYM	\$100	
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	\$2500	2250 miles
		x.51/mile
		=\$1147.50
		Round to \$1200

2017 Budget =\$4000 (\$2500 + 1200 + 300 contingency)

(2016 Budget \$4000 actual \$3217.82)

(2015 Budget \$3000 actual \$3600)

Actual--2017

Room Board &	Mileage
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registration

1/14 CAPP Training		
4/14-15 SEYM-YBM Lectio Divina, Paddling	\$162pd	100
5/18, 6/5, 9/11 3 visits to Hazelton WV prison x 40=		120
6/1-8 PVS, weeklong "Deepening FGC Niagara Falls	\$550pd	740
Also FGC Gathering elder support	\$500pd	
7/13-16 PVS training Philly	\$450pd	520
8/1-5 BYM forgiveness and God's love and grace	\$475pd	230
9/23-24 Discernment Oberlin, OH	\$29Tolls	540
9/17 Discernment Pittsburgh		242
9/23-24 Prescott AZ Discernment	0	0
10/1 Morgantown WV		114
HYM	\$ 77	
11/6-12/11 Coleman USP 6 visits	\$ 15tolls	600

\$2258 3206 miles
x.525/mile
=\$1683

Total=\$3941

On March 13, 2016, Orlando approved \$1095 for the Pilgrimage to Israel and this amount was also taken out of the traveling ministries budget for a total of \$5038.

2018 TRAVEL MINUTE FOR JERRY KNUTSON (Pronounced canoe t –son)

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Orlando (FL) Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

We ask that you welcome and care for our member, Jerry Knutson, as he travels in the ministry with a concern for teaching about spirituality, discernment, Quakerism, the Bible and Prisoner Visitation and Support. Since April 2015, Orlando Monthly Meeting has taken his ministry under its care.

Jerry Knutson is a snow bird and has dual memberships in Quakers of Orlando, FL and Morgantown, WV. He began worshiping with Quakers in the mid 80's. He was a residential student at Pendle Hill in 2002 and 2003. He was a Released Friend from Pittsburgh Monthly meeting from 2005 to 2014. He has been visiting prisoners in Maximum Security Federal Prisons in WV and FL since 2007. He received a Master's of Divinity Degree from Earlham School of Religion in May of 2014 with an emphasis in Christian Spirituality. In 2017, Pendle Hill published his pamphlet "Individual Spiritual Discernment: Receiving, Testing, and Implementing Leadings from a Higher Power." (PHP 443) He has facilitated/taught workshops in 24 states, Washington DC and Nakuru, Kenya.

Jerry's ministry, grounded in his education and experience with Quakers, has enriched our meeting and we trust it will enrich your gathering.

In the Light,

Stephanie Preston,

Clerk Orlando Monthly Meeting

To acknowledge Jerry's visit, please endorse this traveling minute with the date, your comments, your name, and the name of your gathering. Thank you.