

Minutes
FMSA Meeting for Business via Zoom
February 24, 2021

Attending: David Hayes, Bill Sweet, Pat Sweet, Joni Mize, James Mize, James Goslin, Greg Koehler, Val Liveoak, Julia Hitz, Gretchen Haynes, Oliver Gerken, Pam Spurgeon, Gioconda Castello

Opening Worship: *Jim Spickard*

The meeting opened with silent worship

Clerk's Comments: *Jim Spickard*

Prior Minutes

Friends approved January 2021 Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: *Bill Sweet*

Balance Sheet

- ✓ The June distribution from the Friends Fiduciary account will add to presently zero balance General Maintenance account.
- ✓ The year-end statements from Friends Fiduciary have been received. These accounts have been updated to the end of 2020 values.
- ✓ There are no other issues of note.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ Contributions for January totaled \$2077.50. Thus, contributions were 8.1% of the 2021 budgeted general contributions, at 8.3% of the year.
- ✓ The invoice of \$457.26 for security patrol service, StateWide Patrol, Inc., for January and \$450.00 for February were both received and paid in January. Thus, total expenditure for security services in 2021 is \$907.26.
- ✓ Phone and internet service with Spectrum for both December 2020 and January 2021 were paid in January.
- ✓ Our Big Sun Community Solar off-site photovoltaic panels gave us a credit of \$138.39 against a charge of \$154.44 in January for CPS-generated electricity. Additional charges for Service Availability, city services and additional products and services gave an account credit balance of \$104.89 on the January bill. The bill in January 2020 was \$206.55.
Our panels generated 21.44 MWh (21,439.57 kWh) in 2020 plus a few days in 2019.
- ✓ The leak in the water supply during the November-December 2019 billing period resulted in a charge of \$3,391.52. An adjustment of \$2199.15 was granted. The invoice for January showed a credit of \$982.48 remaining after deducting \$106.96, a constant, prorated amount until the balance is expended (November 2021).
- ✓ The expense for Website/New Media was for the monthly hosting charge and renewal of one domain name.
- ✓ Miscellaneous expense was for postage stamps.
- ✓ Other expenditures were routine or less than typical, given the unusual current conditions.

Faithfully submitted,
William D. Sweet, Treasurer

Report accepted.

Committee Reports:

Ministry & Oversight: Val Liveoak

The meeting began with worship.

1. We considered issues concerning Worship as a Meeting. Continuing Zoom Meetings seems indicated until the return of warm weather and a lowering of community spread of COVID. We noted the Clerk's decision to not include inviting Friends to name their Joys and Concerns during the last part of Meeting but encouraging this immediately following close of Meeting, requesting Friends pause to hold the expressed concern in silence for a few moments. We scheduled attending the Quaker Questions Breakout Room among the members of M&O.
2. We planned completing the State of the Meeting Report, dividing the tasks among us. We expect to bring the draft to MfW in March.*
3. We discussed what role M&O should have in scheduling Forums, without any conclusions, considering a sense of being in a time of suspension, waiting for a return to a more predictable time. M&O members are encouraged to consider if they are called to lead a forum topic, or to suggest one to Religious Education. We note that a forum is scheduled for March 10, and that there will be opportunities for Zoom attendance at events of SCYM during the last week of the month.
4. Concerns and needs of individual Friends were considered and plans made to contact and assist them as we can.
5. While Gretchen has been overseeing the updating of the Meeting Directory, the question of dropping names of those who have not participated in Meeting activities arose. She and Joni agreed to contact the 7 people involved by email or text to see if they wished to be included or omitted from the current list.

Last Wishes document—we continue to look at finalizing this form to serve members.

Next M&O meeting was scheduled for 2nd Tues (March 9, 2021) at 1pm

Report accepted.

Property: David Hayes

The property committee met on 2/6/21. The full committee was present: Pam Spurgeon, Joni Mize, James Mize and David Hayes.

We had minor rascal-ism on the property in late January which resulted in the wooden gate being gouged in an inconspicuous spot. We are working in getting the gate removed, repaired, refinished and re-installed.

The committee has accepted a bid from Schmidt Mechanical for a maintenance contract for our HVAC systems for bi-annual service.

Many thanks to James and Pam for winterizing the property for the winter storm.

We have our first workday scheduled for Saturday 2/27/21 from 9am until 1pm. Weather-permitting everyone is welcome to join and help in whatever capacity.

Lastly, if you visit the property at anytime please email us at property@saguakers.org with your time and date of visit along with any property related observations. Please double check doors as you leave.

Gretchen asked about the security service and the clerk reminded Friends that the issue was raised in January and Friends were clear to wait until March to revisit.

Report accepted.

Religious Education: Greg Koehler

The Religious Education Committee met on Sunday, February 7th, at 9:15am, via Zoom. Gary Whiting, Joni Mize, Danielle Linde, and Greg Koehler [convener] were in attendance.

- 1) Our next committee meeting will be in the morning before Meeting for Worship on Sunday, March 7th.
- 2) Our next prospective forum will be a Worship Sharing Session led by Gary Whiting regarding the notion of "Let thine eye be single", some time in April.
- 3) Ideas are welcome from Meeting and other committees for developing future Wednesday forum ideas [the next potential slots according to the current convention being Wednesday, March 10th and Wednesday, May 12th], and dedicated reading groups.
- 4) Books under consideration for continued study:

"The Call to Radical Faithfulness: Covenant in Quaker Experience" - by Douglas Gwynn

"My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies" - by Resmaa Menakem

"Faith and Practice - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - 2018 edition"

Val asked whether Faith and Practice was available online, and Greg believes so. Bill asked whether there was a particular reason the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice was chosen, but Greg said no, it was just the version that most Friends here already had. Gretchen mentioned that Philadelphia is the "Quaker Vatican." Friends who have been with FMSA longer recollected that our Meeting has traditionally been eclectic.

Report accepted.

Community Engagement: Gretchen Haynes

Present: Bill Sweet, James Goslin, Jim Spickard; Gretchen Haynes, convener; regrets Megan Pope

1. MLK Event: there were no requests for follow up.
2. Meeting Directory
 - Jim has been adding data and will forward the Excel form to Gretchen to consolidate.
 - We will include attenders who have been active & present for six months. [The Handbook states: "Produce an appendix of new attenders as needed." It also includes office holders and committee members.]
 - Who should have access? James raised the question of confidentiality and suggested producing a Contact List with limited information. We decided not to move on this at this time. Regular members [and attenders] will have access to the full form via the Hi-Drive on the web. They will need

instructions to access it. They can make the request via Comengage@saquakers.org that goes to all CEC members. Gretchen will complete the request.

- The Directory will include F/friends who have moved; names can be removed after consulting with M&O.

3. Connecting to members/attenders

Quaker Happy Hour invitation on Facebook received one reply from a person who is not a member or attender. We do not think this is a viable avenue at this time.

Val will conduct a zoom workshop on non-violent dialogue, for 3 hours and if eight people sign up.

Peggy would like to conduct a forum on Forgiveness when her family issues are more resolved.

4. Other concerns

- Bill spoke of the difficulty in connecting to newcomers as we were able to do during the hospitality time. The present breakout rooms offer the best opportunity to engage newcomers and they will be available regularly. Val has asked for help at the Quaker Questions table. We can send a Meeting postcard if we have the address.

Next meeting, Mon. March 1, 7:00

Report accepted.

Other Concerns

We have been using different Zoom addresses for the various meetings. This was originally done in part because we had to use the waiting room and the waiting room tells you what you're waiting for. But now it is causing problems because the wrong address was in the announcement. This is solvable by using one address for all activities.

David Hayes suggested keeping the single address for community-wide functions (Sunday, Friday, Wednesday), but keep the separate addresses for committee meetings. Friends are comfortable with this change taking place in March. In the alternative, Bill suggested that the reminder could simply direct Friends to the website instead of including the link. Jim indicated that he will make the changes next week.

Zoom security is handled by event host, and is now relatively easy.

Announcements:

Upcoming events:

March Potluck, March business meeting, SCYM events in late March.

James Goslin announced that his daughter is available to help people find COVID vaccines.

If someone would like to organize a tailgate, get with Jim.

If weather permits porch meetings, that will go out as a special announcement.

Closing Worship

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Spickard
Clerk

Kellie Price
Recording Clerk