

Minutes
FMSA Meeting for Business
October 20, 2019

Attending: Laura Claghorn, Bill Wilkinson, Pat Sweet, Gretchen Haynes, James Mize, Joni Mize, Julia Hitz, Jillian Randles, Peggy Dial, Marian Carter, Val Liveoak, Michelle DiGiacomo, Oliver Gerken, Emily Wood, Katherine Fitzgerald Hernandez, Ben Fitzgerald Hernandez, Gregory Koehler, Clerk: Jim Spickard, Recording Clerk: Kellie Starr Price

Opening Worship

Clerk's Comments

- From David Johnson: *The Workings of the Spirit of God Within*

Approval of Sept Minutes: postponed until November Meeting for Business.

Updates

- on telephone and internet service: *Jim Spickard*
 - We have WIFI. Password was given. It reaches to parking lot and around most of the grounds. The phone number has not yet been ported over; that will be done on Friday.

Treasurer's Report: *Bill Sweet*

Balance Sheet

- ✓ The decrease in the Sinking Fund was the result of paying for the gutter repairs work.
- ✓ No unusual activity to report.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ After nine months, income and expense are well matched, and the Meeting seems to be on track in terms of its operating accounts.
- ✓ Miscellaneous income of \$362.92 was a rebate from our GuideOne insurance policy.
- ✓ Major repairs of \$3,207.00 represents the amount spent to repair and replace gutters.
- ✓ All other expenditures were routine.

Faithfully submitted,

Bill Wilkinson, Treasurer

Report accepted.

Committee Reports:

Community Engagement: *Jim Spickard*

Members in attendance Jillian Randles, Gretchen Haynes, Bill Sweet & Greg Casillas
Discussion took place about the Hospitality Calendar to ensure there are members/attenders available to open/close the property for Meeting for Worship and identify a Greeter for each Meeting for Worship. We discussed the idea of asking for one-month commitments and posting the calendar in the community room for easy access.

Gretchen is working on the Dream Week film presentation that will take place on January 18, 2020.

Yard Sale is coming along nicely, and help is needed in the Quaker Cafe that will open at 9am. Bill Sweet will provide cash boxes for the Cafe and separately for the Yard Sale.

Once we have a new phone connected, we will be recording a new message, and this has been sent to committee members for approval before presenting to Meeting for Business.

Our next meeting will be November 4, 2019 @ 5:45pm

Report accepted.

Yard Sale: Joni Mize, Bill Sweet

The total intake was \$549.85, of which \$100 was from the per table charge and \$22 was from food sales. Neither receipts for expenses nor verbal notice of expenses have been received to date.

This income and any expenses reported after this date will appear on the October Treasurer's Report at the November Meeting for Business.

Respectfully,

William D. Sweet
Treasurer / Yard Sale Cashier

There was check given at the yard sale, but it was not clear whether it was a donation to the Meeting or a donation to the yard sale proceed recipient. Greg Koehler is familiar with the intention of the donor and will speak to the Treasurer.

Report accepted.

Peace & Social Concerns: Val Liveoak

Members in attendance Val Liveoak & Greg Casillas

We discussed Meeting's financial giving and will determine 2020 organizations by the end of the year and have requested suggestions from the committee of local organizations that may benefit from our support.

We will be requesting speakers from existing and potential recipients of financial support to share information about their organization at an upcoming forum.

We will be providing lunches again for IWC migrants passing through the bus station on November 12. We only need to assemble 15 double lunches and we will meet again at 8am for assembly. We may only need 3 or 4 people for this project.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2019 5:15pm

Report accepted.

Religious Education: Gretchen Haynes

1. Faith & Play children's program has begun with success in engaging the children.

Storytellers and helpers can be included in the roster while not being on this committee. We will ask Nominating Com.

2. Quaker Orientation has grown from 8 the first week to 13 the second week and 16 the third week. Not everyone has attended all, and several new people have joined.

A major question arose: How to help newcomers, particularly, find the Light. Our immediate answers were inadequate and we are seeking discernment on this. One possibility is a follow up through M&O of Spiritual Friendships – partners who meet to explore Quaker concerns and share their spiritual journeys. Follow up forum with Val “Being Quaker” 10/27

3. Budget : Proceeds from yard sale of donated items will go to F & P budget
Current \$4,220. Child care and other items remain the same; we request an increase in supplies to \$500.

4. Future forums approved:

Nov 24 Gratitude, with Peggy [confirmed]

Dec. 22 Birth of Jesus, with Gretchen [confirmed]

Dec 29: Fellowship “Goodbye/Hello”

5. Other Concerns

Karen raised the question of participating in seeking Anti-Nuclear status for San Antonio. She will bring this to Peace & Social Concerns.

[Since our committee meeting, we have been confirmed as a partner in the MLK Dream Week with a free movie on Jan 18 – The Long Walk Home.]

Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Haynes

There was a question about the \$4220.00 budget for Faith and Play/Religious Education, but it was clarified that this amount includes childcare. It was brought up that it was not clear that the Meeting had determined where the proceeds from the yard sale would go. There was also a question about whether Religious Education needed to update their budget request or not. Ultimately it was clear that the budget is a guideline. The Meeting was in favor of supporting Faith and Play financially, but the Treasurers indicated that it may not be necessary to specifically designate the yard sale proceeds to Religious Education. In the future this is an easy budgeting thing to do, as long as we know ahead of time where we want the money to go. Finance Committee and Religious Education Committee will get together to suggest a Minute for future Meeting for Business.

Report accepted.

Nominating: No Report

M&O: No Report

Property: James Mize

The property committee met on October 04, 2019 and discussed the following:

1. A fence to establish a boundary line and clearly mark entry points so that all pedestrians are notified they are entering our property.

- a. The fence requires a property line survey, which costs approximately \$815.00.
 - i. To locate the buildings relative to the property lines is an additional \$770.00, so a full property survey is \$1585.00.
 - ii. We are looking into whether the survey should be or is required to be filed with the city.
2. There was a mini-workday included in the Thursday meeting for worship October 10th, thank you to all participants.
3. The property committee is in unity supporting the monument sign installation.
 - a. A consideration before installing the sign is the live electrical line going to that general location (finding and rerouting or disconnecting the line if there is no need for it).
 - b. Property committee would like to know the meeting's sense about what to do with the old sign, and the entry sign into the main parking lot (should we repurpose the sign?)
4. There is a landscaping plan for the entry to meeting house that was created by Debbie (former City arborist), at the cost of approximately \$150.00. Pam S. has the layout if anyone wants to see the proposed planting. The target date for the planting is November workday the 16th.
5. The west side of the main parking lot shows signs of erosion (cracking). We would like to get a professional service to look at and give an estimate to resurfacing and repainting the lines.
6. Sprucing up the stucco (fixing cracks, paint), and repair roof support beam(s). An estimate for this work will be scheduled.
7. Replacing the fluorescent lights in Phase 1 with more efficient (and attractive) LED lights. An estimate will be obtained for the project.
8. The property committee would like to get the sense of the meeting about the piano. Pam S. has contacted a tuner for an estimate.
 - a. Keep and tune it.
 - b. Remove it.
9. Steven Shearer volunteered to be the emergency point of contact for Meetinghouse.

Addendum: At the Community Yard Sale, a Friend reported the Northwest corner of Phase 1 has a substantial crack in the wall indicating potential foundation issues. This will be on the next committee meeting agenda.

Faithfully submitted,
 David Hayes
 James Mize
 Joni Mize
 Stephen Shearer
 Pam Spurgeon

The workday will be moved to November 9 to plant according to the landscaping plan.

The piano was donated by Ruth Lofgren and at one point one of the legs was broken. It was not known whether the leg was repaired. Options were discussed for the piano. In years past, there was a "Meeting for Singing" prior to Meeting for Worship. Donation was discussed. It was suggested that Community Engagement might take under consideration whether it makes sense to bring back a Meeting for Singing. It was pointed out that at the core of the question is the fact that we own a beautiful musical instrument and we're not properly stewarding it. This will be further seasoned.

There was a survey of the property done. Bill Sweet will inventory the safe deposit box. Marian knows who did the survey and will talk to that person if it's not in the safe deposit box.

Report accepted.

Long-range Planning: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Request that committees send 2020 budget requests to Finance Committee ASAP

Budget First reading will be in December, with second reading/approval in January.

Other Reports:

Quarterly Meeting: *Val Liveoak & Jim Spickard*

There has not been a quarterly meeting this year or last. Tentatively discussed having it here on Martin Luther King weekend Saturday before our movie night. We are part of Cielo Grande Quarterly Meeting which includes Austin, Dallas, etc. Val and Jim will keep Meeting apprised. M&O will discuss the money that was earmarked.

Transfer for membership for Julie Crum: Julie Crum has transferred her membership from her previous Meeting in Virginia. FMSA welcomes her membership.

Announcements:

- Jim:
 - Request to train someone(s) to send out electronic announcements
 - Request for someone(s) to receive emails when we get phone messages
 - Request for Items for the November Newsletter
- Reminder about book exchange first Sunday in December.
- Looking for a volunteer to sell items that get donated to the Meeting. A blurb will go out in the newsletter. M&O will discuss what committee this fits with.
- Oliver is actually looking for a place to sing and this might help with the piano issue.

Closing Worship

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Spickard
Clerk

Kellie Price
Recording Clerk