

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

March 18, 2018

Attending: Greg Casillas, Suzanne Wright Crain, Pat Sweet, Marion Carter, Ken Southwood, Janet Southwood, Gretchen Haynes, George Feden, Maggie Nerio, Pam Spurgeon, Carol Redfield, Michelle DiGiacomo, Stephen Shearer, Peggy Dial, David Bristol

“Art thou in darkness? Mind it not, for if thou do it will fill thee more, but stand still and act not, and wait in patience till light arise out of darkness to lead thee. Art thou wounded in conscience? Feed not there, but abide in the light which leads to the grace and trust, which teaches to deny and put off the weight, and removes the cause, and brings saving health to light.” *Glory to God Almighty, James Naylor*

Minutes of February, 2018 were approved with one grammatical correction.

Clerks report

State of The Meeting Report

The second draft circulated by email, appended, was accepted as written.

Unitarian-Universalist camp scholarship

The Unitarian-Universalist church has solicited nominations for the UBarU camp [originally a Quaker property] in the Texas Hill Country. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be rising 8th and 9th graders. No qualifying children were known to the attenders, but three possible contacts were identified.

March for our Lives

A demonstration against gun violence is scheduled for Saturday, 24th March. Meeting place and time will be emailed.

Friends General Conference Gathering

The FGC Gathering for 2019 is planned for Grinnell, Iowa. The Yearly Meeting for Grinnell has declined to plan the event. FGC asked, by email to the SCYM Clerk, for SCYM to take on this responsibility. This will be an agenda item at the Yearly Meeting Sessions in less than two weeks. Please prepare to discuss this request at YM.

Treasurer's Report

February 2018

[Balance Sheet](#)

No unusual activity to report.

Statement of Activities

Most expenses were typical.

The annual property/liability insurance was paid in the amount of \$2366, which is about \$300 less than in 2017.

The miscellaneous expense of \$205.80 was for supplies for the yoga class for Friends.

Faithfully submitted, Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

A question was raised about where the donations (in lieu of rent) from the outside groups using the facilities was recorded on the Statement of Activities. Line item 46431 reports this income.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Property Committee Report - Presented by Stephen Shearer

1. On February 24th we had a Labor of Love day. We weeded beds, cut back some plants and electrical work was done on the path lighting.
2. Over the past month, Property Committee members and Peggy Dial have continued grounds maintenance, including weeding and trimming plants.
3. The library was fumigated with a herbal pesticide after reports of a "bed bug" infestation. No evidence of infestation was ever found.
4. We received 3 new bids on the Meetinghouse eaves and are in the process of choosing a contractor.
5. (late amendment) Property Committee Minute: After consulting with knowledgeable persons and careful evaluation of proposals from five contractors, the Property Committee selects Bayless Custom Homes of the repair of the roof decks on both sides of the Meetinghouse, and offers to the Meeting the following:
Proposed Minute: Friends Meeting of San Antonio accepts the remodeling estimate of Bayless Custom Homes for the repair of the roof decks on both sides of the Meetinghouse for \$7976.13. The contract, upon receipt, is to be signed by a Co-Clerk and the Treasurer.

Stephen Shearer, Co-Clerk, Property Committee

The Report was accepted, and the proposed Minute was adopted without change.

Minute 2018.03-1: Friends Meeting of San Antonio accepts the remodeling estimate of Bayless Custom Homes for the repair of the roof decks on both sides of the Meetinghouse for \$7976.13. The contract, upon receipt, is to be signed by a Co-Clerk and the Treasurer.

Inreach/Outreach Committee Report - Presented by Gretchen Haynes

1. Details of the arrangements of the upcoming Hope and Courage concert [Wed. March 28] by Annie Patterson and Peter Blood are nearly complete. Friends were asked to invite groups to bring information for tables (and their members to attend!). Attendance is hoped to approach the 160 permitted by fire regulations. The principle singers have asked for travel expense reimbursement of \$400. Any amount collected above this will be donated to THRIVE and the Migrant Center for Human Rights. **The Report was accepted.**
2. Friends Festival 18 - Recommendations of 3/4/18

A group of interested Friends met and made the following recommendations to Meeting:

1. Not to provide our own hot food. The proceeds do not reflect the actual cost, therefore we should invite a couple of international food trucks and ask that they donate a percent of their gross to Meeting.
2. To meet Health Dept. requirements, we will ask home-bakers to bring their ingredients to a designated certified kitchen on Thur or Fri to produce goods for the sale.
3. Ask some coffee shops to donate boxes, or make our own coffee for sale.
4. Ask Shippley's to donate donuts. Broadway Daily Bread has donated goods in the past.
5. Ask CIA students to cook some specialties and either donate or act as vendors with a percentage of sales to Meeting.
6. Have juice, baked goods and coffee under one tent at the end of the parking lot, with tables and chairs on the grass and the hand-washing station nearby.
7. Set up the Rummage items on tables in front of the Meetinghouse and Books under the breezeway by the Library. Two reasons: this will eliminate the need to move these items up the hill and will encourage guests to explore our facilities. We will have signs indicating where these two are located. This will free up two tents for Talent & Groups.
8. Have two or three people designated as Meeting Guides ready to provide tours of the facilities and answer any questions.
9. Have an invitation to donate letter in advance as we ask for donations. This can be for donations to Rummage table also.

Several Friends stopped by to say they were available to help on the day.

Prepared by Gretchen Haynes

Food Truck: Convergence Café is not a truck, but a smaller set-up with propane-heated grill. They are available. I tried their chicken fajitos and found them very good. **The Report was accepted.**

Other suggestions: An Ethiopian truck was asked but has not yet responded. Stephen S. knows of a Cuban food truck: he will try to contact. Due to space, two food vendors seem maximum. Carol R. offered two canopies ("tents") for vendors or other uses. If anyone knows of "talents" to expand the offerings, 15% of their sales will be given to the Meeting. On the Friday before (May 11) the rummage items will be sorted and priced.

Nominating Report – presented by Bill Sweet

Alice Partain has withdrawn, in writing, from Recording Clerk, and nominations or suggestions for the remainder of the term are solicited. Names are to be given to Nominating Committee.
The Report was accepted.

Other Concerns

1. Disposal of cremation ashes.

In January, Gretchen Haynes offered to consult with Friends Meeting of Austin on their experience. That report of experience was in error. Although originally determined to be a topic for the Long-Range Planning Committee, it is nonfunctional as not all required representatives have been appointed. The matter is referred to Ministry and Oversight.
The Report was accepted.

A Minute was proposed and the following Minute was adopted.

Minute 2018-03-2: Until a decision by the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Friends Meeting of San Antonio Ministry and Oversight Committee will determine the location and disposal of cremation ashes.

2. Butterfly sanctuary: Planting has started and will continue through April. Pam S. noted that the San Antonio chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold a plant sale, including Monarch and butterfly appropriate plants, from 9:00 to noon on April 14 at Hardberger Park (east).

The Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Gretchen Haynes, Co-Clerk

Bill Sweet, Acting Recording Clerk