

**Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Ninth Day, Fifth Month, 2021 | May 9, 2021**

Opening Worship: Friends were called to gather in silence by Liz Jenkins, Meeting Clerk, at noon. The Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business settled with a brief period of silent worship.

Reading:

“Do we consider carefully which activities and responsibilities we commit ourselves to, taking into account our gifts and limitations and our sense of leading? Do we leave space for rest and renewal? Do we leave space to respond to needs that may arise and to listen for new leadings of the Spirit? Are we careful not to burden the meeting or each other with preconceived or personal expectations of what they “should” be doing?

- Faith and Practice, 4th Edition 2013, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends, Chapter 4: Blessed Community: Quaker Faith, Testimony, and Practice, p. 93

Amendment of Minutes for Fourth Month 2021 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, “Attendance”: Thomas Richardson and Richelle Ogle were present. The amendment was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Greg Allen-Anderson. The summary of the Treasurer’s monthly essential items is on page 3 of his report.

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

Attachment: Monthly Report, Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for the period ended April 30, 2021.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Gary Evans, Committee Clerk, and Liz Jenkins, Meeting Clerk, spoke to the report.

The First Reading of nomination minutes for Greg Allen-Anderson to serve as Clerk of the Meeting and Christine Stinson to serve as Meeting Treasurer were approved at the Fourth Month 2021 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

2021.05-01 OMM Friends enthusiastically unite in approving Greg Allen-Anderson to serve in the role of OMM Clerk effective from June 2021 to June 2023. (Second Reading)

The Clerk noted the Meeting would be in good hands, and we hold Greg in the Light.

2021.05-02 OMM Friends enthusiastically unite in approving Christine Stinson to serve in the role of Treasurer effective from June 2021 to June 2023. (Second Reading)

Nominating Committee recommends Thomas Richardson to serve as Recording Clerk of the Meeting through 02/2023.

The following minute is held over to the 6th month Meeting for Business 2021.05-03: Friends enthusiastically unite in approving Thomas Richardson to serve as Recording Clerk of the Meeting through 02/2023.

The Nominating Committee will meet with Tom to resolve certain aspects regarding the role of Recording Clerk. Gary Evans, Ed Lesnick, and Tom will meet about the varied considerations in authoring meeting minutes.

At the June 13 meeting, an amendment of Article VI (A) and Article VII (A) in the Articles of Incorporation of the Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Inc., will be addressed. There is a required 30-day notice to amend the Articles of Incorporation, which this notification will meet that provision. The amendment will consider the requirements for Officers of the Meeting.

Care and Community: Meeting Clerk, Liz Jenkins, spoke on behalf of the Committee.

A Letter of Support from Orlando MM for Oleksii Prysiashniuk was presented (Attached). Oleksii explained his spiritual journey. Friends inquired about his current situation.

2021.05-04 Friends unite in approving giving the letter of support (attached) to Oleksii Prysiashniuk to apply for asylum in the United States of America.

Attachments: Draft Letter of Support (shared with the meeting). Final version: To “Whom It May Concern” from Elizabeth Ann Jenkins, Clerk of Orlando Meeting.

Worship and Ministry Committee: Stephanie Preston-Hughes spoke on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee met on Thursday, April 29. Minerva Glidden (Committee Clerk), Stephanie Preston-Hughes, Jerry Knutson, Kody Hersh, Liz Jenkins (Meeting Clerk).

Attachment: Worship & Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes

Friends approved the following minutes (2021.05-05 to -07) recommended by the Worship and Ministry Committee:

2021.05-05 Effective May 16, 2021, the meetinghouse will be opened for worship in the event of rain while still following indoor protocol for face coverings and 6 ft. physical distancing.

2021.05-06 Because many children cannot be vaccinated, it is the policy of OMM to require individuals working with Young Friends, whether paid or volunteer, to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19, in addition to observing face-covering precautions.

2021.05-07 In witness of our Peace testimony, OMM officially declares Quakers of Orlando property is a "GUN-FREE ZONE." We prohibit any individuals from having a weapon on

these premises. This includes but is not limited to carrying a firearm on your body, in a container, or your vehicle.

We request that the Property Committee make this policy known to all visitors and vendors with signage on the property visible to the public and in communications with vendors and groups that utilize our property.

Questions and comments were made regarding the policy as mentioned above. Friends undertook deep discernment regarding the policy. Questions were asked, comments and leadings spoke, and alternative wording was suggested.

As agreed, Property Committee will draft a letter informing current and new vendors. The Committee will recommend to the Meeting the wording to be used on the signage.

Trustees: Chris Laning presented and explained the Trustees' financial quarterly report. Information for members is available from the Trustees. The Friends accept the financial report with appreciation.

The Trustees request OMM to form an ad hoc technical committee to explore and recommend a means to store archival content.

Items for Sixth Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business:

1. Possible first reading for Recording Clerk
2. Possible formation of an Ad Hoc Technical Committee
3. Possible Amendment of Article VI (A) and Article VII (A) in the Articles of Incorporation of the Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Inc.

Date for Next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: 6/13/2021. As is customary, there will be no meeting for business in July.

Review of Numbered Minutes: The minutes were accepted as first approved.

Closing Worship: The Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business concluded at 2:10 p.m.

In attendance via "Zoom":

Chris Laning	Liz Jenkins (Meeting Clerk)
Christine Stinson	Miki Endo
Ed Lesnick (Recording Clerk)	Oleksii Prysiashniuk
Gary Evans	Ray Jenkins
Gregory Allen-Anderson	Stephanie Preston-Hughes
	Tom Richardson



Monthly Report

Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
For the period ended April 30, 2021

Prepared by
Gregory Allen-Anderson

Prepared on
May 1, 2021

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Treasurer's Monthly Report

There are no new issues to report on this month. The following issues are still being monitored.

Webster Cottage Utilities - This was caused by a water leak which has been repaired. I will continue to monitor to make sure future bills are closer to budget.

Care and Community - this is budgeted at a flat rate through the year, but the disbursements are not regular. This should balance out as the year progresses

Depreciation - budget includes depreciation for Webster Cottage roof which hasn't been completed yet. This will continue to be under budget.

Profit and Loss

January - April, 2021

	Total
INCOME	
5100 Support Gifts	2,335.50
5200 Reimbursement/ Use of MH/ Parki	750.00
5500 Trustee transfers, yearly	75,000.00
5600 Trustee transfers for Grants	50,000.00
Total Income	128,085.50
GROSS PROFIT	128,085.50
EXPENSES	
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	693.34
6040 Housekeeping	1,100.00
6045 Pest Control	312.00
6050 Grounds Care	1,325.00
6060 Bank Service Charges	116.00
6070 Phone/Internet	1,312.92
6090 Utilities MH	2,992.64
6100 Insurance	2,134.47
6110 Utilities, WC	585.00
6155 Treasurers' expenses	94.96
6160 Property Care and Maintenance	2,600.01
6500 Other Property Expenses	422.28
7030 Outreach & Adult Education	300.00
7090 Communications	149.90
7150 Care & Community	500.00
7210 Young Friends Group	850.00
7220 SEYM	2,960.50
PayPal Fees	29.37
Total Expenses	18,478.39
NET OPERATING INCOME	109,607.11
OTHER INCOME	
Interest Earned	14.47
Total Other Income	14.47
OTHER EXPENSES	
Depreciation	551.28
Total Other Expenses	551.28
NET OTHER INCOME	-536.81
NET INCOME	\$109,070.30

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2021

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1025 Bento	311.59
6020950 OMM Savings	30,364.77
6020957 OMM Checking	148,185.57
1026 Pendle Hill Scholarship Fund	3,900.00
1027 St. Augustine	2,661.39
Total 6020957 OMM Checking	154,746.96
PayPal Bank	1,710.25
Total Bank Accounts	187,133.57
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	-4.53
Total Other Current Assets	-4.53
Total Current Assets	187,129.04
Fixed Assets	
1800 Land	7,000.00
1901 Webster Cottage	23,500.00
1902 Acc Depr Webster Cottage	-23,500.00
Total 1901 Webster Cottage	0.00
1905 Air Conditioner Units 2019	2,736.00
Depreciation	-1,576.48
Original cost	15,000.00
Total 1905 Air Conditioner Units 2019	16,159.52
1907 Roof Replacement	12,964.76
1908 Meeting House Roof Acc. Depr.	-314.32
Total 1907 Roof Replacement	12,650.44
Total Fixed Assets	35,809.96
TOTAL ASSETS	\$222,939.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	20,656.16
32000 Retained Earnings	93,212.54
Net Income	109,070.30
Total Equity	222,939.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$222,939.00

Budget vs Actuals 2021

January - April, 2021

	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Total % of Budget
INCOME				
5100 Support Gifts	2,335.50	2,200.00	135.50	106.16 %
5200 Reimbursement/ Use of MH/ Parki	750.00	825.00	-75.00	90.91 %
5500 Trustee transfers, yearly	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	100.00 %
5600 Trustee transfers for Grants	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.00 %
Total Income	128,085.50	128,025.00	60.50	100.05 %
GROSS PROFIT	128,085.50	128,025.00	60.50	100.05 %
EXPENSES				
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	693.34	1,666.68	-973.34	41.60 %
6040 Housekeeping	1,100.00	1,833.32	-733.32	60.00 %
6045 Pest Control	312.00	666.68	-354.68	46.80 %
6050 Grounds Care	1,325.00	2,193.32	-868.32	60.41 %
6060 Bank Service Charges	116.00	133.32	-17.32	87.01 %
6070 Phone/Internet	1,312.92	1,360.00	-47.08	96.54 %
6090 Utilities MH	2,992.64	2,992.64	0.00	100.00 %
6100 Insurance	2,134.47	3,000.00	-865.53	71.15 %
6110 Utilities, WC	585.00	440.00	145.00	132.95 %
6150 Professional Fees		333.32	-333.32	
6155 Treasurers' expenses	94.96	100.00	-5.04	94.96 %
6160 Property Care and Maintenance	2,600.01	3,500.00	-899.99	74.29 %
6500 Other Property Expenses	422.28	833.32	-411.04	50.67 %
7030 Outreach & Adult Education	300.00	333.32	-33.32	90.00 %
7050 Fellowship & Hospitality		222.22	-222.22	
7070 Library & Subscriptions		166.68	-166.68	
7090 Communications	149.90	204.54	-54.64	73.29 %
7100 Travel		333.32	-333.32	
7110 Travel for SEYM		666.68	-666.68	
7150 Care & Community	500.00	333.32	166.68	150.01 %
7170 Peace & Social Concerns		666.68	-666.68	
7210 Young Friends Group	850.00	1,000.00	-150.00	85.00 %
7220 SEYM	2,960.50	3,715.00	-754.50	79.69 %
7230 Worship & Ministry		166.68	-166.68	
7300 Homeless Ministry		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
7500 Other Expenses		100.00	-100.00	
8240 Meeting Projects		66.68	-66.68	
8330 Scholarships		500.00	-500.00	
8500 Donations		500.00	-500.00	
PayPal Fees	29.37	33.32	-3.95	88.15 %
Total Expenses	18,478.39	29,061.04	-10,582.65	63.58 %

	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Total % of Budget
NET OPERATING INCOME	109,607.11	98,963.96	10,643.15	110.75 %
OTHER INCOME				
Interest Earned	14.47	83.32	-68.85	17.37 %
Total Other Income	14.47	83.32	-68.85	17.37 %
OTHER EXPENSES				
Depreciation	551.28	682.68	-131.40	80.75 %
Total Other Expenses	551.28	682.68	-131.40	80.75 %
NET OTHER INCOME	-536.81	-599.36	62.55	89.56 %
NET INCOME	\$109,070.30	\$98,364.60	\$10,705.70	110.88 %

Vendor Payments Last Month

April 2021

Vendor	Date	Amount
August Muehleman		
August Muehleman	04/07/2021	-866.67
Bento		
Bento	04/17/2021	-29.00
Brinks Home Security		
Brinks Home Security	04/06/2021	-53.24
Cassy's Services LLC		
Cassy's Services LLC	04/01/2021	-300.00
Cassy's Services LLC	04/20/2021	-200.00
GuideOne Insurance		
GuideOne Insurance	04/28/2021	-1,270.69
Jorge Arenas Landscaping and Lawnservice LLC		
Jorge Arenas Landscaping and Lawnservice LLC	04/01/2021	-425.00
LOWES		
LOWES	04/27/2021	-85.16
Marie Florance Rezeau		
Marie Florance Rezeau	04/20/2021	-200.00
Massey Services		
Massey Services	04/10/2021	-78.00

Vendor	Date	Amount
OUC		
OUC	04/28/2021	-114.33
SEYM		
SEYM	04/05/2021	-1,480.25
Spectrum		
Spectrum	04/03/2021	-211.26
Spectrum	04/05/2021	-116.97

Letter of Support for Oleksii Prysiasznyiuk

Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

316 East Marks Street

Orlando, FL 32803

Date, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of Oleksii Prysiasznyiuk as he seeks asylum in the United States of America. Oleksii first came to our Quaker meetinghouse several years ago. He worshipped with us in person at that time. In the summer of 2020, Oleksii joined us again by means of our virtual worship and fellowship using the Zoom platform. Since then, he has frequently worshipped with us via Zoom. Oleksii has also joined our in-person outdoor worship in Orlando, FL since it reopened in March 2021. Oleksii has established himself as a faithful attender of our Meeting.

During his first attendance, Oleksii told us that his home country is Ukraine. He also told us that the Quaker Peace Testimony resonated with him. Oleksii has stated to us that he unites with Quaker beliefs regarding the Peace Testimony. In a March 2, 2021 e-mail, Oleksii wrote, "I believe in the tenets of Christianity, but I am also an absolute pacifist." He also wrote, "my beliefs are akin to the Quakers Christianity."

Quakers worldwide are urged to answer that of God in everyone. We recognize the spiritual potential of each of our fellow human beings. This understanding is at the heart of the Quaker way of life and our Testimonies, including those of Peace, Integrity, Equality, and Community. For over three hundred- and seventy-years, Quakers have been active peace makers, personally and corporately refusing to resort to violence or support war as a means to an end even when that stand placed them at risk or in harsh and hostile circumstances. There is a long tradition of Quakers who find that they cannot support war in good faith, but must object to military action as a solution to human problems.

The Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is an unprogrammed Quaker meeting in which members minister to one another. Meetings in this tradition do not have paid or appointed ministers. The work of the Meeting is under the care of the clerk of the meeting for a limited period of time and clerks are nominated from the membership and approved by the membership as a whole. I am the current clerk of the Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and represent the Meeting in writing this letter for Oleksii. This letter has the approval of the Meeting as recorded in our minutes.

Please contact our Meeting via clerk@orlandoquakers.org or by phone at 407-476-4369.

In Peace,

Elizabeth Ann Jenkins

Clerk of the Meeting

Worship & Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 29th, 2021
3:30pm-5:30pm (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

1. **MEETING ATTENDANCE:** Minerva Glidden (Committee Clerk), Stephanie Preston-Hughes, Jerry Knutson, Kody Hersh, Liz Jenkins (Meeting Clerk). Meeting opened with a few minutes of silent worship followed by check-in's. Stephanie agreed to record minutes.
2. **RAIN PLANS FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP:** Following a stormy meeting for worship outdoors in recent weeks and given the Florida climate, W&M believes it will be helpful for OMM to have an inclement weather plan in place.

PROPOSED MINUTE 1: Effective May 16th, 2021, the meetinghouse will be opened for worship in the event of rain, while still following indoor protocol for face coverings and 6 ft. physical distancing.

3. **OMM YOUNG FRIENDS:** W&M concurred that those who work with Young Friends at OMM, need to be vaccinated in observance of public health recommendations. We recognize the importance of giving personalized notice to the workers and volunteers who have been most engaged in Young Friends prior to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.


PROPOSED MINUTE 2: Because many children cannot be vaccinated, it is the policy of OMM to require individuals working with Young Friends, whether paid or volunteer, to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19, in addition to observing face covering precautions.

4. **GUN FREE ZONE:** In response to recent State of Florida legislation that permits people to carry concealed firearms into houses of worship unless expressly declared to be prohibited, W&M recommends that OMM declare all of our property to be a "GUN FREE ZONE" and make this known to visitors and vendors. We borrowed language similar to that used in a statement by Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) to propose the following.

PROPOSED MINUTE 3: In witness of our Peace testimony, OMM officially declares Quakers of Orlando property be a "GUN FREE ZONE". We prohibit any individuals from having a weapon on these premises. This includes, but is not limited to carrying a firearm on your body, in a container, or in your vehicle.

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5. **TRAVELING MINISTRY:** In the coming weeks and months, Jerry will be rescheduling travel plans that were canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. He continues to keep W&M regularly apprised of his work in the wider Quaker world.
6. **NEXT MEETING:** Next W&M virtual meeting is scheduled for 3:30PM on Thursday 06/03/2021. We closed with a few moments of silent worship.

 Quakers of Orlando
Orlando Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends

5/14/2021

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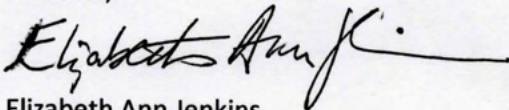
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