

Friends Meeting of San Antonio
Meeting for Worship for Attention of Business
February 15, 2026

Attendance: Suzanne CS, Rachael Cundey, Bill Wilkinson, Denise Wilkinson, Gretchen Haynes, Angela Starnes, John Jones, Dale Kearins, Von Keairns, Julie Crum, Bill Sweet, Pat Sweet, Judy Grant, David J. Novogrodsky, Carol Redfield, Rebecca Cole Sullivan (Clerk, acting Recording Clerk)

The Meeting started with open worship.

Clerks opening teaching: “Being fully present is not only required at the start of a meeting but throughout its course. Here again, a practice from worship is relevant. In meetings for worship, we are expected to allow adequate time between two messages so that the first can be fully absorbed before a new idea is introduced. For the same reason, in a meeting for business it is appropriate to allow a few minutes of silence between agenda items. When this does not happen, I find it helps me make the transition from one item to another by consciously taking three deep breaths: the first to release the previous item, the second to bring myself into the present, and the third to open myself to a new issue.” [*Friends Journal* “Meeting for Business as Spiritual Rehearsal”](#)

Clerk's Comments: At the Clerks and Conveners meeting, committees agreed to announce committee meetings for the next month at business meeting. This will allow us to stay in community better, as all committee meetings are open to anyone in the meeting.

Accept the Minutes of January

MINUTE 2026-02-01: Friends approves the January 2026 Minutes.

Committee Reports:

Ministry and Care – Julie Crum, Clerk, reported on behalf of Ministry and Care (Full report Appendix A)

Ministry and Care spent time this month worshiping around the creation of March’s Query, talking about Sunday and Midweek Worship opportunities and the distribution of HEB gift cards.

Ministry and Care also spent time reviewing the responses from the State of the Meeting query time on First Sunday. We will continue to work on preparing a State of the Meeting report. We hope to get a draft submitted to the March Newsletter and will

bring the letter to March's Business Meeting for approval. Please review the Newsletter about how to submit recommendations for changes before March's meeting.

Everyone, especially newer friends, are welcome and encouraged to attend fifth Sunday "Ask-a-Quaker", an informal and open discussion of Quaker customs and processes. The next session will be after meeting for worship on Sunday, March 29.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Friends accepted the report.

Nominating Committee – Bill Wilkinson reported on behalf of Nominating Committee (Slate Appendix B)

Nominating committee is bringing forward Angela Starnes for the AFSC Meeting Representative.

MINUTE 2026-02-02: Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves Angela Starnes as Meeting Representative to AFSC for a two-year term, starting February 2026 and running through December 2027.

Nominating is still looking for the following people: Recording Clerk and a member of Finance Committee. Naming Committee will start to convene as Nominating terms end in May. If you are interested in serving on nominating please see, Rebecca Cole Sullivan (Clerk), Julie Crum (Clerk of M&C), or Pat Sweet (Clerk of Finance).

Property Committee – Bill Wilkinson, Clerk, reported on behalf of the committee. (Full Report Appendix C)

The Property Committee met at the meetinghouse on the evening of February 12 to discuss a variety of observations, tasks, and potential projects.

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There are a number of items about which the committee needs additional information. These include:

1. Possibly seeding the southwest corner of property with wildflowers or some type of groundcover.
2. Determine the problem with RE door and repair. (The removed threshold was in the RE room. Is it still there?)
3. Beyond removing the mistletoe on the elm tree in the courtyard would it be healthy to trim away some of the smaller branches?
4. Investigate cost of frost hydrants for outside faucets.

The committee plans to hire a contractor in the June-July timeframe (post-migration) to begin cleaning all windows annually. We will then use Meeting for Weeding to clean Phase I windows monthly.

The committee is aware that the courtyard is in need of some attention. Before the committee creates a plan or present some options to the Meeting, we would like to hear from members and attenders. Our question to the meeting is, "how would you like to use the courtyard space?" The Committee will make sure to include the children's ideas as well.

Friends accepted the report.

Treasurer's Reports – Bill Sweet, Treasurer (Full Report Appendix D)

Friends accepted the updated December Treasures report as updated since we got a truncated version was accepted in January.

January Report:

In January, we brought in \$2,175 in contributions (5.8% of our budgeted at 8.3% of the year), which is not bad for the beginning of the year. We had some extra ground maintenance to haul extra debris this month. We had the parking lot redone in January which will be paid by a donor (see the Property Report for more information). Otherwise, we saw normally budgeted activates for the first month of the year.

Friends accepted the January report with minor corrections.

Peace and Social Concerns – Dale Keairns, clerk, reported for the committee.

Peace and Social Concerns began its work by getting to know each other, exploring concerns, and sharing thoughts on the committee operation. Topics included concerns for the committee's work and future meeting dates. The committee is open to responding to Meeting priorities. The current work did not make recommendations on specific actions.

The committee has currently chosen 5 activities to focus its work on: Immigration, Democracy, AI, Climate, and Homeless. It is still forming what form this work will take. The committee sees it taking three levels of responsibility towards these topics: Committee Responsibility (provide meeting support with actions determined by specific events/needs), Individual Actions, and Collaborate with the whole Meeting (more than Peace and Social Concerns). They are working on determining the way forward on these topics and ways of engaging them and welcome people to join them in this discernment.

The committee will have regular meetings on second First Day from 8:30-9:30 in the Meetinghouse Library.

The meeting thanks the committee in re-starting and accepted the report.

Other Business

Record Keeper: Suzanne CS did an audit of the last few years of the minutes and found that we did not officially approve the Marriage of Rachael and McPherson, so we are bringing the following two minutes to you today to record that work.

MINUTE 2026-02-03: Friends Meeting of San Antonio retroactively approves the following Minute for May 2024, wherein Ministry and Care brought forward the recommendation to receive Rachael and McPherson's marriage under our care of our meeting to be held in October 2024.

MINUTE 2024-05-02: Upon the recommendation of Ministry and Care, Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves taking the marriage of Rachael Katharine Cundey and McPherson Newell under the care of the monthly meeting.

SA Stands – Rachael Cundey reported on the workings of SA Stands from the last month. (Full report Appendix E)

SA Stands members were thrilled to hear about our gift, minuted in December (Minutes 2025-12-03), to facilitate their continued support of immigrant community members.

SA Stands led a letter-writing campaign to call for a city council hearing on SAPD collaboration with immigration enforcement. A special session on that topic was held on January 22nd at 1pm. Over 50 people commented against collaboration in that meeting. Our community stood together for transparency and safety. SA Stands will continue to follow up with City Council about proposed policies to limit collaboration to what is legally required.

SA Stands heard the cries of those detained at Dilley Family Detention Center. Coalition members worked to support the protest in Dilley and to speak against the detention center at a local press conference. Although Liam Conejo Ramos and his father were released, they are now threatened with deportation. Other families in Dilley are still

reporting inhumane conditions and calling for release. At least two cases of measles were confirmed in the facility. SA Stands will continue to work toward justice for these families and all held in detention.

One issue that came up last month was the difficulty of getting an urgent message out quickly to local, involved Friends. Would it be useful to create a more limited mailing list or messaging group for announcements of urgent actions?

SA Stands supports the Immigrant Legal Defense Fund which provides representation to Bexar County residents facing deportation. Attorney General Ken Paxton is now suing Bexar County over this program, claiming it violates the Texas constitution's "gift clause" which prohibits local governments from giving public money to private individuals/organizations without a public purpose. SA Stands holds that protecting immigrant community members from unjust deportation is a public purpose, and the fund should be defended in court.

SA Stands is asking members to sign on to their letter by 2/16 at 12pm asking Bexar County Judge Sakai and the Bexar County Commissioners to defend the Fund against this lawsuit.

MINUTE 2026.02.04: Friends Meeting of San Antonio affirms the worth and dignity of every human being, including that of our immigrant neighbors. We believe everyone should have access to legal representation to ensure their constitutional right to due process is maintained while they seek justice during their immigration proceedings. For these reasons we approve the signing of SA Stands's letter calling on Judge Sakai and the Bexar County Commissioners to defend the Bexar County Immigrant Legal Defense Fund.

Friends asked Racheal to continue to work through what an action related messaging type system would be for Friends Meeting of San Antonio. Asking then to bring a recommendation back to meeting and maybe work with Peace and Social Concerns.

Religious Education Committee Announcement: Religious Education Committee will meet February 28 at 2pm at Lisa's house. Please reach out to Rachael or Lisa for an address.

Yard Sale: Friends were asked if we wanted to hold a Yard Sale in May. At this time, Friends are not willing to put energy into holding a community yard sale. If we want to get rid of things we could gather to talk about where to donate our stuff. Suzanne offered to sit with Gretchen and others to figure out what the need is we are trying to fulfill with a yard sale and see if there is life in some other type of event or offering for the future.

Closing:

Meeting for Business Closed with worship.

Appendix A: Ministry and Care

February 5, 2026

Ministry and Care met on Thursday, February 5 via Zoom. Judy Grant, Pat Sweet, Jillian Randles, Rebecca Cole Sullivan, Denise Wilkinson, and Julie Crum attended.

March query: How can our testimony of simplicity help us in times of uncertainty?

The monthly first Wednesday worship resumed this month; a small group gathered at Gretchen's house for a deep and meaningful hour. Friends who are interested in attending can contact Gretchen or Denise for the details.

We discussed concerns for friends.

We are distributing the last of the gift cards from HEB and will be applying for another donation. They have helped a number of people in need, both as individuals and through organizations that we support.

Every year monthly meetings write to their yearly meeting with a report on the life of their meeting over the past year. We have traditionally composed this report using responses to queries from our members and attenders. Friends were thoughtful and engaged as we discussed and responded to the queries at the February potluck. We'll publish a draft at the end of February with a request for comments to be emailed to ministry@saquakers.org, and will present the report for approval at Meeting for Business in March.

One theme many responders brought up was a feeling of connection with meeting, and friends felt that participating in the life of the meeting in organized and productive ways strengthened this connection. To help make it easier for people to take part in the mundane yet essential tasks that enable us to worship on Sundays, we have developed a signup sheet with instructions for weekly tasks such as opening, closing, and cleanup which will be passed around each Sunday at the rise of meeting. There will be copies of the instructions for each task, and people are welcome to work with an experienced friend before venturing out on their own.

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Appendix B: Nominating Slate

Nominating Report for 2026	as of 2/15/26	First reading in Red
Trustee [1 year]	Nominating Committee [3 years]	Ministry and Care Committee [3 years]
Clerk Carol Redfield 2026	Member Julie Crum 2026	Clerk Julie Crum 2027
Secretary Pat Sweet 2026	Member Stephen Shearer 2026	Member Pat Sweet 2027
Treasurer Bill Sweet 2026	Member Denise Wilkinson 2026	Member Denise Wilkinson 2027
Member Bill Wilkinson 2026	Member Bill Wilkinson 2027	Member Jillian Randles 2028
	SCYM [2 years]	Member Judy Grant 2028
Monthly Meeting [2 year]	Member Bill Wilkinson 2027	
Clerk Rebecca Cole Sullivan 2027	Member Bill Sweet 2026	Religious Education Committee [2 years]
Rec. Clerk Vacant 2027		Clerk Rachael Cundey 2026
Treasurer Bill Sweet 2026	FCNL [2 years]	Member Roberta Russell 2027
Recordkeeper. Suzanne Cole Sullivan 2027	Member Suzanne Cole Sullivan 2026	Member Lisa Craig 2027
	AFSC Meeting Representative [2 years]	Member Gretchen Haynes 2026
	Member Angela Starnes 2027	
Finance Committee [2 years]	Property Committee [2 years]	Peace & Social Concerns Committee [2 years]
Clerk Pat Sweet 2026	Clerk Bill Wilkinson 2027	Clerk Dale Keairns 2027
Member Carol Redfield 2026	Member Jim Spickard 2027	Member Angela Starnes 2027
Member Bill Wilkinson 2026	Member Julia Hitz 2027	Member Suzanne Cole Sullivan 2026
Member Vacant 2027	Member John Jones 2027	Member Luz Perez Prado 2026
	Member Josh R. 2027	
	Member Von Keairns 2026	
Property Usage Coordinator	Resource Pam Spurgeon 2026	Librarian
Suzanne Cole Sullivan		Greg Koehler
S.A. Stands Coordinator	Tech Coordinator	Communications Coordinator
Rachael Cundey	Carol Redfield	Denise Wilkinson
FMSA rep to SCYM Nominating Committee	Webmaster	Newsletter
Suzanne Cole Sullivan	Joseph Montano	Frances Frey & Denise Wilkinson

Appendix C: Property Committee

02/15/2026

The Property Committee met at the meetinghouse on the evening of February 12 to discuss a variety of observations, tasks, and potential projects. Those in attendance were Von K., Josh R., Pam S., John J., Julia H., Bill S., and Bill W. The meeting began with silence.

We discussed briefly our role as a committee and its congruence with discussions during the clerks and conveners meeting held in late January. We seem aligned that we function to support Meeting's engagement with the spirit and to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

We briefly reviewed the committee's responsibilities concerning consumable supplies as there has been some confusion recently. Property Committee will purchase these supplies to include paper goods, cleaners, soap (hand, dish, dishwasher), coffee and tea. Each week someone from the committee will check the restrooms to ensure they are supplied adequately. If anyone notices we are running short on any item, please inform someone from the committee.

A small leak in the fridge was discovered while the committee was on the property. Bill S. plans to address it.

We considered a number of tasks that could be accomplished at Meeting for Weeding to be held on February 21 from 8:30am – 12:00 noon. Beyond the typical work, the following jobs were identified:

1. Repaint rusted metal on memorial board cabinet using an espresso brown Rustoleum-type paint.
2. Paint the step rises on stairs between parking lots with rainbow colors.
3. Clean inside fridge.
4. Inspect and replace mulch where necessary around trees making sure mulch is 3" away from trunk. Place rocks around mulch if time allows.

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The meeting ended with silence.

Appendix D: Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's Report
January 2026

Balance Sheet

- ✓ There are no other items of note.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ Undesignated contributions of \$2,175 in January, being 5.8% of the 2026 budget at 8.3% of the year.
- ✓ Income for Facilities Use in January is \$360, or 7.2% of the annual budget.
- ✓ Grounds Maintenance was hauling brush and trash that had been dumped on the property or otherwise accumulated.
- ✓ Major repairs was paving a portion of the overflow parking lot and seal coating the remaining parking surfaces, resetting the parking stops and painting lane boundaries.
- ✓ Minor Repairs expenditure of \$1304.98 replaced the coffee maker and replacement of the freeze-damaged hose bib, or 12.6% of the annual budget.
- ✓ Maintenance expenditure of \$50.72 was for consumables: 5.1% of the annual budget
- ✓ Electricity in January cost \$147.60 (\$173.83 last month) for 1.177 MWh (1.321 MWh last month). The off-site photovoltaic panels gave a credit of \$91.46 (\$160.49 last month). After charges for additional services, the bill totaled \$112.68 (\$53.85 last month). Expense for electricity is 6.6% of the 2026 budget.
 - ✓ Since inception, payment for solar-generated electricity totals \$12,390.28, which averages \$172.09/month. The amortized capital cost is \$131.40/month.
- ✓ Expense for telephone and internet in January is \$116.07.
- ✓ San Antonio Water System charge in January was \$32.94, which is typical.

Faithfully submitted,
William D. Sweet, Treasurer

Updated December 2025
Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

- ✓ \$3344.31 from Immigrant Aid and \$5,000 from Relief Fund remains “parked” in the savings account. Thus, the available balance in Immigrant Aid: is \$3,611.81 (\$3,344.31 plus \$267.50)
- ✓ In the investment accounts with Friends Fiduciary Corporation, the Quaker Growth and Income Fund gained \$16,514.89 in the fourth quarter, gaining \$42,646.69 for the year which includes the withdrawal of \$25,000 in June. The Short Term Investment Fund gained \$661.67 in the fourth quarter and \$2,999.94 for the year.
- ✓ The distribution from Friends Fiduciary of \$5,765.81 was deposited in the 10020 Operating Cash account.
- ✓ There are no other items of note.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ Undesignated contributions of \$9,485 in December brought the year-to-date total to \$41,892.79, being 133.8% of the annual budget for 2025.
 - ✓ Minute 2025.06.02 directed a \$25,000 Designated Gift (Unbudgeted). These funds were withdrawn from the Friends Fiduciary Corporation Growth and Income Fund. Lacking an account dedicated to such transactions, this account was used as a convenient pass-through. As a result, General Contributions in the Statement includes this amount in addition to the \$41,892.79.
- ✓ Income for Facilities Use in December is \$836.35.00, which totals 173.9% of annual budget.
- ✓ Minor Repairs, primarily lighting in the Community Room and Children's Room, was \$1,209.43.
- ✓ Maintenance, for miscellaneous small items, was \$79.33.
- ✓ The CPS bill in December is \$173.83 (\$106.75 last month) for 1.321 MWh (0.871 MWh last month) of electricity. The Big Sun Community Solar off-site photovoltaic panels gave a credit of \$160.49 (\$179.47 last month). After charges for additional services, the bill totaled \$53.85 (\$58.78 last month). Expense for electricity in 2025 is 74.7% of the 2025 budget.
 - ✓ Since inception, payment for solar-generated electricity totals \$12,390.28, which averages \$172.09/month. The amortized capital cost is \$131.40/month.
- ✓ Expense for telephone and internet in December is \$116.07
- ✓ San Antonio Water System charge in December was \$30.91.
- ✓ Other expenditures were routine.

Faithfully submitted,
William D. Sweet, Treasurer

Appendix E: Peace and Social Concerns Report

Peace & Social Concerns: Committee Meeting February 8, 2026 @ Meeting House Library 8:45-9:45 am

In Attendance: Dale Keairns, cmte clerk, Suzanne CS, Angela Starnes, Luz Perez Prado,
Guest: Rachael Cundey

Worship: The meeting began with a period of silent worship

Background

The Committee began its work by getting to know each other, exploring concerns, and sharing thoughts on the committee operation. Topics included concerns for the committee's work and future meeting dates. The committee is open to responding to Meeting priorities. The current work did not make recommendations on specific actions.

Concerns

Five activities were selected with candidate areas of responsibility identified. An 'X' reflects the current responsibility leadings with example comments. The next steps will be to develop specific actions informed by our faith and values. This work will also be informed by the work being carried out by external Friends – U.S. and international. (See table on next page)

Committee Operation

- The Committee will have regular meetings on the second First Day, 8:30-9:30 am, in the MH Library
- Committee meetings are open for others to attend; the Committee welcomes your experiences and leadings.

The meeting closed to attend Meeting for Worship

Activity	Responsibility (Action to be taken by)		
	Committee Priority: Provide Meeting Support with Actions Determined by Specific Events/Needs	Individual Actions (e.g. election pole greeter, Quaker organizations (e.g. FCNL, QUNO))	Collaborate with SAFM Committees to Define Specific Scope and Actions
1. Immigration	X Two Bexar County organizations: 1) SA Stands and 2) Nuevos Vecinos	X	
2. Democracy		X (e.g. participate in the FCNL policy discernment process)	
3. AI			X (The focus of the initial exchange was on the Meeting use of AI)
4. Climate			X (The exchange was limited to climate related to AI)
5. Homeless			X (The exchange was in terms of the Meeting House)