

**FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**April 14, 2019**

Attending: Laura Claghorn, David Hayes, Gretchen Haynes, George Feden, Margarita McAuliffe, Carol Redfield, Bill Sweet, Greg Casillas, Oliver Gerken, James Mize, Joni Mize, Jillian Randles, Marian Carter, Stephen Shearer, Peggy Dial, Pat Sweet, Val Liveoak, Kellie Price

Opening Worship: "Spiritual life is a life of commitment to being present to what is, and open to the potentiality of the Spirit within—rather than attempting to reshape the world to suit our personal desires or extract from it our self-fulfillment." Listening Spirituality: Corporate Spiritual Practice Among Friends, p. 39, Patricia Loring

"May the words of the Spirit be spoken. May the words of the Spirit be heard."

**Agenda preview: Val Liveoak**

Added finance committee report, and under other concerns, helping the neighbor with his car.

**Clerk's comments: Val Liveoak**

We received a year end acknowledgment of donations from Migrant Center for Human Rights, and our annual amount was \$936.50.

Minutes from March Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were **approved**.

**Treasurer's report—Pat Sweet**

**Balance Sheet**

✓ No significant activity to report.

**Statement of Activities**

- ✓ Due to a timing issue, the water bill for February and March were both paid in March.
- ✓ There was a Bank Charge of \$20.00 to place a "stop payment" on a check not received by a vendor.
- ✓ All other expenditures were routine.

Faithfully submitted,

Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

Report accepted.

**Nominating Committee: Peggy Dial**

- A) 2019 Roster 2nd Reading  
Religious Education Committee  
Oliver Gerken – Member

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Claghorn, Greg Casillas, and Peggy Dial

Second reading approved. Report accepted.

**Long Range Planning Committee report: Joni Mize**

The two person committee spoke by phone 13 April 2019. We discussed scheduling a forum for the Meeting to talk about consideration of Phase III. Forum will be on June 23, 2019.

Submitted by,

Joni Mize, Carol Redfield

The original plan for the property was in 3 phases: first phase was community room, library, etc; phase II was the Meeting Room; phase III was to be another building to mirror phase I in a horseshoe shape.

Report accepted.

**Finance Committee Report: Pat Sweet**

The Finance Committee met with Dan Guajardo on March 25, 2019. He was a longtime attender of this Meeting and is well known to many of us. Because of his knowledge of Quaker Practice and bookkeeping we find him an excellent choice for the position.

We have just completed the chart of division of responsibilities between the Bookkeeper and the Treasurer and approved it. It has been sent to the Nominating Committee.

We estimate that the job will take about 8 hours per month and so we recommend he be paid \$120.00 per month.

We propose the following minute to add that payment to the 2019 budget:

***MINUTE 2019.04.1. Friends Meeting San Antonio adds to the 2019 budget \$120.00 per month for the expense of a bookkeeper. Approved.***

Pat Sweet, Bill Wilkinson, Carol Redfield, Joe Redfield

It is estimated that the Treasurer position might take about 4 hours a month, depending on their location and access to the property. The Treasurer will open mail, deposit checks and take pictures of the documents for records and leave for Dan the items he needs for bookkeeping.

Report accepted.

**Property Committee: Stephen Shearer**

1. Property Committee, with all members present, met on 18 March. Item discussed included:
  - a. Changes to the community room to make it more inviting and usable. An ad hoc working group is developing specific suggestions.
  - b. Johnny's and Sonny's Glass Co. was selected to replace the broken windows for \$1550.
  - c. Dan Guarjardo, once an attender of this Meeting, was selected to repair or replace the Meetinghouse door for \$400-\$775 depending on whether it can be repaired or must be replaced. Work is in process. The second company never completed a bid. Dan G. also suggested addressing other doors. A decision on this was deferred.

- d. An ad hoc working group is developing a long-term plan for landscaping. This plan will include the Memorial Garden.
  - e. In view of the broken windows, security measures were again raised. No new or practical ideas were offered.
  - f. Several near- and mid-term projects were briefly discussed, without decision.
2. The broken windows in the Meetinghouse were repaired satisfactorily on 04 April.
  3. The mini-workday on 11 April and the workday on 13 April accomplished several maintenance and improvement tasks. Gratitude to all who participated, and also to those who worked at other times.

Stephen Shearer, James Mize, Bill Sweet, Joni Mize

Report accepted.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Greg Casillas**

“Look for truth within yourself...Live a life of simplicity, love and service. Let your life speak and trust that your children will learn by your example.” ~ Robert Lawrence Smith, A Quaker Book of Wisdom

P&SC is looking for an individual that would be willing to act as the liaison for the Interfaith Welcome Coalition. IWC meets at First Presbyterian Church at 10am on the second Thursday of each month. This is primarily an information gathering position to provide updates about IWC and how we may be involved.

We discussed the idea of including local marches, events of public concern and other items of interest in the monthly newsletter. In addition, we spoke of the possibility of creating an “Urgent Action” email list that would consist of Peace & Social Concern issues that require immediate action...petitions, death row notifications, public mobilization

Katherine and Ben will provide a Prison Volunteer Training update after their training on April 13. There may be opportunities in various areas of outreach that Members and Attenders may be interested in.

Stuart (sp) and Rick will keep Meeting updated on the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP)

Val has offered to keep Meeting updated on Medicare for All.

P&SC will present Climate Change Minute in May, 2019. We decided to see if SCYM issued a minute from which we could draw.

P&SC received a donation letter from Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) from Philadelphia. They are a grassroots organization impacting their local area and campaigning to get a major US bank to stop funding mountaintop removal coal mining in the Appalachia. Although EQAT is doing good work, we feel that we should maintain our contributions to local organizations.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 9, 2019 5:15pm

A minute is not necessary to create the Urgent Action email list. Some Friends suggested a few other apps, which will be considered. Gretchen will send an email with opt in information for the new list. It will also be in newsletter.

**Community Engagement Committee: Greg Casillas**

Members in attendance Gretchen, Bill, Katherine, Jillian, Kellie, James, & Greg

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, May 25, 1803 - April 27, 1882

We discussed Sunday's that are available on the Hospitality Calendar. If anyone is interested or would like information, please see one of our committee members for details.

The Quaker Fair and Garage Sale is moving along quite nicely. We will begin to promote the event via all of our social media channels. Gretchen will provide a more detailed update.

James has had a good response to his letter regarding continued participation of receiving the newsletter. On March 4, James sent the initial letter requesting a response to update information, whether the individual would like to remain on the email list and receiving information from FMSA. About 80 individuals have not responded. On March 30, James sent a second email to these 80 individuals as a follow-up. If we do not receive a reply by April 15, we will removed these individuals from the distribution list, however, we will not "delete" their information.

We had a lengthy discussion regarding the FMSA Directory and its function. We want to maintain the confidentiality of the list, yet have it available as a resource to Members and long time Attenders. We discussed the idea of having the directory in a protected area on the website available only to those with permission, but we did not come to a conclusion about moving forward with this idea.

We feel that the FMSA Directory should be comprised of Members and current Attenders. We would revisit the Directory every 6 months to ensure it is relevant and reflects the Meeting at that time. If anyone needs access to the Directory, we would ask that they contact the Community Engagement Committee by using the email [commengage@saquakers.org](mailto:commengage@saquakers.org). This would allow us the opportunity to connect the individual with the Member without distributing the entire Directory to an individual we may not know well. We feel that this would allow us to maintain its integrity. The first draft of the Directory available on May 1.

Community Engagement currently has three different and independent emailing lists, Clerks Email Blast, Newsletter and the Directory and each serves a different function.

We will soon place Facebook and Instagram links onto the website for continued integration of distribution channels. We had a brief discussion about clear communication of Quaker supported events vs. Member supported events. We decided that we should keep the distribution of information to Quaker supported, but utilize the Clerks Email Blast and Newsletter for information about Member supported items.

Our next meeting will be on May 6, 2019 / 5:45pm

Community Engagement will look into having a "contact us" page on the website with email addresses for different issues, e.g. "to contact the Property Committee, email [property@saquakers.org](mailto:property@saquakers.org)."

We are heading in the direction of following up with new attenders.

Report accepted.

### **Religious Education Committee: Gretchen**

Joni, Oliver and Gretchen met over lunch to review the forums and decided that the worship sharing with Gary was valuable and needs to be extended so that more can participate. We suggest May 26 to keep up the momentum. The children's program will continue reading the cultural regeneration theme books that Oliver provided. He will present ideas on this theme on Apr 14, then lead in egg coloring and hiding. We will meet again on May 5.

Report accepted.

### **Other Concerns:**

#### **Spring Fair update: Gretchen Haynes**

Most of the positions are filled and invitations have gone out to the individual yard salers and groups who also use our facilities. We invite Friends to bring their art or photography for the Gallery, to be set up in the breezeway. Anyone interested in a parking space should contact Joni and in the Gallery, please contact Gretchen. We will need helpers on Friday from 1:00 to sort and price the rummage items and books. Please save shopping bags.

Respectfully, Gretchen

It has not yet been determined where proceeds from Spring Fair will go. Last year we donated to Interfaith Welcome Coalition, RAICES, Thrive, and Migrant Center. It was suggested we add SNIPSA who does the puppy corral. It was suggested that we add SNIPSA and remove RAICES, as RAICES received millions in donations last year and may have less need. The Peace Initiative was also suggested. Friends felt it important to list the recipients so that it was clear that we are not raising money for the Meeting.

#### **Helping neighbor with car: Val Liveoak**

The gentleman's name is Cliff, and he had indicated that he did have the part, but had been unable to install it because he works until after dark and yesterday the rain prevented. He had expressed that we'd been patient with his being parked here. Marian has a friend who does car repair she can contact. Greg offered \$250 of the yoga money and knows the gentleman at the Goodyear right down the block.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Liveoak  
Co-Clerk

Kellie Price  
Recording Clerk