

**FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**May 20, 2018**

Attending: Bill Wilkinson, Greg Casillas, Pam Spurgeon, Lee Teran, Pat Sweet, Bill Sweet, Laura Claghorn, Gretchen Haynes, Marian Carter, Janet Southwood, Ken Southwood, Gary Whitey, Jillian Randles, Josh Randles, Sara Ramey, Mimi Moore, Kellie Price, Val Liveoak

*“May the words of the Spirit be spoken. May the words of the Spirit be heard.”*

Clerk opened with above quote and gave background. She would like those words to be read at the beginning of each Meeting for Business and would like to add it as a Minute. She will seek other quotes as well. Reminder that we are here to do the business of the Meeting.

Clerk reminded Meeting that procedurally questions should be addressed to the Clerk.

**Minutes of April 15, 2018** are approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report April 2018**

**Balance Sheet**

- ✓ The loss of \$10,684.24 from Frost Checking primarily reflects the decrease in the Sinking Fund to cover the cost of the repairs to the roof/eaves of the meetingroom.
- ✓ The FFC Consolidated Fund is now the FFC Quaker Growth and Income Fund.
- ✓ Out FFC investments lost \$8,487.10 in Q1/2018.

**Statement of Activities**

- ✓ General contributions continue to track well with budget expectations
- ✓ Grounds maintenance was up because of storm damage to trees that had to be cut down and one that had to be removed.
- ✓ Major repairs were made to the roof/eaves of the meetingroom.
- ✓ Minor repairs resulted from glass damage from vandalism.
- ✓ All other income/expense categories were routine.

Faithfully submitted, Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

Per Bill W.: As we move towards summer, expectation is that income stream flattens out. He will inquire as to whether Renata will stay on for summer as First Day School usually only runs during school year. Cleaning expenditures from April not on report because they were not actually received by treasurer until May.

**Property Committee Report** presented by Bill Sweet

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**20 May 2018**

4/21 - The Property Committee hosted a Labor of Love Day, in preparation for the Festival. The work was primarily landscaping. Thanks to all who turned out.

4/24 - Gretchen was contacted by Insight Meditation that there was broken glass in the Children's room. Gretchen then contacted Bill Sweet at 8:23pm. Bill spent the next 5 hours contacting and filing a report with the Police and temporarily boarding up the broken glass in 2 windows and door. The following day Samuel Glass boarded up the broken windows & door. Replacement glass was ordered and installed later that week. \$1,020.16

**5/05** - The Property Committee hosted a Labor of Love Day. It was scheduled for 10am to 1pm but due to a conflict it was rescheduled for a 1pm start. Again, landscaping was the primary activity. Grateful for all who labored. The grounds looked good for the Festival the following Saturday.

**5/07** - Stephen Shearer found the glass doors to the Library and the Children's room broken. The police were called and a report was filed. It was determined that the damage was done by a slingshot or similar. The area was cleaned up before the Yoga class began. Samuel Glass has been asked to supply a bid for replacement with glass and with plexiglass. We are exploring other options as well.

**5/08** - Gretchen was contacted by Insight Meditation that there was trash and a shopping cart in the breezeway next to the Meetinghouse. Gretchen called the police, who seemed not to have responded. The next day Bill Sweet cleaned up the mess.

Stephen Shearer, Co-Clerk  
James Goslin, James Mize, Joni Mize, Bill Sweet

Friends entrust property committee to consider options suggested by Friends and come to a solution to the broken glass doors and they do not need to bring solution back to Meeting in order to act.

There were questions from Rita, who cleans the Meetinghouse, regarding trash disposal, and Property Committee will contact Rita and explain the process.

**Ministry and Oversight Committee** presented by Laura Claghorn

M&O met on Tuesday, May 15, at the Meetinghouse. Laura Claghorn, Jim Spickard, and Val Liveoak attended; James Goslin was away.

We discussed:

Various Friends needs for pastoral care. We held several Friends in the Light and made plans to meet with them.

Continued vandalism at the Meetinghouse.

We recognize the need to take action and trust that the Property Committee will bring forth a proposal.

We are concerned about members' burnout over worry about this issue.

We hope that Friends will remain open to various &/or multiple solutions to this problem rather than imagining that a single solution will solve everything – even as we take action.

We urge Friends to remember our true goal of a peaceful and supportive community.

We brought each other up to date on the state of the Meeting.

We discussed various issues surrounding Meeting for Worship.

We have received and are considering proposals to streamline closing Worship and post-Worship comments, without hindering the sense of fellowship currently generated. We will reflect on these further and may propose something at a later date.

We are considering various ways to deepen the spiritual aspects of our Business process, both in monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and in our committee work.

We decided to sponsor two forums in June and July, both facilitated by Jim

June 24: "Finding the Spirit in Quaker Business"

July 22: "Seeking Deep Worship"

We wonder if it is time for some sort of "Quaker 101" course for newcomers (and others) – and if so, what would be the most appropriate.

We considered some of the issues raised by constructing a Memorial Garden or spreading ashes at the Meetinghouse. We decided that we need more information about any legal issues and also about the experiences of other congregations.

As James G. is away, one of us will read the Query on 3rd Sunday.

James G will continue to seek monthly Queries, which will be considered and approved via email.

Ken raised a concern that damage had been done by a gun shot and that the persons responsible might come during Meeting and commit violence against Friends. Other friends indicated that the damage was believed to have been done by a *sling* shot, and that was believed because a stone was found near the damage.

Sara offered to drive by to check on the Meetinghouse if there was a certain time frame. Bill S. says that time frame on one occasion was between 10 am and 6 pm and believed all of them to have happened in daylight hours.

**Peace and Social Concerns** presented by Greg Casillas

P&SC report, May, 2018

The Committee met May 15, with Jim Spickard, Greg Casillas and Val Liveoak attending. Margaret Engels gave regrets.

After worship, we considered the following agenda items:

Responding to Migrant Center request for sponsorship: The amounts of money requested for sponsorship were greater than our usual support of local organizations. The Migrant Center did receive \$100 from the concert in March. We agreed to add the Migrant Center and THRIVE to the groups we suggest to the Meeting for support in the next budget.

We agreed that we want to request a written report from the groups which receive our funds on at least an annual basis. We hope they will send electronic updates that could be put into the Newsletter. In the case of support for specific programs such as RAICES bond fund, we'd like to receive reports with specific information of the number of people served and other data. In the case of supporting the general fund and programs of organizations—which is the bulk of our donations—their newsletter or other updates will be sufficient.

We affirmed that FMSA's donations be focused on groups with which members and attenders of Meeting are involved and that we encourage these members to keep Friends informed regarding the work of the organization with which they are involved. We also considered a hope of working with other organizations as we do with IWC, that is, with a Friend regularly attending meetings and bringing back information to FMSA.

After reviewing the results of the forum on our resources, we propose the following minute:

FMSA commits itself to giving one-tenth of its operating budget annually to local and Quaker groups. Additionally, FMSA will reserve one-tenth of the funds now held with Friends Fudiciary for future donations to groups with projects which would engage larger numbers of members and attenders. We acknowledged that discussion of Phase 3 plans and of a possible intern or outreach person are issues for the Long-range Planning Committee.

Concerning the FWCC and SCYM Sustainability Minute brought to our attention by a Friend, we planned some more research and a forum for June on the topic. Greg will lead this forum.

Although Margaret was unable to attend she texted that there was no new information from IWC. Later she reported that backpack contents continue to be a major expense. In particular, blankets are needed. Monetary donations are always needed for stocking the backpacks and for travel assistance. The biggest need for volunteers at the bus station and airport is on the weekends.

The meeting closed with worship.

Pat believed one tenth had already been authorized in a previous Minute.

Bill W. explained that the amount discussed wasn't exactly ten percent because of increase in revenue and decrease in expenditures in certain areas and to get it exactly to ten percent required math that sounded complicated to the recording clerk and whose notes do not make sense.

The Minute was proposed by Greg.

Bill W. asked for clarification as to whether the intention of the committee was for the ten percent to fluctuate along with the FFC account or whether the ten percent was to be from a fixed moment in time.

Pat asked whether amount is \$2800 or \$59,000 (which is 10% of FFC)

Val explained that the 10% of the FFC was to be set aside for future projects over the years.

Sara asked about timing: once 10% is given out to groups, do we pull an additional 10% or is the amount of money fixed.

Bill W. interprets that the committee's intent was to carve out an amount so that the Long Range Planning Committee knows that the money is set aside and unavailable. The intent is that Quakers want to do more work in the world.

Sense of the Meeting: Committee will revisit proposed Minute to refine it and make it more specific.

Pat indicated that intent was not to just give away \$59,000 quickly.

Bill S. requests P&SC committee consult finance committee.

The point of contact for reporting by groups will be appointed at a later date.

Ken suggested that the 10% should be attached to a fixed date and not fluctuate.

Sense of the Meeting: hold over until next Meeting for Business.

Gretchen offered to examine Minutes to see whether 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of proposed Minute already appears.

Report was accepted.

**Festival Committee** presented by Gretchen

Festival Report May 29, 2018

May 12 was a day of community building, among members and attenders, and among the wider community. Because we moved Books and Rummage down to the breezeway, shoppers became visitors. All day, fair-goers visited the Meeting house, some sitting for periods of time, some getting a review of our principles from various Friends. Some walked around the grounds. Several suggested they would like to come to experience worship. This accomplished one of the State of Society goals: extending our outreach.

While the final financial tally is not as high as last year, this is not the primary motivation for the Festival. Both the preparation for, and participation on the day were marked by teamwork and taking responsibility before being asked. Part of the success stems from the semi-autonomous nature of Meeting activities. Rummage and books arrive, are sorted and priced by the group, by and large, who will oversee their sales. Pony rides and children's activities have found a comfortable pattern and only need adequate adult supervision, which was present. Only preparation of the baked goods proved a problem in this year. But the sales booth was a model of good spirited cooperation.

The heat of the day was the main drawback, prompting the suggestion of moving next year to the fall – perhaps a Halloween/Harvest Festival.

The final accounting is attached.

Gretchen Haynes, Festival Coordinator

GROSS and NET Proceeds, FMSA Festival, 12 May 2018

Books GROSS 157.97 (minus) STARTUP \$20 =	NET 137.97
Rummage GROSS 435.95 (minus) STARTUP \$20 =	NET 442.95
Baked goods GROSS 179.00 (minus) STARTUP \$20 =	NET 156.00
Coffee/hot tea GROSS 13.00 (minus) STARTUP \$10 =	NET 3.00

Juice GROSS 25.00 (minus) STARTUP \$10 =	NET 15.00
Ice tea GROSS 22.75 (minus) STARTUP \$10 =	NET 12.75
Talent GROSS 63.50 (minus) STARTUP \$10 =	NET 53.50
Children's corner GROSS 72.27 (minus) STARTUP \$10 =	NET 62.27
Pony rides GROSS 70.00 (minus) STARTUP \$10 =	NET 60.00
Kid's Activities (donation)	8.50
Farm Stand (15% of gross intake)	20.00
Donation (Greg Casillas)	2.00
	TOTAL 973.94

Sara would love to share the festival with more people from the community and urged Friends to consider holding next Festival in conjunction with Fiesta.

Comments and suggestions can be emailed to Gretchen directly.

**MINUTE 2018.05-1: Friends will donate \$200 to each of the organizations previously chosen to benefit from festival proceeds, and the remaining amount will go to the Sinking Fund for window repair.**

#### **Other Concerns**

Val announced request for FMSA to host about 15 people for a weekend in October. They would like to meet at the Meetinghouse on Friday/Saturday and they would like home hospitality Thursday through Saturday nights.

Friends raised concern that date needed to be when other groups had not reserved the Meetinghouse.

Gary indicated that hosting other Friends is a very enriching experience.

Multiple Friends raised concerns about number of people to be hosted and whether FMSA had enough Friends who could provide home hospitality.

**MINUTE 2018.05-2: FMSA gladly offers to host FGC Planning Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October. We will offer at least one meal at the Meetinghouse to the group and as much home hospitality as we are able to provide from our members. Additionally, to the degree needed and as we are able, we will offer transportation to and from the airport and within the city.**

The Meeting concluded with silent worship.

Val Liveoak, Co-Clerk

Kellie Price, Acting Recording Clerk