

FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

September 18, 2016

Quakers thrive in community. Our business meetings are conducted as a nonvoting and spiritual process. In this way we seek to avoid disharmony and divisiveness.

--Arthur Larrabee, QuakerSpeak

Attending: Carol Balliet, James Goslin, Michelle DiGiacomo, Gretchen Haynes, Ken Southwood, Janet Southwood, Ruth Lofgren, Pat Sweet, Bill Sweet, Carol Redfield, Gloria Almeyda Stemper, Kristal Melvin, Suzanne Wright Crain, Jim Spickard, Sharon Young.

The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship. The Clerk referred to a letter from the Spiritual Community Developer of Haven for Hope and welcomed Sharon Young, visiting from that organization.

1. Minutes of July 17 meeting for worship with attention to business. Approved
2. Minutes of August 14 called meeting for worship with attention to business. Approved with one change, 4th paragraph: The cost could be up to \$500 *for one* month.
3. Treasurer's report.
In the absence of the Treasurer, the Clerk reviewed the summary. Expenses for the Quarterly Meeting were met by a collection at the time. The \$500 in the 2016 budget is available to cover expenses when Quarterly is in San Antonio in 2017. Approved
4. Ministry & Oversight Committee
Oral report that the committee met last month. Approved
5. Peace & Social Concerns Committee
Oral report that the committee communicated by exchange of emails. Approved
6. Religious Education – First Day School.
Oral report that child care helpers have been hired and are attending. Volunteers are available for each First Day of the month. Older children need more advanced materials. If children attend for the first time, Michelle will provide a review of Quaker principles and practices in the Library, while the volunteer carries on the

regular curriculum. The working group will meet to review the range of materials and other matters. Approved

7. Nominating Committee

We continue exploring gifts and interests of Members and Attenders and will present a preliminary roster in October. The committee proposed a revision to the Handbook description of Outreach committee. Discernment followed concluding there is a spiritual component to all committee work and that individuals performing the functions need someone to provide oversight and advice. Nominating committee will return to the revision, taking the suggestions into account. Approved

8. Outreach and Hospitality

- a. While Quakers believe that all days are equally sacred, some days are special. One such is coming at the end of November, the 100th birthday of Ruth Lofgren. We propose to acknowledge this in a simple celebration during Pot Luck on December 4. Further, we propose similar simple celebrations to recognize birthdays in the 0- and 5-years for our Members and Attenders who choose to be known. Approved
- b. We suggest extending this custom of a simple celebration to welcome new Members into the Society of Friends. Approved
- c. In order to facilitate welcome visitors, we propose that Members and Attenders, if so led, wear prepared name tags and have temporary tags available for our visitors. Tags without names, with pictures will be available and name tags made by and available to the children. Approved

9. Property Committee

The committee clerk read the report and answered questions. A Working Group for Meeting Security was formed with three members and three resources to review problems and recommend remedies to protect the buildings and grounds. The volunteer community workday is scheduled for November 12. Approved

10. Oasis Retirement Group

The clerk reported on the visit to Meeting of 45 people interested in learning more about Friends. Four members shared answers to the many questions during the hour. The visitors expressed thanks for the open and wide-ranging discussion.

The hour being late, the report of Quarterly Meeting was held over to next month. There being no further business, the meeting ended with silent worship.

Carol Balliet, Clerk

Gretchen Haynes, acting Recording Clerk