

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

January 15, 2017

By maintaining a spirit of worship throughout the [business] meeting, participants nurture their openness to the leadings for the Spirit, and its gifts of trust, humility, compassion and courage.

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Attending: Ken Southwood, Janet Southwood, Bill Sweet, Pat Sweet, James Goslin, Douglas Balfour, Joni Mize, James Mize, Carol Redfield, Crystal Redfield, Gretchen Haynes, Margret Engel, David Novogrodsky, Alice Partain, Val Liveoak.

1. Minutes from December Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. **Accepted.**
2. Treasurer's Report – read by Pat Sweet in Bill Wilkinson's absence.

Friends Meeting of San Antonio Treasurer's Report & Proposed 2017 Budget

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet has improved primarily because of end-of-year contributions.

- ✓ Thanks to Jim Spickard, who located \$5,000 in the "orphan" line and eliminated it.
- ✓ The Sinking Fund continues to recover.
- ✓ Funds from the Meeting savings account will be used to pay for the HVAC repairs in the Phase 1 section of the building.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ Monthly expenses in November were typical. Income was higher than expected because of end-of-year contributions.
- ✓ The Meeting will be close to breaking even once December income and expenses are received and paid.

2017 Proposed Budget

- ✓ The budget of \$28,525 represents a minimal increase over 2016. Assumptions are stated as "notes." The general contribution budget could be made easily if we have 25 individuals/families giving approximately \$95/month, 20 giving \$120/month, 15 giving \$160/month, or 10 giving \$280/month.
- ✓ Expense categories have been adjusted slightly to reflect our 2016 experience. This is mostly to balance the budget to the expense categories.
- ✓ By adjusting our assumptions about when we will realistically require childcare, we can continue to afford using Mom's Best Friend.
- ✓ This budget is presented for seasoning, and will be submitting for acceptance in January 2017.

Faithfully submitted, Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of money going towards childcare in the 2017 budget. Friend stated that the amount did not sit easy with her, but would not keep the budget from being approved. A request was made that the Religious Education Committee present a plan for attracting more children to the meeting.

Report accepted. 2017 Budget approved.

3. Finance Committee Report – no report

4. Ministry and Oversight Report – Douglas Balfour reporting

M&O met Jan. 11. The committee approved a query for February.

A request for membership was received and Doug Balfour will convene a Clearness Committee to meet with the person requesting membership.

The committee approved a Travel Minute for David Bristol for his sojourn at Standing Rock. This minute has been forwarded to him.

The Committee reviewed and revised the first draft of the State of the Meeting report for SCYM. This will be presented to FMSA on Jan. 15th

The committee reviewed security concerns, to discern what aspects of these concerns were within the purview of the committee. We decided to request that Property Committee submit the wording of any signs to be posted to M & O for consideration. At this time we did not see a need to schedule a Threshing Session regarding security.

We made plans for the February 4th Sunday forum.

A question was raised regarding the decision not to schedule a Threshing session on security for the Meeting House. It was discussed that a forum date was not available until April and the Committee is currently working on signage for the property.

M&O requested that Friends' security concerns that were not met with the in process signage please contact the committee.

Report accepted.

5. State of the Meeting Report, 1st draft – read by Douglas Balfour

Doug read report aloud. Meeting made several suggestions regarding paragraph placement and word changes. There was general agreement that it was a very well written, forthright report and commended Ministry and Oversight.

Clerk will send out via email the revised State of the Meeting Report including all changes and suggestions made during the meeting so that Friends made read through and return suggestions. **The final draft of the report will be considered at February Meeting for Business.**

6. Peace and Social Concerns - Margret Engle reporting

The committee consulted via e-mail last week. We agreed to send \$100 from the Emerging Issues funds with David Bristol to donate to the water protectors at Standing Rock North Dakota.

We considered the Women's Protection Act (also known as the Bathroom Bill) proposed in the Texas Legislature for this session. This law would discriminate against transgendered women in public buildings by requiring them to use the restroom that conforms with their gender as stated on their birth certificates.

We agreed to bring a proposed minute to FMSA: P&SC committee requests that this Minute be posted on our website and Facebook page as well as the letters mentioned in the Minute.

MINUTE 2017.01.01: Friends Meeting of San Antonio opposes the Women's Protection Act (also known as the Bathroom Bill) proposed in the Texas Legislature for this session, and authorizes the co-Clerks to write to local and statewide representatives and to the Editor of the San Antonio Express News expressing our opposition. **Minute approved.**

Report accepted.

7. Second reading of addition of Stephen Shearer to Property Committee on 2017 roster of Officers and Committees. **Approved.**

8. Other Concerns:

- a. Visit to Senator Cornyn's office - Gretchen Haynes and Bill Sweet.

Gretchen and Bill had conversation with the Senator's aide over the upcoming Bridge Act [S 128] and climate change. The conversation will be reported to the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the Clerk requested that a copy of that report be made available to the monthly Newsletter.

- b. IWC update – Margret Engle

Margret reported the Interfaith Welcome Coalition is still in need of volunteers with conversational Spanish to help at the bus station for incoming migrants. A training for these volunteers will be held January 17th at 7pm at the Mennonite Church. The Coalition is also in need of a storage space near the downtown bus station to store backpacks and also temporary

housing for volunteers coming from out of town to assist migrants. A new Volunteer Coordinator had just been hired which may make coordination of services and needs easier in the future.

There being no further business to come before Meeting, it closed with silent worship at 1:15pm to reconvene February 19, 2017.

Val Liveoak, Co-Clerk

Alice Partain, Recording Clerk

Appendix Financial Report, Jan 2017

	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Income	7,626.93	34,619.60	28,100.00	28,525.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Designated Contributions	-	-	300.00	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General Maintenance	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Immigrant Aid	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Meetinghouse	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RAICES Bond Fund	-	5,440.27	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General Contributions	7,510.00	23,446.46	23,500.00	23,500.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest Income	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bond Interest	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Checking Interest	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Savings/Money Market Interest	1.93	21.52	50.00	25.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Facilities Use	115.00	4,730.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
Yard/Online Sales	\$	\$	\$	\$

	-	652.36	250.00	500.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Insurance Payments	-	328.99	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Expense	966.23	36,069.72	28,100.00	28,525.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Adjustment	-	-	-	-
Building & Grounds				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cleaning	280.00	2,800.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grounds Maintenance	-	4,620.00	3,200.00	3,600.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Major Repairs	-	2,572.94	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Minor Repairs	21.86	4,290.11	2,000.00	2,000.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property/Liability Insurance	-	2,179.83	3,500.00	3,000.00
Utilities				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Electric & Gas	239.61	2,614.75	3,000.00	3,000.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Phone	37.27	415.84	480.00	450.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Water & Sewer	94.58	1,646.14	2,000.00	2,000.00
Contributions to Others (PSC)				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Emerging Issues	-	100.00	500.00	500.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Local Organizations	-	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
		\$	\$	\$
La Posada de Guadalupe		-	600.00	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RAICES	-	5,000.00	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Quaker Organizations	-	713.00	700.00	700.00
Finance				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank Service Charge	-	-	-	-
M&O				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
FJ/QL Subscriptions & Materials	-	40.00	120.00	100.00
(M&O)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Relief (M&O)	-	-	120.00	100.00
Travel Fund (M&O)	\$	\$	\$	\$

	-	-	150.00	150.00
Outreach				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Advertising & Publicity	-	-	-	-
	\$	\$	\$	\$
FJ/QL Advertisement (OR)	-	140.00	180.00	150.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Website/New Media (OR)	-	88.42	100.00	100.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Publications & Printing (OR)	-	356.15	200.00	350.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Refreshments (OR)	-	243.20	200.00	250.00
Religious Education				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Childcare (RE)	256.00	2,783.68	2,800.00	3,200.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Library (RE)	-	99.11	100.00	100.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Religious Ed Misc	-	-	100.00	100.00
Uncategorized Expense				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Miscellaneous	-	1,381.26	200.00	750.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	36.91	285.29	250.00	325.00
Yearly & Quarterly				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Quarterly Meeting	-	-	500.00	500.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
SCYM Contribution	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net Gain (Loss)	6,660.70	(1,450.12)	-	-