

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

January 21, 2018

Attending: James Mize, Joni Mize, Bill Wilkinson, Peggy Dial, Stephen Shearer, Laura Claghorn, George Feden, Bill Sweet, Pat Sweet, Carol Redfield, Marion Carter

“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.”

Martin Luther King, Jr

1. Clerk's Report

- MLK March 1/15 Report. 11 Friends and friends of Friends. 300,000 total participants
- New programs in February. Tai Chi begins first Monday in February 10-11:30am every Monday, Gentle Yoga Class led by Peggy Dial, to invite neighborhood 1st and 3rd Mondays beginning in February 4:30-5:30pm, Spiritual Deepening “Light, Seed, Christ; working within us.” Begins February 4th and will be first Sunday of the Month until concluded.
- Clerks & Conveners meeting January 27, plans & concerns for coming year. Noon -2pm at Haynes residence.
- Blessing of the Peacemakers, January 28, 3:00, Oblate School of Theology

2. Roster, additional nominations. **Accepted.**

New names listed in Blue for the second reading. Red is first reading. Awaiting nominee from Ministry & Oversight to Long-range Planning Committee.

3. Finance Committee. Carol Redfield reporting. **Accepted.**

We, the finance committee, were asked to consider increasing our contributions to other organizations for the 2018 budget. We met by email on December 20, 2017 and confirmed our recommendation in person on December 24th. We recommend, as Bill Wilkinson suggested, that we consider contributing 10% of our operating budget which would be approximately \$2,800. We do also contribute half of our interest to RAICES as well, so we do continue to contribute much more than 10% of our operating budget to all organizations.

We also recommend that Jim Spickard be asked to audit our 2017 books and invite one other auditor.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Redfield

4. Treasurer's Report. Bill Wilkinson. **Accepted. 2018 Budget Approved.**

Treasurer's Report

December 2017

Balance Sheet

- The balance sheet has improved significantly because of investment performances with Friends Fiduciary Corporation.
- The Sinking Fund continues to recover and is now at \$14,503.83. Unused money from the "Minor Repairs" fund was transferred to the Sinking Fund at year-end close. CPS rebate for the new HVAC system was credited to the Sinking Fund as well.
- \$100 in the M&O operating budget for relief was unused and added to the balance of the relief fund.
- \$31.50 remains in the RAICES Fund after December's contribution to that organization.

Statement of Activities

- Income in December of \$4,320 was considerably larger than a typical month.
- There were no unusual expenses in December except the drinking fountain repair of \$997.34, which is included under Minor Repairs.
- For the year, the Meeting lost money (\$3,899.50) in terms of its operating accounts. However, this has to do with the way in which we account for expenditures from the Sinking Fund and for RAICES, which are shown on the Statement of Activities. When removing those expenses and investment income, the Meeting was actually "in the black" by \$1,718.
- It is important to note that only 19 individuals/families made contributions in 2017. This does not include anyone who made cash contributions as attribution cannot be made for those individuals.

2018 Proposed Budget

- The budget of \$28,425 represents a slight decrease over 2017 and is \$200 higher than the initial budget presented in December 2017. Assumptions are stated as "notes". The general contribution budget could be made easily if we have 25 individuals/families giving approximately \$80/month, 20 giving \$100/month, 15 giving \$135/month, or 10 giving \$200/month.
- Expense categories have been adjusted slightly to reflect our 2017 experience. This is mostly to balance the budget to the expense categories.
- As suggested at the December Meeting for Business, general contributions and SCYM contributions have been increased to \$2,800 to reflect a "tithe" in giving.
- Childcare assume we will direct contract with childcare worker(s) for no more than 40 weeks/year.

Faithfully submitted, Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

CPS rebate of \$400 deposited into Sinking Fund. Unspent money in M&O deposited into Relief Fund and M&O can use that fund as they see appropriate.

2018 budget has a slight decrease over 2017. Budget presented today is \$200 higher than presented in December due to end of year balancing of accounts

Number of contributing families/units has decreased each of the past 3 years.

5. Ministry & Oversight. No report.

6. Property. James Mize reporting. **Accepted.**

Property Committee Report

1. The recent cold weather warranted two visits to shut off and drain the water system. No damage has occurred to this point.

2. There are minor maintenance items to report:

- a. The entryway light fixture has been reattached to the wall. It's a temporary fix until more substantial anchors are acquired.
- b. The entry path has a light that needs repair. The lamp is obsolete but we are looking for replacement components or a replacement lamp, stand by.
- c. The shelving units in the Children's Room have been relocated to the opposite wall and secured for safety's sake.

3. Another "Labor of Love" workday, to include the planting of a Redbud sapling fostered by Ken Southwood, will be scheduled for the near future when the committee has a sense of agreement on an exact date.

4. To date the meeting house roof repair is stalled.

Respectfully submitted, James Mize, Stephen Shearer, Bill Sweet, James Goslin, Joni Mize.

Committee is still working on roof repair, but has run into barriers with companies returning calls. Friend noted that changes in Children's Room look great!

7. Inreach & Outreach. Gretchen Haynes reporting. **Accepted.**

Inreach/Outreach Committee Report 12/31/17

Present: Marian Carter, Greg Casillas, Gretchen Hayes; regrets Joni Mize

We approved dividing the original committee into two parts. In preparation for the clerks/conveners meeting at the end of January, we brainstormed ideas for our coming year. In general:

- Return to the Spiritual Deepening, 3rd part of the program, first Sundays, 9:00am, starting in February.
- Suggest other spiritually oriented Forums.
- Suggest to the Signage ad hoc committee a “reader’s board” visible from the street to include the SPICES and coming Forums topics & times.
- Post notices of our forums and other events on the local NextDoor (Internet) site.
- For the Spring Festival, invite people from the neighborhood (via NextDoor & flyers) to bring their crafts and arts to join the fair.

For consideration of Meeting: Offer a yoga class (taught by Greg and Peggy) to Friends and neighbors; possibly Monday afternoons from 4 to 5:15pm. **Approved.**

“Reader’s board” outside: who will maintain? Signage Ad Hoc will meet to address.

Neighbors who would like to show crafts or art in Spring Festival will be informed of Quaker sensibilities and asked that their showing be in-keeping with those.

8. Peace & Social Concerns. No report.

9. Minutes of December 2017. **Approved.**

9. Other Concerns

- Disposal of cremation ashes.
Some Meetings have set aside area for burial. Clerk welcomes any suggestions and more input from members. Clerk will take discussion under consideration and will report back at February meeting.
- Donation box in lobby.
Is it possible to have a Sunday designated to certain funds so that it could be announced at Rise of Meeting? Could the box be made more visible? Thoughts on conveying importance of donations should be seasoned.

Co-Clerk, Gretchen Haynes

Recording Clerk, Mary Alice Partain