

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2014

Attendees: Beth Guajardo, James Goslin, Val Liveoak, Bill Wilkinson, Carol Redfield, Marian Carter, Tessa Pollack, Bob Pollack, Margarita McAuliffe, Catherine Schneider, Gretchen Haynes, Ruth Lofgren, Janet Southwood, Ken Southwood, Susan Farrish, Carol Balliet.

The meeting opened in silence and the clerk read the following quote:

The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of its innate violence. To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is to succumb to violence. More than that, it is cooperation in violence. The frenzy of the activist destroys the fruitfulness of her/his own work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful.

~Thomas Merton

1. Minutes of March 16, 2014 Business Meeting

- **Were approved with the following change:**
 - In the section for the Nominating Committee, the fourth item, the sentence “Pam needs to be added as a resource” needs to be changed to “Pam needs to be added as a member.”

2. Treasurer’s report

- The report was read by the treasurer.
- A friend asked for the definition of equity – it means all our funds that are not committed and are sitting in a bank account.
- Another friend commented that the new format is very helpful, and palatable.
- **The report was accepted as read.**

3. Property Committee report

- The report was read by the clerk of the meeting in the absence of the committee’s clerk.
- A Friend noted that it would be good to send a note to Crosspoint to thank their residents for helping with the yard clean-up.
- A committee member requested that the report that is being presented today be seasoned to be sure that all committee members have read and approved the report.
- A Friend asked if the issue of tethering the shelves in the children’s room can be moved to a short-term goal, instead of a medium-term goal, since it appears to be a safety issue. Also, the tethering should occur before the room is

painted since the tether can just be unscrewed and the shelves moved when the room is painted, then re-attached.

- A Friend commented that the committee goals don't appear to be separated by ground and building. Is it possible to separate the goals in this manner?
- A Friend would like to thank the committee, and James, for the work done on the Work Day. Also, thanks to James and an anonymous helper for constructing the breezeway bench.
- **The report was held over to the May business meeting for seasoning.**

4. Potluck Conversation Ideas for Increasing Friends' Visibility and Sense of Community – January 4, 2014

- **Presented by Margarita**
- The Outreach committee clerk noted that many of the items are part of the items that Outreach has been working on. She has included these items in her report, which explains what they are working on.

5. Outreach Committee report

- **The report was ready by the committee clerk**
- The committee is gathering information on a type of permanent informational sign that can be placed near the street to promote events at our property. A comment was made that it would be a good idea to include something about our forums and classes, that can inform the public for those who that may be interested in attending these events. A Friend commented that we might also consider putting changing quotes on such a street sign, which has been successfully done by the Austin Friends Meeting.
- The committee is also investigating costs for placing regular announcements in local media such as the daily newspaper, weekly or monthly neighborhood papers, and on community bulletin boards and radio and TV public service announcements.
- The committee has determined that it cannot take on the task of planning social events within our Meeting community, but that Friends should be encouraged to initiate our own social events such as group meals, study groups, etc., based on common interests of Friends.
- A monthly group singing time is being started based on expressed interest by some Friends in our Meeting who would like to do this. The first singing session will begin in May, on Sunday morning before meeting for worship.
- A Friend expressed thanks to the committee for its thorough work on both "inreach" through hospitality for our own community, and on "outreach" plans to make our Meeting more visible to the general public.
- The clerk of the Meeting noted that our monthly FMSA newsletter is an important source of outreach about our Meeting and Quakerism. She expressed thanks to the editor for this publication and noted that it will be ending soon as the editor lays down this work after many years.
- **The report was accepted as read.**

6. Ministry & Oversight Committee report

- **The report was read by the committee clerk.**
- The Meeting clerk will be attending the summer Friends General Conference (FGC) Gathering, but not as a representative of FMSA. It was noted that when you go to FGC, you go as an individual, not as a representative. A member of our Meeting is also on an FGC committee, and any issues we have should go through this channel.
- A Friend brought up FMSA being part of the process of San Antonio becoming a “Compassionate City.” It was explained that P&SC will be discussing this at their next committee meeting.
- **The report was accepted as read.**

7. Additonal Business

- A Friend brought a sample of a sign to use at marches or demonstrations can be made using Coreplast. The sample sign showed the slogan, “Quakers are for Peace.” If we do create such signage or other materials such as bumper stickers, slogans should be approved at business meeting before being used in public.
- There will be some campaign signs left over after the local elections, which we could salvage and use. New Coreplast signs cost \$35.

With no further matters to consider, the business meeting closed with silent worship.

Submitted by:

Carol Balliet - clerk of the Meeting

Susan Farrish - recording clerk