

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

June 19, 2016

The nonviolent resister must often express his protest through noncooperation or boycotts, but noncooperation and boycotts are not ends themselves; they are merely means to awaken a sense of moral shame in the opponent. The end is redemption and reconciliation. The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness.

-Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957

Attendees: Carol Balliet, Gretchen Haynes, James Goslin, Bill Wilkinson, Janet Southwood, Jim Spickard, Ruth Lofgren, Bill Sweet, Kenneth Edmund Southwood, Joni Mize, Carol Redfield, Crystal Redfield

The clerk of the Meeting opening opened the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business with silent worship and then read the quote and reviewed the agenda for additions or clarifications.

1. Minutes of May 15 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes were read silently and approved.

2. Clerk's concern: Strengthening our own beloved community.

The clerk expressed concern that we treat one another with tenderness and patience, which may not always be easy. She stated that she is not naturally a patient person, although becoming a Friend has helped her in this regard. As clerk of the Meeting, she is asked to represent Friends in the wider community from time to time, and seeks to do that in a way that reveals the strength of our own faith community.

3. Treasurer's report

The Sinking Fund has gone negative again because of HVAC repairs. On the income side, the Quaker Fair had gross earnings of \$831.75 which was added to the RAICES Bond Fund. General contributions are lagging somewhat. The Meeting is 42% into the year and has only 36% of its annual general contributions. These contributions tend to go down in the summer; so expenses will need to be monitored carefully.

On the expense side cleaning expense was higher in May because April and May were paid in the same month. Grounds maintenance expenses YTD are up because of an increase in the rate/cutting and the need for weekly lawn work due to the rain. As it was last year, this is offset by lower water costs. The Property Committee should remain vigilant and determine when we can reduce the number of cuttings each month assuming we return to a more seasonal weather pattern. Major repairs were the result of HVAC compressor replacement. Minor repairs include our A/C maintenance contract as well as repairs to pergola, electrical work, and boarding up broken window and door. Miscellaneous expenses include items for the Quaker Fair. The question of assistive hearing technology for the meeting room was raised. There have been significant developments in the 10 years since it was first studied, and outside electrical interference would now be less. Jim S. will research and report back. The report was accepted.

4. Nominating Committee report

Meeting approved Val Liveoak as a member of Ministry & Oversight on the second reading. Dianne Vinson has requested to be released from duties as Recording Clerk. Gretchen Haynes will be acting R.C. until a replacement is approved. A proposal has been made to add an associate clerk to the roster. The committee is actively considering how this might work, and will report back in a timely manner. The request of Gretchen Haynes to be released from the Nominating Committee is withdrawn. The report was accepted.

5. Property Committee report

James Goslin gave an oral report that the graffiti on two walls and the patio floor is being treated, but the walls will probably have to be repainted. The police were informed and made a review of the damage. Rudy Harst of Celebration Circle, a group that meets regularly here, offered volunteers to help with the painting. The broken glass in the Library and Children's room has been replaced. On a more positive note, James is building more shelves in the Children's room and replacing the LED lights along the walkway. A proposal to add lights in the tree would cost \$3,000. More discussion is needed to discern the best way forward, considering limiting light pollution, and enhancing energy conservation. A question was raised regarding motion sensor lighting. Some lights around the building have motion sensors, and there are some lights that can be set to go on and off at a particular time. Regarding the vandalism that we have experienced, it was suggested that a notice be placed in the area: "This is a safe place. Please do it no harm." Property Committee will take these comments into consideration. The report was accepted.

6. Peace & Social Concerns

Bill Sweet will attend the Annual Meeting of Friends Committee on National Legislation, to be held in Washington, DC on November 10 – 13.. Meeting agreed that he will be the FMSA representative to FCNL and can speak on our behalf to Texas Representatives to Congress during Lobby Day, Nov. 10. The clerk will provide a brief letter of introduction for Bill to bring to the Congressional offices that he visits.

A question was raised about displaying the FMSA banner at public events. The current banner has not been seen for some time. It is large and would not be the best to reproduce for future use. The matter is referred by P & SC for policy discernment regarding the circumstances when FMSA would be identified in public. Approval would be sought in M/B, or between such meetings, an individual would get approval from P & SC. The motivation from such a display is questioned. Could it be seen as a form of proselytizing? The wording "Quakers Are Here" was suggested. The report was accepted.

7. Ministry & Oversight Committee

The committee now stands at James Goslin Jim Spickard and Val Liveoak with others as resources. They will be meeting in the next week. The report was accepted.

8. Outreach and Hospitality

Nothing to report at this time.

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