

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes of July 20, 2014

Attendance: Ken Southwood, Janet Southwood, Ruth Lofgren, Doug Balfour, Beth Guajardo, Catherine Schneider, Gretchen Haynes, Marian Carter, Ashley Smith, Suzanne Wright Crain, Carol Redfield, Joe Redfield, James Goslin, Carol Balliet

The clerk opened the meeting by reading the following quote: *Let the sense of kinship inspire us to unceasing efforts toward a social order free of violence and oppression, in which no one's development is hindered by meager income, insufficient education, or too little freedom in directing her or his own affairs.*

--Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice, rev. 2002, p. 85.

1. Minutes of June 15, 2014 Business Meeting

In the absence of the recording clerk, the clerk of the Meeting read the minutes.

- The minutes were approved as read.

2. Clerk's Announcements

- Gretchen H and Carol B attended the 2014 FGC Gathering held on the California University of Pennsylvania campus. Both reported the Gathering to be a rich experience, mingling with over 1,200 Friends from around the U.S.
- Cielo Grande Quarterly Meeting will be held on Labor Day weekend, August 29-31, and hosted by Austin Friends Meeting. More details are forthcoming.
- Consistent with FMSA custom, there will be no meeting for worship with attention to business in August.
- There will be a two-part forum on July 27 and August 10, titled "Action Matters," facilitated by Carol B and based on the 5-day workshop she attended at the 2014 FGC Gathering. The workshop was led by George Lakey, focused on practical ways to plan and carry out nonviolent direct action, and included an actual public demonstration held in Pittsburgh. On August 17 Suzanne W will facilitate a forum titled, "An Inquiry into Teachings on Love."
- A Naming Committee must be convened soon to nominate a new Nominating Committee. According to the FMSA Handbook, the Naming Committee is made up of the clerks of the Finance Committee, Ministry & Oversight, and the Meeting clerk. Clerks of both Finance and M&O have not yet been finalized at this point.
- The Peace & Social Concerns Committee is on hiatus at this time.

3. Treasurer's reports for May and June 2014.

In the absence of the treasurer, the Meeting clerk read both reports. There were no questions or comments. **Both reports were accepted as read.**

4. Ministry & Oversight Committee report.

The convener of this committee is out of town for the summer but member James G and resource person Doug B met on July 4 and discussed upcoming forums, queries, ministry to needs of various members and attenders of the meeting, and the pending Clearness Committee report on the application of Suzanne W for membership. Also discussed was Val L's work in Central America and the YouTube video that has enlightened us to her longstanding healing mission. The Clearness Committee report on Suzanne has since been completed and was positive for membership without reservation. The following Minute was approved:

Minute 2014-07-03: Friends Meeting of San Antonio accepts, with great delight, Suzanne Wright Crain into membership of this Monthly Meeting on July 20, 2014.

M&O agreed that acceptance into membership should be commemorated by the gift of a current edition of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith & Practice, and presented a copy to Suzanne upon acceptance of her membership.

Committee member David B has been out of town this past month, but he has been kept informed and his feedback gathered via e-mail. This committee, however, could benefit from having another member or two. The committee remains available for any requests and suggestions from the meeting as to how we can fulfill our responsibilities to minister to those in need.

- **The Committee's report was accepted as read.**

5. Outreach Committee report.

The report was read by the committee clerk and was made up of email texts that this committee uses in addition to face-to-face meetings, in order to make timely decisions on its many responsibilities.

The committee recommended changes in wording to amend the "Conditions of Use Form Procedure for Booking of Meetinghouse Rooms" in order to clarify that regular attenders involved in committee work have the same privileges as members in booking space. The following Minute was approved, with the wording changes shown in italics:

2014-07-04: The wording of Section 1(a) through (c) of the "Conditions of Use Form /Procedure for Booking of Meetinghouse Rooms" is revised to read:

1. The clerk of Outreach approves applications for uses consistent with Friends testimonies and which meet the following criteria:

- (a) providing service or charity to the community, or**
- (b) having a member *or an attender who is actively involved in Friends' committee work*, or**
- (c) events sponsored by Friends' organizations, individual Friends, or attenders *who are actively involved in committee work* may use the facilities without charge.**

1. Regarding the approval for the use of the FMSA property for the Power Breath Workshop (funded by Project Welcome Home Troops): The compassionate rehabilitation of veterans is consistent with our Quaker values, specifically with our peace testimony.
2. Regarding Suzanne W's request to use the property to teach continuum movement classes: Susan will accept donations or trade for the value of the class. She will not turn anyone away for lack of funds, and she will give scholarships. The donations will be given to FMSA.
 - **With the above approvals, the committee report was accepted.**

6. Property Committee report.

The report was read by the committee clerk. The committee has met with painting contractors to receive bids for prep and painting of exterior surfaces of our buildings and wood structures on the grounds. After exhaustive search and interviewing of contractors about the repair and maintenance needs of our property, the committee recommends entering into a contract with Domingo Rangel of Rangel Painting, for \$11,196. This work does not include replacing the rusted gutter of washing the meetinghouse windows – which will be done by other contractors after painting is completed. The following Minute was approved:

2014-07-05: Friends Meeting of San Antonio authorizes payment of \$11,196 to Rangel Painting for preparation and painting of exterior surfaces as described in the Property Committee's report and scope of work with the contractor.

The Committee also recommends payment to Tiger Services of \$525 to repair a hole in the coil of the meetingroom's air conditioning unit.

The committee also is looking into companies that could advise them on the problem with the watershed side of our property.

The committee's meeting closed with comment on the beauty of our grounds and on how much this committee enjoys being together.

A Friend acknowledged the extensive work done by this committee to gather the information needed in order to make these recommendations.

- **The report was accepted as read, and with approval of the above Minute.**

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

Submitted by:

Carol Balliet, clerk of the Meeting