

# FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

January 18, 2015

**Attenders:** Dianne Vinson, Gretchen Haynes, Karen Haynes, Jim Spickard, Janet Southwood, Marian Carter, Val Liveoak, Suzanne Wright Crain, Bill Wilkinson, Ken Southwood, Bill Sweet, Pat Sweet, Ruth Lofgren, David Bristol, Mary Hampton (visitor from Austin Meeting), Christen Nayahalski (visitor), Carol Balliet

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

*Nonviolent resisters have faith in the future. They somehow believe that the universe is on the side of justice...So they go about their way, struggling for the triumph of love, because of this faith in the future and this assurance that they have cosmic companionship as they struggle.*

--Martin Luther King Jr., from his speech at the Gathering of Friends  
in Cape May, New Jersey, June 27, 1958

### 1. Minutes of December 21 business meeting

The clerk of the Meeting read the minutes, since a new recording clerk has not yet been nominated for approval. **The minutes were approved as read.**

### 2. Clerk's announcements

- At the conclusion of the business meeting there will be a brief annual Corporation meeting, as required in the **Texas** [correction] state corporation by-laws.
- The clerk noted that this is an active weekend at our Meetinghouse because of the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) workshop being held here from last Friday evening through this Sunday afternoon. Participants include Friends from our Meeting as well as from the wider community and several from out of town.

Val, Heidi, and Anand are trained AVP facilitators and are leading this workshop.

### 3. Treasurer's report and approval of 2015 budget

- **The 2015 budget**, which was explained in depth at the December business meeting and reported in the December minutes, **was approved without further changes.** The treasurer reviewed the approval in December that FMSA can utilize interest proceeds from our investment funds to support the release of immigrants from detention centers in South Texas, so long as regular Meeting expenses are being met.
- The Statement of Activities for December 2014 shows that income was up last month due primarily to the predicted increase in general contributions at the end of the year. Our income for 2014, however, was almost 14% less than budgeted – although we were fortunate in that expenses were somewhat less than budgeted as well. The

treasurer reminded Friends that Meeting's budget model is very sensitive because about 80% of our contributions come from about 10-12 people. This means that our Meeting's income is affected more dramatically than if contributions were spread across more people and families. **The December treasurer's report was accepted.**

#### **4. Nominating Committee report**

The Committee's clerk distributed the 2015 roster of positions and committee members. At the December business meeting, the roster was still incomplete, with some positions remaining unfilled at that time. **For the positions that were filled and submitted for seasoning in December, those positions received final approval at this business meeting.** New positions on the roster were printed in italics and were accepted for seasoning. The final roster, with all positions newly submitted, will be presented for approval at the February business meeting. Friends expressed gratitude to the Nominating Committee for its work in filling the numerous positions on our Meeting's roster .

#### **Update on visit by FGC Executive Committee on January 30 – February 1**

Gretchen H gave an update on the status of all aspects of our hosting the upcoming visit and meeting of the FGC Executive Committee. The requirements for our Meeting as host are extensive, including providing transportation to and from the airport for our guests, finding lodging for them, and providing meals during their stay in San Antonio. Almost all of these tasks are now covered by Friends, and it is expected that the remaining few tasks will be covered well before the guests arrive on Friday, January 30. About 35 guests are expected.

Friends acknowledge that this is a weighty task for a Meeting with a limited number of active attenders, but Gretchen as organizer of this event expressed gratitude that Friends are “stepping up” well to cover these responsibilities.

With no more business to be addressed, the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business ended with a period of silence.

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Carol Balliet, clerk of the Meeting

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recording clerk (not yet approved)