

**Friends Meeting of San Antonio
Record of Business Meeting Action Minutes
2018**

January 21

[None]

February 18

[None]

March 18

MINUTE 2018.03-1: Friends Meeting of San Antonio accepts the remodeling estimate of Bayless Custom Homes for the repair of the roof decks on both sides of the Meetinghouse for \$7976.13. The contract, upon receipt, is to be signed by a Co-Clerk and the Treasurer. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018-03-2: Until a decision by the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Friends Meeting of San Antonio Ministry and Oversight Committee will determine the location and disposal of cremation ashes. APPROVED

April 15

MINUTE 2018.04-1: Friends Meeting of San Antonio amends the original bid of Bayless Custom Homes to include \$1,500 for demolition for a total of \$9,476.13. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.4-2: The Migrant Center for Human Rights and Thrive are added to RAICES and Interfaith Welcome Coalition as recipients of the Festival proceeds. APPROVED

May 20

MINUTE 2018.05-1: Friends will donate \$200 to each of the organizations previously chosen to benefit from festival proceeds, and the remaining amount will go to the Sinking Fund for window repair. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.05-2: FMSA gladly offers to host FGC Planning Committee on 2nd weekend in October. We will offer at least one meal at the Meetinghouse to the group and as much home hospitality as we are able to provide from our

members. Additionally, to the degree needed and as we are able, we will offer transportation to and from the airport and within the city. APPROVED

June 17

MINUTE 2018.06-1: Friends will arrange a threshing session to listen to our individual and collective visions about our property, our relationships with our neighbors, and the various security issues we face. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.06-2: Nominating Committee presents Kellie Starr Price to fill the unexpired term, through December 2018, of Recording Clerk, and proposes this appointment to take effect immediately, without a second reading. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.06-3: Friends Meeting of San Antonio finds the policy of the present administration of separating children from their families at the border to be shameful and contrary to American values. Further, using the Gospel to claim that “God has ordained” such actions is appalling to us as a people of faith. We also insist that our government follow international law and open our ports of entry for people seeking asylum. We call on all government officials, from the President, Attorney General, Senators, and Representatives, to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection to cease and desist separating infants and older children from their parents. Compassion is called for in welcoming those who flee violence, seeking asylum in America. Val Liveoak & Gretchen Haynes, co-clerks. APPROVED

July 15

MINUTE 2018.07.1: To better manage building access and security, amend the Handbook, Annex A, Use of the Meetinghouse, by replacing “Issue keys to groups meeting regularly for them to gain access themselves.” with “Arrange with the Property Committee to issue a key giving appropriate access to groups regularly meeting in the property.” APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.07.2: FMSA establishes an ad hoc committee to evaluate the exact terms of the upcoming CPS Roofless Solar program (or equivalent off site solar farm, if named differently) according to Friends’ principles, including financial stewardship. If this evaluation indicates that FMSA should apply to this CPS program, this ad hoc committee is directed to complete the application

(to be signed by a co-clerk) process and commit the expenditure of up to \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) from an account to be determined by the Treasurer in conjunction with the Finance Committee. The members of this ad hoc committee are 1) the Property Committee, 2) the Treasurer, and 3) Joe Redfield. FMSA expects that the ad hoc committee will consult with others in the Meeting and with outside experts if and as appropriate. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.07.3: FMSA will redirect our currently pending Friends Fiduciary interest payments from RAICES equally to IWC, La Posada Providencia, Pastor John Garland's project No Separations, and Migrant Center for Human Rights. This will be a one time redirection, pending a review during the fall to determine where our future donations will do the most good. When we are invited to give recommendations for donations, we will direct queries to the four groups. APPROVED

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MINUTE 2018.07.4: FMSA establishes an ad hoc committee to explore the feasibility of a movie night to observe International Peace Day on September 21. The committee shall ensure the availability of necessary items such as projector and screen and determine any copyright or other legal issues. If the committee determines the event is feasible, FMSA supports the committee taking necessary steps to bring it to fruition. APPROVED

September 16

MINUTE 2018.09.1: FMSA has been concerned with the arrival of late-comers to Meeting for Worship, which disturbs settling in, particularly toward the

start of the meeting. FMSA will keep the doors closed for the first 10 minutes of Meeting for Worship. Late-comers can wait outside and come in together. FMSA will try this for a 3-month period, beginning October 14th and then revisit in M&O and then bring back to Business Meeting for further discernment. APPROVED

October 21

MINUTE 2018.10.1: The meeting approves the spirit of the proposed minute on the Memorial Garden and anticipates addressing this issue at the next business meeting, where the details will be a draft amendment to the handbook and property committee will have had a chance to discern various aspects of the proposal. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.10.2: We approve issuing checks for donations to the groups that we supported last year with the exception of COPS Metro. We charge Peace and Social Concerns to bring a proposal at the next Business Meeting for donating the remaining \$1100 which we have budgeted. APPROVED

November 18

MINUTE 2018.11.1: Friends Meeting of San Antonio welcomes Joni Mize into membership of the Religious Society of Friends. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.11.2: FMSA approves the establishment of a Memorial Garden to remember Friends, attenders, and those otherwise associated with the Meeting who have passed on. The guidelines for the Memorial Garden will be incorporated into Part 3, Annex G of the Handbook. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.11.3: FMSA approves the change of name in the Handbook from "Inreach/Outreach Committee" to "Community Engagement Committee." APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.11.4: FMSA strikes the following language from the Handbook: "Some or all of them (responsibilities) may be undertaken by individuals or groups of individuals rather than by the committee or its members." APPROVED

December 16

MINUTE 2018.12.1: Friends Meeting of San Antonio welcomes Peggy Dial into membership of the Religious Society of Friends. APPROVED.

MINUTE 2018.12.2: Friends Meeting of San Antonio welcomes Stephen Shearer into membership of the Religious Society of Friends. APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.12.3: FMSA approves the creation of Annex G in the Handbook as follows:

ANNEX G: MEMORIAL GARDEN

This section contains information relating to the Memorial Garden approved in November, 2018.

1. Location: The Memorial Garden will be located along the south end of the limestone wall or in another place proposed by the Property Committee.
2. Landscaping: The Meeting intends to landscape in such a way that we can remember Friends, attenders, and those otherwise associated with the Meeting who have passed on.
3. Memorial Plaques: Small memorial plaques may be installed on the wall or in another permanent location approved by the Property Committee.
4. Burial or Scattering of Cremains: Burial or scattering of human cremains is to be done in an environmentally sensitive manner. This may be: by mixing cremains with a buffering compost and burying the mix a biodegradable container; by mixing with a buffering compost and scattering the mix widely on the property; by burying the cremains in a hermetically sealed container; or by another environmentally sound method.
5. Process: Ministry and Oversight Committee will receive and approve requests for the disposition of cremains and the placement of memorial plaques. Property Committee will decide the location for burial or scattering of cremains.
6. Funding: Surviving family members, if any, will be asked to cover the costs of the burials and/or plaques. If they are unable to do so, Ministry and Oversight will consider covering the costs for Meeting members.

APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.12.4: FMSA notes gratitude to outgoing officers and committee members for their service to the Meeting. APPROVED

Minute 2018.12.5: Friends Meeting of San Antonio affirms the rights of all peoples to be safe from violence of all kinds. We further affirm the duty of all

peoples and nations to help the victims of violence. We affirm the right of those seeking asylum to be treated with respect, dignity, and timely due process during the application procedures. We call upon the U.S. government to honor its legal obligations under the Refugee Act of 1980 and the 1967 United Nations Protocol on Refugees to provide protection to those who qualify as refugees.
APPROVED

MINUTE 2018.12.6: Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves the use of the FMSA banner by participants in local marches for women's equality and rights.
APPROVED.

MINUTE 2018.12.7: FMSA approves a gift of gratitude to Renata in the amount of \$100. APPROVED