

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
April 15, 2018

Attending: Pam Spurgeon, Laura Claghorn, Stephen Shearer, Peggy Dial, Ken Southwood, James Goslin, Pat Sweet, Brian Kirn, Janet Southwood, James Mize, Joni Mize, Mimi Moore, Kellie Price, Bill Sweet, Bill Wilkinson, Marian Carter, Val Liveoak, Gretchen Haynes

"Every human being is a child of God with a measure of God's Light. War and other instruments of violence and oppression ignore this reality and violate our relationship with God. Let us keep primary, therefore, Friends' concern for removing the causes of war. Let us seek, through God's grace, to overcome in our own hearts the emotions that lie at the root of violence"
New England Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice, 1985*

Minutes of March, 2018 are approved as read.

Friends Meeting of San Antonio
Treasurer's Report
March 2018

Balance Sheet

- ✓ No unusual activity to report.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ Most expenses were typical, and the Meeting is tracking well against its budget.
- ✓ Childcare expenses have resumed.
- ✓ Cleaning services is for two payments because of the timing involved.
- ✓ SAWS bill was higher because it covers two months.

Faithfully submitted, Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

The Year to Date amount is smaller than the March amount because prior to March, YTD was a negative amount.

The Treasurer's Report is accepted.

Property Report Presented by Stephen Shearer

3/18 - We discovered a broken window in the children's room. It was boarded up the same day. Samuels Glass Company was called and the window was replaced the following day. The cost was \$161.53

3/19 - Stephen walked the Eisenhower stretch of the property with Debbie Reid, Pam Spurgeon and Peggy Dial to make plans for future work days to remove invasive plant species.

3/31 - Minor graffiti was spotted on the storage closet doors. It was painted over.

Throughout March members of the Property Committee worked with Peggy Dial and Pam Spurgeon to install Monarch butterfly nurturing plants. Watering, of the newly planted, has continued as needed.

4/4 - Large broken branches were discovered by James Goslin and who told Bill Sweet. Etter Tree Care was hired to remove the limbs and did some necessary trimming at a cost of \$1,680.00

4/9 - Bayless Custom Homes started work on the rotted roof decks . Should be completed in April 14.

4/9 - During the Spring servicing of our HVAC systems, it was discovered that the phase 2 units needed both their capacitors replaced. The work was done on that day at a cost of \$275.00

4/13 - Clint Bayless, of Bayless Remodeling contacted me. He just realized that he failed to add up his estimate correctly. Every item was listed but the total amount did not include \$1,500 for the demolition work. The original bid was for \$7,976.13 but the line items on the estimate add up to \$9,476.13.

He texted me asking if we would

- a) Hold him to the \$7,976.13 contract.
- b) Pay him \$770.00 so he breaks even.
- c) Pay him \$1500.00, his intended price.

Stephen Shearer, Co-Clerk

Meeting agreed to pay the corrected amount since it was included in the original estimate but overlooked in the addition. It was still the lowest bid received.

Minute 2018.04-1: Friends Meeting of San Antonio amends the original bid of Bayless Custom Homes to include \$1,500 for demolition for a total of \$9,476.13.

The Minute is approved and the Report is accepted.

Signage Committee Report

We have begun the process of requesting bids from sign companies for the two remaining sign proposals. Once we have concrete bids, we will have another forum to inform Friends.

We are concerned that the current logo, a dove inside a Q, was not vetted by the wider community. So, we would like to know how Friend's feel about using it in our new signage.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Dial, Convener

The logo of the Q encircling a dove is proposed for the sign with concern that its size not overwhelm the written text which must be read from the street. This logo is presently on the letterhead and can be added to the website and Facebook page to make it the recognizable symbol of the Meeting.

Report is accepted.

Other Concerns

1. **Friends Festival** is on track with most of the positions filled. Publicity is going out this week; there are three items for discernment.
 - a. We have the offer of 5 tickets to the S A Zoo. It has been suggested that this form the basis for a silent auction, with meals from local restaurants, etc. Friends determined that such an effort needs much planning in advance and is not feasible at this time. However, the Zoo tickets can be offered for sale at a discounted price.
 - b. It is suggested that Renata, our child care helper, be employed for two hours during the day so that Meeting parents may assist in the booths. The cost of \$30 would come from the proceeds. **Approved**
 - c. It is proposed to add two organizations to the list for distribution of Festival proceeds:

Gretchen Haynes, Coordinator

Minute 2018.4-2: The Migrant Center for Human Rights and Thrive are added to RAICES and Interfaith Welcome Coalition as recipients of the Festival proceeds.

The Minute is approved and the Report is accepted.

2. **FGC Arrangement Committee** requests that FMSA host a meeting at the end of May or beginning of June. Beyond use of the Meetinghouse, it would entail providing hospitality for about 25 people for 2 or 3 nights and transport to and from the airport. Friends discerned that the time was too short and host families too few to be able to accommodate this request. The clerk will inform the committee.
3. **Ken Southwood presented the following for consideration of Meeting. The shaking of hands** with nearby, neighboring, Friends or attenders at the close of meeting for worship is not a greeting but a mutual acknowledgement that the time for gathered worship is complete. It is a silent acknowledgement in the spirit of the meeting for worship, in which the shaking of hands passes around the room from the clerk, making it possible for the clerk easily then, at its completion, to make announcements or start the round of Friends and attenders giving their names. It is not a time to rise, walk around, and greet others.

Though in a small meeting with a large meeting room, there will be large gaps between adjacent worshippers, making it necessary to rise. But not to walk unnecessarily far.

This does not mean that no greeting takes place. It merely says that rising to greet others takes place after all announcements and giving of names is complete. The friendship in greeting is a valuable part of meeting, shown after announcement and name-giving, which are often the occasion for laughter but not in a continued spirit of worship.

Ken Southwood

After some discernment, the matter is referred to Ministry & Oversight.

- 4. Newsletter** editor requests that Friends send announcements and news items to newsletter@saquaker.org. A note will be added to the guest book for those wishing to receive the newsletter to email their request to the above address.

Val Liveoak, Co-Clerk

Gretchen Haynes, Acting Recording Clerk