

**Orlando Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Business Minutes
7-10-2016 - 11:50 am**

Meeting Clerk, Stephanie Preston, opened the meeting at 11:50 am.

Assistant Clerk, Liz Jenkins, read "Quaker Process in Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business." Friends settled into worshipful, attentive silence.

The Clerk offered a reading -

For the survivor who chooses to testify, it is clear: his duty is to bear witness for the dead and for the living. He has no right to deprive future generations of a past that belongs to our collective memory. To forget would be not only dangerous but offensive; to forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time.

— *Elie Wiesel*

Approval of the Minutes: Sixth Month minutes are accepted as read. The Minutes of the current (July) meeting will appear as "Pending Approval" on the web site this week.

Clearness Committee for Marriage: The Clerk received a written communication at FGC Gathering from OMM members Ann Jerome and John Margerum. Ann and John request a clearness committee for marriage under the care of OMM. The ceremony would take place at the Quaker retreat Pendle Hill in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Ann and John are in residence at Pendle Hill. Since this a unique request, Friends asked the Care and Community Committee to inquire how other meetings have proceeded in similar circumstances.

7-2016.01 Friends joyously receive a request for a marriage clearness committee from Ann Jerome and John Margerum and refer the request to the Care and Community Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Gottschalk, Treasurer, says the total expenses are 32% of the budget. There are \$29,000 of expenditures for first six months of the year. \$59,565 is the amount in the budget for the entire year. Also, there is currently \$48,000 in the checking account. Repairs are always an uncertain cost, but there currently is no necessary outlay barring emergencies. For simplification and clarity, the \$6900 allotted Pendle Hill grants are moved from the checking to savings account,

The Treasurer's report is accepted with modifications. An updated report received July 11 is attached.

Worship and Ministry Report: Vicki Carlie discussion among Friends concerning the rearrangement of the meetinghouse chairs to better accommodate meetings for worship. Minerva Glidden stated a concern to make "conversations to explore" more relevant to the members. The Committee seeks those willing to facilitate discussions and provide suggestions for topics. A signup form is available. Happily, an OMM teen has come forward to facilitate a session.

Other Concerns of Members Needed to be Heard – This is a new item on agenda providing space for concerns to be acknowledged or shared.

The Clerk put forth the following query to Friends: *How have we as Orlando Friends been impacted regarding Racism and Recent Violent Events?* Many Friends spoke their truth.

The meeting concluded with an agreement the Clerk will craft a summary minute of the meeting's concerns. It will be presented at the 8th Month business meeting.

In attendance:

Bil Meeler
Bill Carlie
Ed Lesnick
Gary Evans
Ingrid Swenson
Kate Joseph
Lily Hollister
Liz Jenkins
Minerva Glidden
Ray Jenkins
Stephanie Preston
Tom Gottschalk
Tomasz Cieluch
Vicki Carlie

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk