

APPROVED
6-12-2016

Orlando Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Business Minutes
5-8-2016

Meeting Clerk, Stephanie Preston, opened the meeting at 11:40 am.

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

Fourth Month minutes are accepted as read. There are no numbered minutes for Fourth Month.

Committee Reports:

Membership

5-2016-01: Friends approve a Minute of Introduction for Lupe Torre to Tampa Meeting.

Dear Friends of Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends,

We entrust to your tender care our beloved long time attender, Lupe Torre. Lupe has been a faithful attender at Orlando Monthly Meeting for several years and has contributed much to our meeting. Though we are saddened by the departure of a valued member of our spiritual family, we know that our loss will be your gain. Lupe has relocated, permanently, to Tampa and let us know of her plans to attend Tampa Monthly Meeting. Please welcome her warmly into your community.

In Friendship,

Stephanie Preston
Clerk of Orlando Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Treasurer's Report

Tom Gottshalk, Treasurer, distributed the monthly report. Some funds allocated for Jerry Knutson's ministry, budget line 1610, were dispersed.

A question was asked concerning the "Faith In Florida." OMM elected to pay membership dues of \$1000 to Faith In Florida. (Budget Line Item 8350) The organization is not responding to our communications. The OMM Clerk will make a final attempt to contact and ascertain Faith In Florida's status. It was suggested the meeting contact Elaine Martin, co-clerk SEYM Peace and Social Concerns, for input in resolving the matter.

If the Faith In Florida group is no longer a viable group, as a way forward, the meeting will consider how to reallocate the contribution. It is suggested the Grants Committee consider alternatives for the \$1000 amount.

Property

Ray Jenkins, Committee Clerk, presented the estimated cost (\$2350) and specifications for new blinds (13 sets) for Webster Cottage. There will be vertical blinds in living room and horizontal blinds in the other rooms. The blinds will have no cords, a safety requirement since children are present. Bil shared color samples. The provider is Budget Blinds, the company which installed the new meetinghouse window shades and best meets our needs in this project.

5-2016-02: Friends approve the recommendation of the Property Committee to spend an estimated \$2350 for the installation of blinds in Webster Cottage.

The Property Committee Clerk relayed a suggestion from Jerry Knutson regarding a long-range visioning plan for the use of OMM property. Friends concluded that more information was necessary on what Friend Jerry has in mind.

Worship & Ministry

Committee clerk, Vicki Carlie, raised a concern on the way the meeting can address issues of death, dying and bereavement. What can we do in these circumstances? How can we help members and attenders who are challenged with such matters? What is the best way to honor a Friend's end of life decisions? After discussion, it is recommended Worship and Ministry continue to consider the topic. A Friend offered the subject could be a good topic for "Conversations to Explore." Attached: "Dying, Death, and Bereavement" section of SEYM's *Faith and Practice*.

Hospitality

5-2016-03: Friends Approve a Minute of Appreciation to Eleanor Wetherill and Cathy Gaskill for their annual First Day Worship and luncheon at John Knox Village.

We, the Quakers of Orlando, wish to express gratitude to Eleanor Wetherill, who was led 20 years or so ago to invite Central Florida Friends to gather each spring at John Knox Village.

We also feel deep appreciation to Eleanor, to her late husband, John Wetherill, and to Cathy Gaskill for their planning and hard work in making these gatherings an annual reality in the ensuing years.

Finally, we learn from them how to recognize our leadings and how to follow through on them. Thank you for being our teachers.

Nominating

Nominating Committee Clerk, Liz Jenkins, presented a proposal to alter Peace and Social Concerns committee leadership roles and description.

5-2016-04: Orlando Monthly Meeting is setting aside the role of Peace & Social Concerns Clerk at this time.

5-2016-05: The description of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee as a "committee of the whole" remains in place.

5-2016-06: Orlando Monthly Meeting recognizes the creation of the new position of Peace and Social Concerns Contact Person with this job description:

The Peace and Social Concerns Contact Person assists Friends in finding resources and connections so they can explore and carry out their leadings for Quaker Witness in peace and social justice. The Peace and Social Concerns Contact Person is the contact and liaison with Quaker organizations regarding peace and social concerns.

Friends approve minutes 5-2016-04, 05, 06. [Note: As agreed, the Committee Clerk provided the final wording for these numbered minutes.]

Nominating is inviting interested persons to talk with members of the Nominating Committee about the work of the Communications Committee. Currently, Michael Luke publishes the weekly newsletter - Quaker Notes, monitors the telephone answering machine, and maintains the web page. Others would be welcome for Communications Committee.

Care and Community

Committee Clerk Minerva Glidden reported the committee has not yet found it necessary to spend allocated funds.

Clerk's Concerns

The Clerk asked if anyone present had an item for the Sixth Month Agenda. None was forthcoming at this meeting.

The Clerk ended the meeting with silent worship at 12:45 pm.

Members and Attenders Present

Tom Gottshalk
Minerva Glidden
Kate Joseph
Ray Jenkins
Tom Nicholson
Bill Carlie
Bil Meeler
Chris Laning

Vicki Carlie
Gary Evans
Ed Lesnick
Stephanie Preston
Liz Jenkins

Respectfully submitted, Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk