

Friends Meeting of San Antonio
Meeting for Worship for Attention of Business
October 18, 2026

Attendance: Jillian Randles, Pat Sweet, Bill Sweet, Von Keairns, Dale Keairns, Suzanne CS, Julie Crum, Carol Redfield, Rob Flinn, Wendy Greene, Pam Spurgen, Greg Keller, Gretchen Haynes, David Novogrodsky and Rebecca Cole Sullivan (Clerk, acting Recording Clerk)

The Meeting started with open worship.

Accept the Minutes of September Minutes:

Minute 2026-10-01: Friends approved the September Minutes with minor edits.

Committee Reports:

Ministry and Care: Julie Crum, clerk of M&C reported on behalf of the committee. (Full Report See Appendix A)

This month Ministry and Care continued to plan for the memorials of the three former attenders of our meeting who died recently. Since the report was written James Goslin's memorial meeting has been scheduled for December 5 at 3pm.

A friend asked about the wording choice of "disappointed about attendance" for Emily Provance's attention. The concern arose from M&C sense that people were excited for Emily to come and then the attendance didn't feel like it showed that same level of excitement.

Friends received the report with the discussion added to the body of the minutes.

Nominating Committee: Pat Sweet reported on behalf of the committee. (Full Report See Appendix B)

At the request of last month's business meeting, nominating has drafted the updated committee descriptions for Adult Education Committee and First Day Committee. The nominating committee asks that people review the descriptions and give them feedback by November 8. They will bring back the descriptions for approval next month.

Nominating and the Meeting Clerk are discerning the idea that we might name conveners instead of clerks of committees so we can all learn to clerk when we are ready via committee appointments. This idea is still in discernment but might be something that happens on some committees.

Friends received the report.

Peace and Social Concerns: Dale Keairns reported on behalf of the committee. (Full Report See Appendix C)

This Peace and Social Concerns brought back the request for additional money for the Quaker and Local Organization distributions so they could give local organizations more. They also want to remind Friends that we anyone can join the Yearly Meeting's Peace and Social Justice Committee meets each month. See the full report for a list of topics the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Justice Committee has focused on.

Discussion about additional money for Local Organization Disbursements: Friends in general agreed that we had the funds to increase the amount for our distributions however, one friend raised a concern about giving to local organizations more than we give to the Quaker Organizations. Friends spoke some about how we want to balance the Quaker Organization and Local Organization line items in the budget. One friend reminded us that the way we choose to distribute the money is asking us about what our identity it is: Are we Texas Quakers or are we Quakers in Texas? Texan Quakers the emphasis on giving to our local community as a tangible expression of what is in our neighborhood, while Quakers in Texas reminds Quaker organizations that there are Quakers in Texas. Friends felt okay moving forward with this year's (2026) request to increase the local organization line item, but asked that we all discern in the 2027 budget process if the balance of \$1000 the Quaker Orgnaizations and \$2000 for Local Organizations is the distribution that feels right for us.

See Appendix C for how Peace and Social Concerns will spend their distribution.

Minute 2026-10-02: Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves giving Peace and Social Concerns an additional \$1000 to the local organizations line item so they can distribute \$3000 to Quaker and Local Organizations for 2026.

Friends received the committees report.

Treasurers Report: Bill Sweet, Treasurer, reported on June' financials. (Full Report, See Appendix D)

We brought in \$1705 in contributions during the month of September bringing us to 87.3% of our annual budget for 2026 and \$705 from facilities usage bringing us to 104% of our annual budget. We spent \$750 for tree debris removal from the windstorm.

Nothing else substantially changed (expenses or income) happened in September.

Friends received the treasurers report.

Other Business:

Library Committee: Greg reported on behalf of the work he does for the library.

The Library is currently a No-Budget operation within the larger context of the Meeting and its projects. Practically, this means that if someone would like something to be added to the Library collection, they can either purchase it for the Library and give it to the Meeting as a gift, or they can request a special disbursement from the Meeting for Business in order to make a purchase for the Library.

In honor of a recent request, and because the Library has no budget for this fiscal year, the Library asks now for a disbursement of \$36.39 for the purchase of a copy of “A Testimony of Community” by Emily Provance for the collection. This request is being made directly to the Meeting with notice to the Finance Committee.

Minute 2026-10-03: Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves the request for the library to purchase Emily Provance’s new book *A Testimony of Community* at a cost of \$36.39.

Clerks Items

Dream Week Space Usage

Thank you for offering Quaker Meeting House to DreamWeek San Antonio hosts back in July 2025. The 2027 summit runs January 15 to 31, our 15th year, and hosting partners are applying now.

This year we are giving hosts a venue directory inside their event dashboard, so a nonprofit or neighborhood group looking for a room can find yours, see your terms and reach you directly. We would like Quaker Meeting House to be in it. We will offer our space for free for those looking to use the space to offer a DreamWeek event.

Minute 2026-10-04: Friends approved being a potential site for DreamWeek.

Meeting closed with a time of worship.

Appendix A: Ministry and Care

October 2026

Ministry and Care met on October 8 on Zoom; Denise, Judy, Jillian, and Julie were in attendance.

We have lost three Friends recently, and are planning their memorials. Mark Fishman attended meeting some time ago; some of us gathered with his family and friends in September to remember him. David Bristol's memorial meeting for worship will be on Saturday, November 7, at 2 pm. We hope the many friends who knew and loved David will be able to attend. James Goslin's memorial will be later this fall, date to be announced. We recommend moving forward with adding plaques for David Bristol and James Goslin. Ministry and Care is united that we should not ask families to pay for the memorial wall plaques.

We discussed concerns for Friends.

From South Central Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice: *"Membership in a meeting represents acknowledgement that an individual has found a level of unity with Friends' testimonies, beliefs, and practices. It establishes a formal relationship and level of commitment between the member and the meeting."* Friends who might be interested in becoming members of the meeting are encouraged to speak with anyone on Ministry and Care.

In August, FMSA hosted Emily Provance, a Quaker traveling minister. She held ten sessions around the theme "On Neighbors, Change, Division, and Peace", exploring perspectives and strategies that can help us build robust communities across deep social fractures. While attendance was disappointing, Friends found Emily's programs thought-provoking and enjoyed having her as part of our community for the month. We also discussed a few things we might do differently should we host a traveling minister again in the future.

On January 10, Ministry and Care will hold a forum to gather input from Friends for the State of the Meeting Report. This is a time when we look back on the previous year and consider several queries, thinking about how things have been going and how we might wish things were different. Further details to come.

Each month our committee endeavors to present a query or advice. Friends are encouraged to submit for consideration suggestions.

Query for October: *Quakers use the phrase "Under the care of the meeting." People are married, travel, or follow a leading under the care of the meeting. How do we, as a meeting, demonstrate care? How do I as an individual demonstrate care? How have I experienced being under care?*

Advice for November: *We are called to obedient love even though we may not be feeling very loving.*

Next meeting: Thursday, November 5, 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Appendix B: Nominating Committee Report 10/18/2026

Nominating Committee met on October 9, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. by Zoom. In attendance were Lisa Craig, Pat Sweet, and Bill Wilkinson. The meeting began with silence.

Based on our September report in which we discussed separating the Religious Education Committee into a First Day Committee and an Adult Education Committee, we developed and reviewed descriptions for these new committees. Drafts of these two descriptions are attached to this report. We ask that the Meeting review these documents and provide feedback to the Nominating Committee no later than November 8, 2026 at nominating@saguakers.org.

Nominating Committee was approached by the Clerk to consider using “convenors” for committee meetings. A convenor is responsible for calling committee meetings and submitting reports, but the job of clerking the committee meeting can rotate among the committee members. This provides a pathway for learning and experiencing what it is like to clerk in the Quaker tradition. Not everyone on the committee must take a turn clerking and committees can decide how they would like to approach the use of a convenor.

We discussed positions we have filled and those that are still vacant. Overall, we are making good progress and expect to have a roster ready for a first reading at the November Meeting for Business.

We continue to struggle to fill the critical positions of Recording Clerk and someone willing to serve on the Finance Committee and possibly rise to the position of Treasurer.

We offer this query for reflection:

When the Nominating Committee invites us to serve, do we give the request the prayerful consideration it deserves? Do we say yes with a genuine intention to fulfill our commitments, and no with honesty about our leadings and limitations? How might we continue to evolve as a Meeting in which service is freely offered, faithfully undertaken, and respectfully declined when it is not ours to do?

The meeting closed with silence.

Faithfully submitted for the committee,

Bill Wilkinson, Clerk

Friends Meeting of San Antonio Adult Education Committee

Purpose:

The Adult Education Committee encourages lifelong spiritual growth, learning, and exploration within the Meeting. It provides opportunities for Friends and attenders to deepen their understanding of Quaker faith and practice, engage with one another, and explore questions of spiritual life and contemporary relevance.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Plan and coordinate educational programs for adults, including discussions, study groups, workshops, lectures, retreats, and opportunities for spiritual formation.
- ✓ Provide opportunities to explore Quaker faith and practice, including the writings and experiences of Friends past and present.
- ✓ Offer programs that encourage Friends to reflect together on the meaning and practice of Quaker testimonies.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for newcomers and newer Friends to learn about Quaker history, theology, practices, and Meeting life.
- ✓ Encourage programs that draw on the gifts, knowledge, and experiences of members and attenders.
- ✓ Coordinate, when appropriate, with other committees sponsoring educational or spiritual programs.
- ✓ Identify outside speakers, organizations, and resources that may contribute to the Meeting's educational life.
- ✓ Encourage a variety of educational formats so that people with different interests and learning styles can participate.
- ✓ Periodically assess the educational interests and needs of the Meeting and adapt programming accordingly.
- ✓ Maintain or recommend resources that support individual study and spiritual development.

Committee Life:

The committee approaches education as more than the transmission of information. Its work should create opportunities for Friends to listen deeply, ask honest questions, encounter perspectives different from their own, and discover how learning may lead to deeper spiritual understanding and faithful action.

Relationship to the Meeting:

The Adult Education Committee reports to the Meeting for Business and works collaboratively with other committees as appropriate.

Term:

Appointed by the Monthly Meeting for a term of 2 years, with reappointment as appropriate.

Friends Meeting of San Antonio First Day Committee

Purpose:

The First Day Committee nurtures spiritual formation and the educational and communal life of children and young people in the Meeting. It seeks to create a welcoming environment in which children can experience Quaker worship, learn about Quakerism, develop their spiritual lives, and participate meaningfully in the life of the Meeting. The guiding question of the committee is “How can our work help children develop spiritually and grow in their understanding, experience, and practice of the Quaker way?”

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Provide oversight and support for First Day School and other programs for children and youth.
- ✓ Develop age-appropriate opportunities for children to explore Quaker beliefs, practices, testimonies, history, and values.
- ✓ Encourage children to experience both the freedom and the discipline of Quaker worship.
- ✓ Recruit, support, and appreciate teachers and other adults who work with children and youth.
- ✓ Help ensure that classrooms and activities are safe, welcoming, inclusive, and appropriately supervised.
- ✓ Coordinate with parents, caregivers, and other Meeting committees concerning the needs of children and families.
- ✓ Encourage opportunities for children and youth to participate in the broader life of the Meeting, including worship, service, fellowship, and special events.
- ✓ Help the Meeting remain attentive to the spiritual needs and gifts of children and young people.
- ✓ Periodically review First Day curriculum and programming, recommending changes as the needs of children, families, and the Meeting evolve.
- ✓ Work with the Ministry and Care Committee when matters concerning children's participation in Meeting for Worship arise.

Committee Life:

The committee meets as needed and seeks to conduct its work in the spirit of worship, discernment, and cooperation. Decisions concerning children and youth should, when appropriate, include the voices of parents, caregivers, teachers, and young people themselves.

Relationship to the Meeting:

The First Day Committee reports to the Meeting for Business and works cooperatively with committees as appropriate.

Term:

Appointed by the Monthly Meeting for a term of 2 years, with reappointment as appropriate.

Appendix C:

P&SC Meeting – October Report October 18, 2026

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee met October 11, 2026, from 8:30 to 9:30 am prior to morning worship. Angela Starnes, Luz Perez Prado and Dale Keairns attended. The meeting was opened and closed with worship.

Meeting contributions to external Quaker and Local Organizations: Recommendations for contributions to external Quaker and Local Organizations were presented at the September Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (Attachment A). In terms of implantation, the committee recommends the \$3,000 be for the 2026 and 2027 budget. This would lead to the following actions:

- 1) The current 2026 budget allocates \$2,000. Thus, the clerk will need to discern the spiritual sense of the Meeting for adding \$1,000 to the budget based on this recommendation. A minute will be approved reflecting the decision.
- 2) The \$3,000 recommendation for these contributions for the 2027 budget is submitted to the finance committee for their discernment for the 2027 budget.

SCYM Peace & Social Justice Committee: Gladys Tiffany, the committee clerk, convenes a monthly call (last call was September 30; the next call will be October 28). Participants include representatives from Austin, Fayetteville, Ft. Worth, Houston, and San Antonio. Gladys is contacting Friends in Little Rock, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. She is drafting a report to Representative Meeting that includes some issues the committee has addressed (a minute on a wholistic, systems-wide, spiritual witness to address complex issues faced today; renewing our commitment to conscientious objection; and immigration).

Focus Initiatives for P&SC: The committee identified four focus areas for the committee going forward. The committee welcomes others to engage as led. The committee is open to support other leadings by Friends. The four focus areas are:

- Immigrants (support Meeting ongoing actions and policy)
 - SA Stands
 - Nuevos Vecinos
- Local issues
 - Data centers (A local data center supplement is included as Attachment B)
 - City Council actions (e.g. challenges regarding a proposed federal detention facility, water rate hikes, planning for the 2027 bond program)
- International diplomacy
 - Supporting QUNO (Quaker United Nations Office); (FWCC, AFSC)
 - Addressing war actions (e.g. policy, FCNL)
- Climate

Other activities discussed included:

- Quaker Call to Action (Sept 20 and Oct 18 calls)
- FCNL Advocacy Teams
- Local university relationships
- FCNL student chapters

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be the Second First Day, November 8 at 8:30a in the library. We adjourn in time for Friends to socialize or join early worship before worship begins. All are welcome to the committee meetings.

We thank Suzanne CS for their Participation on the committee.

Respectfully submitted by the committee

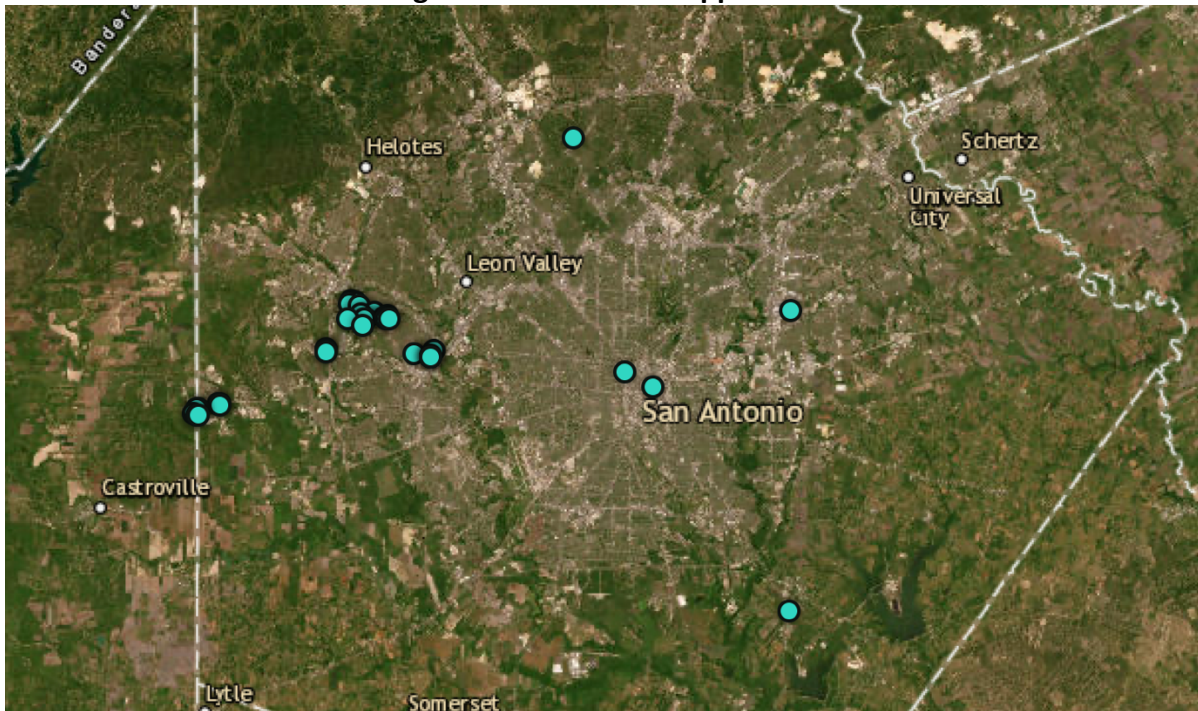
Attachment C highlighting World Quaker Day (Oct 4) is included.

Attachment A P&SC Recommendations

QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS	2026 P&SC Recommendation
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)	150
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)	100
Friends Journal	100
Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS)	100
Friends Peace Teams - PLA	150
Friends General Conference (FGC)	100
Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC)	100
Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)	100
Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)	100
TOTAL	1000
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS	
Esperanza Peace & Justice	200
P.E.A.C.E. Initiative	200
COPS/METRO	200
Interfaith Welcome Coalition	200
Catholic Worker House (San Antonio Location)	200
Thrive Youth Center	200
Christian Assistance Ministries	200
RAICES	200
Housing First Community Coalition	200
SW Worker Union	200
TOTAL	2000

SA Stands and Nuevos Vecinos (Dianne Garcia) are not included in these organizations

Attachment B Regional Data Center Supplement



Name	Size (acres)†	Status/Timeline‡
Microsoft Texas Research Park) *	158	Completed 2015
CloudHQ SAT Campus) *	123	Expected 2027
CyrusOne SAT5, SAT6) *	4	Expected 2025
CyrusOne SAT8, SAT9) *	6	Expected 2025
Vantage TX11 - San Antonio	5	Expected 2026
Stream DC San Antonio III	6	Expected 2025
Microsoft SAT 15	5	Expected 2026
Vantage 21 & 22) *	31	Completed 2025, Expected 2027
Microsoft SN7	4	Unclear
Microsoft Chevron	4	Completed 2020
CyrusOne SAT1	4	Completed
Microsoft Wiseman Boulevard (SAT14)	8	Expected 2026
CyrusOne (SAT2, SAT3, SAT4) *	6	Completed
Stream DC San Antonio II	1	Completed
QTS San Antonio	32	Completed 2022
Amazon AWS SAT	2	Completed
SATC Colo	Unclear	Completed 2005
Lumen San Antonio 3	Unclear	Completed
Lumen San Antonio 2	>1	Completed
CityNAP	>1	Completed
H5 Data Centers Colocation	>1	Completed
ElasticHosts	>1	Completed
Lumen San Antonio 1	>1	Completed
Amazon AWS SAT - 12807 Donop	Unclear	Completion 2025

*cluster of data centers

Source: KSAT, Nov 11, 2025

Example Locations

- **CyrusOne:** Operates major campuses including SAT1–SAT9, Westover Hills/Omicron campuses, and Castroville SAT14A.
- **Microsoft:** Operates campuses at Texas Research Park, Castroville, Medina, and Wiseman Boulevard.
- **Amazon AWS:** Operates facilities across the Potranco, Elmendorf, and Cross Roads campuses.
- **Vantage Data Centers:** Operates TX11–TX22 across the Omicron and Rogers Road campuses
- **QTS:** Operates a prominent facility in the local San Antonio market
- **H5 Data Centers:** Operates a carrier-neutral data center facility in San Antonio.
- **CityNAP:** Operates a local interconnection and data center facility in downtown/central San Antonio.
- **Bexar Data Center:** Operates a local data center facility within Bexar County.
- **SATA (SATA / Other local operators):** Integrated across the regional Westover Hills, Far West Side, and Bexar County tech corridors.

Many in City Council District 6 (Ric Galvan) (e.g. Westover Hills, Potranco Rd)– which is included in congressional districts 20 and 21

A common challenge is the need for a comprehensive integrated system perspective (e.g. electricity, water, noise, community)

Attachment C World Quaker Day

World Quaker Day was October 4 organized by Friends World Committee for Consultation. There was extended Global Online Worship that brought Friends together across Quaker traditions and languages (from 7:00 am UTC (2:00 am CT in San Antonio) to 10:00 pm UTC). The focus was “Let Peace be Among Us”. Each hour was hosted by a different person with time for waiting worship. A 6:00 am CT hour was on prayers for the environment.