

Orlando Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

9-11-2016

11:45 am

Meeting Clerk Stephanie Preston invited Friends to gather in worship.

The Agenda is displayed on a whiteboard for members to view.

Clerk's chosen quotation for the Ninth Month:

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand. - Isaac Pennington, 1667

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Tom Gottshalk: Tom explained expenses are well within the budget over the first half of the year. Orlando Meeting's next SEYM apportionment was noted. This year's allocation has been paid. Individual contributions are lagging behind. Efforts are underway to increase giving before year's end. [The Treasurer's report is attached.]

Property Committee - Ray Jenkins, Committee Clerk: Ray distributed the proposed "Facilities Use Policy" and "Facility Use Contract" required for groups requesting use of the meetinghouse and the cottage. Ray reviewed changes and made points of emphasis. Friends discussed several parts of the use policy. One provision addressing "not for profit" groups was reconsidered. There was a discussion of an applicant's "proof of insurance" and how requiring it might limit utilization of our facilities. A provision prohibiting drug and alcohol use was added.

09-2016.01 Friends approve the Facilities Use Policy, as amended. [The document is attached.]

The Property Committee will bring forward requests falling outside of the approved guidelines to the Meeting Clerk or Meeting for Business.

The "Facilities Use Contract" was reviewed. There were no suggested changes.

09-2016.02 Friends approve the Facilities Use Contract as presented. [The document is attached.]

Worship and Ministry Committee Report - Vicki Carlie, Clerk: The Committee brought forth a minute about ". . . building Community and celebrating life in the spirit." The committee recommends the meeting's "Friday Night Friends" gathering evolve to become "Fifth Sunday Friends."

09-2016.03 Friends adopt the following minute from the Worship and Ministry Report, Ninth Month 2016:

W&M affirms how valuable Friday Night Friends has been to the Life of the Meeting. We have enjoyed gathering once a month to share home cooked meals, stories, laughter, and friendship --- building Community and celebrating life in the spirit.

We thank Stephanie Preston for following her leading to start Friday Night Friends. Worship & Ministry, in discernment with Stephanie, recommends that Friday Night Friends evolve to be Fifth Sunday Friends--- that Meeting would begin holding potluck lunches on the 5th Sundays in a month in place of having a Conversation to Explore that day.

With only 4 Fifth Sundays in a year, this would be a regular event, but not be frequent enough to be burdensome. Friends need the extra free time to get to know each other better, enjoy each others company and have space as a community to see where Spirit leads.

"Sustainability Testimony" - Worship & Ministry recommends that, if SEYM does not already have a minute naming Sustainability as one of our key testimonies along with SPICE, that OMM consider adopting a minute recognizing that Sustainability is a key testimony, and forward it to SEYM/FIBM with the request that SEYM considers a similar minute, and consider adding a section on Sustainability to our Faith & Practice. The Committee's rationale is attached.

Friends undertook a discussion about various aspects of the proposal. A focal point was a comparison of "sustainability" and "stewardship." There were differing understandings of these concepts and varying definitions. It was agreed the proposed minute needs further discernment.

Grants Committee Report - Kate Joseph, a committee member, presented a list of grants recommended for adoption. There were explanations of particular awards. The complete list is attached. The committee's report provides the recipients' websites for Friends to visit. [Note: the web addresses may link by clicking directly from the list. If not, the address can be copied and pasted in a browser.

9-2016.04 Friends approve the distribution of grant funds as recommended by the Grants Committee, as amended. [The award list is attached.] This distribution comes from Line Item #8600 of the budget.

Care and Community Report - Committee Clerk Minerva Glidden: Friend Minerva presented for consideration a revised proposal of the "Agreement of Behavior/s At Meeting" prepared by the Care and Community Committee.

After Spirit had led reflection and discussion, Friends concluded the "Agreement" needs further revision. Among the concerns were the priority of the provisions, the wording and meaning of specific provisions, and experiences members have faced or feel a need to address. Much of the discussion considered lavatory usage and disruptions of the meeting for worship. Members are concerned about perceived threatening and any illegal activity. Also considered were the manner for implementing the provisions and consequences of violations.

The Clerk said Friends had reached some clarity and agreement, but the proposal was not ready for approval. Friends concurred. The "Agreement of Behavior/s At Meeting" is

held over for October's business meeting. For continued discernment, the report appears as an attachment to these minutes.

The Clerk asked for new items for the October agenda. The meeting concluded in silent worship at 1:45 pm.

In attendance:

Bil Meeler

Liz Jenkins

Bill Carlie

Minerva Glidden

Cathy Gaskill

Ray Jenkins

Chris Laning

Robin Sibley

Dennis Stefan

Stephanie Preston

Ed Lesnick

Tom Gottshalk

Gary Evans

Vicki Carlie

Ingrid Swenson

Kate Joseph

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk

OMM TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT As of 8/31/16

Chart of Accounts	2015 BUDGET	2016 Revenue		2016 Budget	
REVENUE					
5100 Support Gifts	\$ 11,000.00	\$4,248.00		\$ 9,000.00	47.20%
5200 Reimbursement/Use of MH	\$ 2,600.00	\$1,390.00		\$ 4,125.00	
5500 Trustee transfers, yearly	\$ 49,350.00	\$50,350.00		\$ 49,350.00	
5600 Trustee transfers, Grants	\$ 10,000.00	\$15,875.00		\$ 16,875.00	
5800 Reserves allocated to budget	\$ 7,500.00			\$ 6,900.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 80,450.00	\$71,863.00		\$ 86,250.00	
EXPENSES					
OPERATING EXPENSES		Expenses	% of Budget		Remaining
6010 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 17,000.00	\$5,881.08	73.51%	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,118.92
6040 Housekeeping	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,320.00	73.33%	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 480.00
6045 Pest Control	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,105.00	55.25%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 895.00
6050 Grounds Care	\$ 2,200.00	\$2,350.00	90.38%	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 250.00
6090 Utilities, MH	\$ 2,300.00	\$1,925.74	68.78%	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 874.26
6100 Insurance	\$ 3,900.00	\$2,955.69	73.89%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,044.31
6110 Utilities, WC	\$ 1,200.00	\$898.25	74.85%	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 301.75
6120 Taxes, City Services	\$ 1,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
6150 Professional fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
6160 Property Agent	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,100.00	75.83%	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,900.00
6500 Other Property Expense	\$ 300.00	\$429.64	85.93%	\$ 500.00	\$ 70.36
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 42,050.00	\$25,965.40	69.99%	\$ 37,100.00	\$ 11,134.60
6060 Bank Service Charges	\$ 75.00	\$57.50	76.67%	\$ 75.00	\$ 17.50
6070 Phone	\$ 480.00	\$353.68	70.74%	\$ 500.00	\$ 146.32
6155 Treasurer's expenses	\$ 59.00	\$172.49	31.36%	\$ 550.00	\$ 377.51
7030 Outreach & Adult Ed.	\$ 105.00	\$0.00			\$ -
7050 Fellowship & Hospitality	\$ 300.00	\$149.95	37.49%	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.05
7070 Library & Subscriptions	\$ 150.00	\$201.00	80.40%	\$ 250.00	\$ 49.00
7080 Archives	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
7090 Communications	\$ 400.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
7100 Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
7110 Travel for SEYM	\$ 2,000.00	\$395.00	19.75%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,605.00
7150 Care & Community	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
7170 Peace & Social Concerns	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
7200 SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare		\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
7210 Young Friends Group	\$ 2,800.00	\$1,700.00	56.67%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
7220 SEYM	\$ 4,911.00	\$4,958.21	100.96%	\$ 4,911.00	\$ (47.21)
7230 Worship & Ministry	\$ 200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
7500 Other expenses	\$ 300.00	\$46.92	15.64%	\$ 300.00	\$ 253.08
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 14,930.00	\$8,034.75	47.16%	\$ 17,036.00	\$ 9,001.25

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

7300	Homeless Ministry	\$ 3,200.00	\$126.00	3.15%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,874.00
7400	Special Ministry Projects	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,414.70	48.29%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,585.30
8240	Meeting Projects	\$ 270.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
8330	Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00	\$240.00	16.00%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,260.00
8500	Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$725.00	72.50%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 275.00
8600	Grants	\$ 10,500.00	\$875.00	5.51%	\$ 15,875.00	\$ 16,000.00
9000	Pendle Hill S.F. Award	\$ 7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		\$ 26,470.00	\$4,380.70	12.71%	\$ 34,465.00	\$ 30,084.30
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 83,450.00	\$38,380.85	43.32%	\$ 88,601.00	\$ 50,220.15

General Fund 2016 Budget

Revenue	\$71,863.00
Expenses	\$38,380.85
Received from Trustees for 2016	\$66,225.00
SEYM Budget for FY2017 will be:	\$5,998.00

General Fund Assets AS of 8/31/16

Checking Acct. Bal.	\$40,116.40
Savings Account	\$30,107.20
TOTAL	\$70,223.60

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.



Quakers of Orlando
316 East Marks Street
Orlando, FL 32803

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Website: <http://orlandoquakers.org/>
Phone: (407) 476-4369

Dear Friends:

Thank you for contacting us regarding the use of our facilities for your special event!

Please review our facilities use policies below and contact us if you have questions.

FACILITIES USE POLICIES

1. Any individuals or groups wishing to use the Meeting House or Webster Cottage (facilities) must complete the form on the following page.
2. Except with pre-authorization, no individual or group may charge admission fees or conduct fund-raising activities while using the facilities.
3. Except with pre-authorization Groups using the facilities must be open to the community at large.
4. The purposes, values, and goals of individuals or groups using the facilities must be consistent with those of the Quakers of Orlando.
5. Any individuals or groups using the facilities may not advertise or imply that they are sponsored by or affiliated with the Quakers of Orlando.
6. Any individual or group using the facilities must assume responsibility for any damage done to the facilities resulting from their use.
7. Any individual or group using the facilities must clean up after use and return the facility to the way it was found.
8. Quaker functions take precedence in scheduling.
9. Any individuals or groups using the facilities will be charged a security deposit based on the size of the group and are encouraged to make a donation.
10. There can be no use of alcohol, tobacco or any other intoxicants inside (the property).

Thank you!

The next step is to complete the form on the following page and deliver it to the Quakers of Orlando.

Quakers of Orlando
316 E. Marks St.
Orlando FL, 32803
Phone: (407) 476-4369

FACILITIES USE CONTRACT

I/we request use of the Quakers of Orlando Meeting House/Webster Cottage (henceforth called the property) on _____ (date or day) from _____ until _____.

1. I/we plan to use the (the property) for the purpose of _____
_____.

I understand that I/we may not use the (the property) for any purpose/s other than the one/s listed above without prior permission from the Quakers of Orlando.

2. I/we agree to abide by the Facilities Use Policies and any other rules or regulations established by the Quakers of Orlando for the use of the (the property).
3. I/we agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Quakers or Orlando from any and all liability which may result from any person using (the property), its entrances and exits, and surrounding areas for this event.
4. I/we assume all responsibility for any damage or theft by anyone using (the property) under my/our auspices.
5. I/we will leave the (the property) as found. I/we will clean up after use.
6. I/we will turn off all lights and lock all doors after use.
7. I/we agree not to allow the use of alcohol or tobacco by anyone inside (the property).
8. A security deposit of _____ has been submitted with this contract, and is refundable after inspection of (the property) and full compliance of the Facilities Use Policy and this Contract has been ascertained.
9. I/we will receive a key, or be given access to a key, for which I/we are responsible. I/we agree to pay a \$50 replacement fee in the event the key is lost.
10. This agreement can be terminated with seven days' notice by either party without cause or prejudice.

Name/Title (Printed) _____ Name/Title (Printed) _____

Signature/Date _____ Signature/Date _____

Organization/Address _____ Organization ____ Quakers of Orlando _____

Phone _____ Phone ____ (407) 476-4369 _____

PROPOSED: Held over for further consideration.

Minute Recognizing Sustainability as a central Quaker Testimony

Orlando Monthly Meeting recognizes the practice of Sustainability as a testimony to the Spirit, one that has become enduring and central to our faith, as are the Quaker testimonies of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community and Equality.

For many decades, as we have seen humanity's impacts on the environment cause extinction of species and destruction of ecosystems, Friends have been concerned with protecting the environment, carrying forward the testimony of Stewardship and care for the earth. More recently, many Friends Meetings and organizations have taken up the testimony of Sustainability, witnessing to the urgent need to put sustainable practices and ways of living in place to protect the earth and mitigate the threat of climate change.

We recognize that the well-being of the earth is a fundamental spiritual concern. From the beginning, it was through the wonders of nature that people saw God. How we treat the earth and its creatures is a basic part of our relationship with God. Our planet as a whole, not just the small parts of it in our immediate custody, requires our responsible attention. ---SEYM Faith & Practice, p. 61

Care for creation has always been part of Quaker witness. In the Spirit, we feel a loving kinship with nature, and understand the inter-relatedness of all life:

“Our gracious Creator cares and provides for all his creatures. His tender mercies are over all his works; and so far as his love influences our minds, so far we become interested in his workmanship and feel a desire to take hold of every opportunity to lessen the distresses of the afflicted and increase the happiness of the creation. Here we have a prospect of one common interest from which our own is inseparable, that to turn all the treasures we possess into the channel of universal love becomes the business of our lives...” ---John Woolman, 1763

From the beginning, Friends rejected materialism, choosing instead the life centered in God. The desire for wealth and possessions beyond what is needed for a simple life is destructive, and contrary to life in the Spirit. We have seen how humankind's pursuit of wealth has led to over-consumption of natural resources, destruction of ecosystems, and now climate change, which threatens all life on the planet.

Sustainability is the right ordering of human activities, economies, societies, and cultures in ways that value the sanctity of all life, seeking to eliminate or mitigate harmful impacts on the environment and preserve the earth's resources, ecosystems and biodiversity for future generations.

We are concerned for the well-being of the whole of life, with all its parts in delicate balance and inter-relatedness. We recognize that oppression and exploitation of human beings and the exploitation and destruction of the environment are inextricably linked.

We celebrate the “one common interest from which our own is inseparable.” We are called to live in Right Relationship with all.

“Only when we see that we are part of the totality of the planet, not a superior part with special privileges, can we work effectively to bring about an earth restored to wholeness.”
---Elizabeth Watson, “Your God is Too Small,” 1996

Minute asking SEYM to include the testimony of Sustainability in our Faith & Practice

Orlando Monthly Meeting forwards our Minute on Sustainability to SEYM. We ask SEYM to consider a similar minute recognizing Sustainability as a Quaker testimony, and include a section on this testimony in future editions of the SEYM Faith & Practice.

Grants Committee Meeting

Convened August 18th, 2016 at 6p.m.

Present: Stephanie (Clerk), Tom G. Minerva, Bill and Kate

After review of the Grants budget allocation and each Committee member's suggestions, the Grants Committee would like to bring to the Meeting the following recommendations for grant money disbursement:

ProNica \$1,000.00 <http://pronica.org/donate/>
Winter Park Day Nursery \$1,000.00 <http://winterparkdaynursery.org/support/donations/>
Orlando Day Nursery \$1,000.00 <http://www.orlandodayschool.org/support.html>
Coalition to End Gun Violence \$1,000.00 <https://secure.csgv.org/page/contribute>
Coalition for the Homeless \$1,000.00 <http://www.centralfloridahomeless.org/about/contact.cfm>
Zebra Coalition \$2,000.00 <http://zebrayouth.org/>
Madre Terra Project \$ 750.00 <http://afsc.org/office/miami-fl>
Right Sharing of World Resources \$ 750.00 <http://www.rswr.org/>
HOPE \$1,000.00 <http://hopehelps.org/>
Friends International Center in Ramallah \$ 500.00
<http://www.ramallahquakers.org/donations/donations.html>
UN Refugees – Syria \$1,000.00 <http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/syrian-arab-republic.html>
Faine House \$1,000.00 <http://www.thefainehouse.org>

Total \$12,000

Additional

Friends Ugandan Safe Transport \$250 <http://friendsugandansafetransport.org/faqs/>

PROPOSED AGREEMENT OF BEHAVIOR/S AT MEETING

- (1) There is to be no stealing of personal items, Meeting House's stock and/or supplies
- (2) There is to be no solicitation of any kind
- (3) We ask that if the bathroom is used during Meeting for Worship that it be no more than once and for a short period of time. There is to be no shaving, bathing or grooming of any kind.
- (4) Everyone should be fully clothed when they are on Meeting House property, both indoors or out
- (5) We ask that people accept no, as an answer. There is to be no badgering, pleading or threatening either real or implied.

The group decided that for the health and wellbeing of the Meeting and with tenderness to all, the following responses / actions are in order.

- (1) Anyone who is observed disregarding these agreements of behavior and after verification the offending individual will be taken aside and tenderly made aware of these expectations, either by Clerk or by a member of Care and Community. Anyone who personally experiences a breach of these expectations can speak with Clerk or with a member of Care and Community and the offending individual will be spoken to and made aware of expected behaviors.
- (2) If the offending behavior is observed and verified a for a second time, that individual will be asked to leave immediately and told that they will be welcomed back the following week.
- (3) If the offending behavior is observed and verified for a second time, that individual will be asked to leave and told they are not to return for 4 weeks.
- (4) The third time that the offending behavior is observed and verified that individual will be asked to not to return for 6 months (?).