

Friends Meeting of San Antonio

Meeting for Worship for Attention of Business

January 18, 2026

Attendance: Suzanne Cole Sullivan, Rachael Cundey, Stephen Shearer, Jillian Randles, Von Keairns, Dale Keairns, Jesse Kanner, Angela Starnes, Carol Redfield, Bill Wilkinson, Denise Wilkinson, Greg Koehler, William Sweet, Pat Sweet, Kate Kelley (visitor), David J. Novogrodsky, Julie Crum, Luz N Perez Prado, Gretchen Haynes, Tayloe Shultz, Jim Spickard, John Jones, Rebecca Cole Sullivan (Clerk, acting recording clerk)

The Meeting started with opening worship.

Clerk opened teaching: Reminder that we are in Meeting for Worship for Attention to Business. We are looking for where the Spirit is guiding us in terms of the business we need to do as a Meeting. I would like to read a quote about the difference between consensus and sense of the meeting from *Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting* "... Consensus is achieved through a process of reasoning in which reasonable people search for satisfactory decision. But in seeking the sense of the meeting we open ourselves to being guided to perfect resolution in Light, to a place where we sit in unity in the collective inward Presence. Through consensus we decide it; through sense of the meeting we turn it over, allowing it to be decided. ... 'In sense of the meeting God gets a voice.'" Pg 5 by Barry Morley

Accept the Minutes of December:

Edits: We need to accept the nominations for Second Reading. The Clerk and Recording clerk of December's business meeting will add a numbered Minute to the document.

20216.01.01: Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves December 2025 minutes with the correct that we need to add the minuting of second readings for the nominating report.

Committee Reports:

Ministry & Care – Julie Crum, Clerk, reported on behalf of Ministry and Care (Full report Appendix A)

Ministry and Care spent time this month worshiping around the creation of February's Query, talking about worship over the last month and then preparing for the State of the Meeting report process.

February's Query: How does my Quakerism reveal itself in my relations and interactions with others?

This year for the state of the meeting report, we are going to try something new. During potluck in February, we will seed the table conversations around the state of the meeting so we can use the information to help M&C then write the State of the Meeting. We hope friends will gather and jot down notes about the following 4 questions. If you are not able to join us in person, you may send your responses to the clerk of M&C by February 2. Queries:

1. What makes you feel connected to Meeting? Is there anything that would make you feel more connected?
2. Are there things that give you life that we are doing—or that you wish we were doing—as a community?
3. How has the Spirit prospered among us this last year?
4. Anything you want to add?

We are working on the perpetual issue of the mundane work of the meeting falling on a small group of people. We would like to make it easier (and appealing) for more Friends to lend a hand, and are working to organize a system that encourages participation in this crucial element of our organization. We're continuing to give 10 HEB cards to the local group in need that we support and will apply for more when they are gone.

The meeting accepted the report.

Nominating – Stephen Sheer Reported on behalf of Nominating Committee (Slate Appendix B)

Nominating Committee is bringing forward 3 names for their second reading and approval. They are also excited to announce that Carol Redfield has agreed to serve as the Tech Coordinator and Suzanne Cole Sullivan has agreed to serve as the Property Usage Coordinator. Both positions are appointed and do not need to be approved by the meeting. Nominating is still looking for the following positions: Recording Clerk and a member of Finance. Friends accepted the report and approved the following nominations.

Minute 2026.01.02: On the recommendation of Nominating Committee, Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves Judy Grant as a member of Ministry and Care, for a term of 3 years, from January of 2026 through December of 2028.

Minute 2026.01.03: On the recommendation of Nominating Committee, Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves Suzanne Cole Sullivan as a member of Peace and

Social Concerns, for a term of 1 year, from January of 2026 through December 2026, to set up alternating terms for the committee.

Minute 2026.01.04: On the recommendation of Nominating Committee, Friends Meeting of San Antonio approves Luze Perez Prado as a member of Peace and Social Concerns, for a term of 1 year, from January of 2026 through December 2026, to set up alternating terms for the committee.

Property Committee – Bill Wilkinson, Clerk, reported on behalf of the committee. (Full Report Appendix C)

The new property clerk is trying to get oriented to the wide variety of issues involving our building and grounds and is grateful for the work that everyone does. The committee has not yet met; but will do so following the clerks and conveners gathering as a way to ensure we are all moving forward in the same direction.

On potluck Sunday, some unhoused people were discovered on the property and were asked to move on by community police officers. Friends placed their belongings in the back corner of the property by Eisenhauer so they could be retrieved easily. A Member returned to the property later on Sunday to see if further assistance was needed and provided the person who had not yet left with an HEB gift card. Remnants of the camp remained much of the week and we have arranged to have those items removed.

A reminder that there is a flip chart in the community room that lists tasks that need to be done and provides a place for you to add to the list when you notice that something needs to be done.

See the report below for details about some future projects the committee is thinking about.

Friends accepted the report.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Sweet, Treasurer (Full Report Appendix D)

Being the end of the year, we are amazed to have brought in 133% of our budgeted contributions with \$9,485 contributed in December bringing the year total to \$41,892.79. We also recorded \$836.35 in rental income for the month of December bringing our rental income for 2025 to 173.9% of our budgeted amount. Otherwise, our expenses were as expected with some minor and miscellaneous repairs paid for at the cost of \$1289.76. See full report and balance sheet attached.

Friends accepted the treasurer's report.

Clerks Announcements

- Last month, Denise volunteered to reach out to Dan Pell about his request to come offer us music ministry. Unfortunately, he is not able to come anymore this year.
- Please reach out to clerk via the clerk@saquakers.org email address for official business. This will keep my personal inbox clean and clear. If you need something looked at urgently, call or text me.

Meeting closed with open worship.

Appendix A: Ministry & Care Report

January, 2026 Report

Ministry and Care met on January 7, 2026 by Zoom. Jillian Randles, Judy Grant, Denise Wilkinson, Pat Sweet, Rebecca Cole Sullivan, and Julie Crum attended.

Query for February: How does my Quakerism reveal itself in my relations and interactions with others?

In recent months, Meeting for Worship has had robust attendance, with meaningful and deep ministry. We ask Friends to stand, if they can, and speak loudly so that everyone can hear and understand their messages. Friends are reminded out of consideration for the vulnerable among us and the rise in flu cases to consider attending by Zoom if they are ill, or if they come to meeting, to wear a mask.

Upcoming events:

January 18: The annual Trustees meeting will be at the beginning of Meeting for Business (rather than at the end, as published in the newsletter).

January 24: The Clerks and Conveners meeting will be at Julie's house from 10 to 2 or so.

February 1: The annual gathering to discuss queries evaluating the life and function of the meeting over the past year will be part of our monthly potluck. We'll present four queries for casual discussion at the tables, with paper, pen, and post-its for responses, as well as notes taken by Ministry & Care people from the table discussions.

Queries:

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Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Appendix B: Nominating Report

Nominating Report for 2026 as of 1/18/26 Second reading of new or renewing nominees are in **blue**

Trustee [1 year]			Nominating Committee [3 years]			Ministry and Care Committee [3 years]		
Clerk	Carol Redfield	2026	Member	Julie Crum	2026	Clerk	Julie Crum	2027
Secretary	Pat Sweet	2026	Member	Stephen Shearer	2026	Member	Pat Sweet	2027
Treasurer	Bill Sweet	2026	Member	Denise Wilkinson	2026	Member	Denise Wilkinson	2027
Member	Bill Wilkinson	2026	Member	Bill Wilkinson	2027	Member	Jillian Randles	2028
						Member	Judy Grant	2028
Monthly Meeting [2 year]			SCYM [2 years]			Religious Education Committee [2 years]		
Clerk	Rebecca Cole Sullivan	2027	Member	Bill Wilkinson	2027	Clerk	Rachael Cundey	2026
Rec. Clerk	Vacant	2027	Member	Bill Sweet	2026	Member	Roberta Russell	2027
Treasurer	Bill Sweet	2026	FCNL [2 years]			Member	Lisa Craig	2027
Recordkeeper	Suzanne Cole Sullivan	2027	Member	Suzanne Cole Sullivan	2026	Member	Gretchen Haynes	2026
			Property Committee [2 years]			Peace & Social Concerns Committee [2 years]		
Finance Committee [2 years]			Clerk	Bill Wilkinson	2027	Clerk	Dale Keairns	2027
Clerk	Pat Sweet	2026	Member	Jim Spickard	2027	Member	Angela Starnes	2027
Member	Carol Redfield	2026	Member	Julia Hitz	2027	Member	Suzanne Cole Sullivan	2026
Member	Bill Wilkinson	2026	Member	John Jones	2027	Member	Josh Brodesky	2027
Member	Vacant	2027	Member	Josh R.	2027	Member	Luz Perez Prado	2026
			Member	Von Keairns	2026			
			Resource	Pam Spurgeon	2026			
Property Usage Coordinator Suzanne Cole Sullivan			Librarian Greg Koehler			Communications Coordinator Denise Wilkinson		
S.A. Stands Coordinator Rachael Cundey			Webmaster Carol Redfield			Newsletter Frances Frey & Denise Wilkinson		
FMSA rep to SCYM Nominating Committee Suzanne Cole Sullivan								

Appendix C: Property Committee Report

01/18/2026

The new property clerk is trying to get oriented to the wide variety of issues involving our building and grounds and is grateful for the work that everyone does. The committee has not yet met; but will do so following the clerks and conveners gathering as a way to ensure we are all moving forward in the same direction.

1. On potluck Sunday, some unhoused people were discovered on the property and were asked to move on by community police officers. Friends placed their belongings in the back corner of the property by Eisenhauer so they could be retrieved easily. Gary returned to the property later on Sunday to see if further assistance was needed and provided the person who had not yet left with an HEB gift card.
2. Remnants of the camp remained much of the week. Jim arranged to have these items removed.
3. property@saquakers.org now forwards to new and continuing committee members, plus clerk@saquakers.org.
4. There is now a "Tech Coordinator Packet" that includes some Property-adjacent tech information, such as information about the security system, the wifi system, etc. Carol Redfield will have the most up-to-date copy, which she will post on the Hi-Drive.
5. The security camera in the breezeway isn't getting power. Jim plans to troubleshoot that at Saturday's workday.
6. Kenny Oliver is our current lawn guy. He knows to cut high and to be careful of the windows. We won't need grass work until it rains, but he bagged the courtyard leaves last week to clean up the place for our two special rentals. If we want, he can haul the brush that gets dumped across the apartment fence from time to time. He can do similar stuff if we ask.
7. Remember, the flip chart in the Community Room lists tasks that need to be done and provides a place for you to add to the list when you notice that something needs to be addressed.
8. Meeting for Weeding (and other things) was held on 1/17/2026.
9. Upcoming items for consideration:
 - a. We are approaching the end of migration season and will probably seek a bid to clean the large windows in the meetingroom soon. The plan has been to do this annually.
 - b. Discuss the courtyard, its appearance, and how to maintain it.
 - c. Add rainbow stripes to the steps between parking lots.

Appendix D: Treasurers Report

December 2025

Balance Sheet

- ✓ \$3344.31 from Immigrant Aid and \$5,000 from Relief Fund remains “parked” in the savings account. Thus, the available balance in Immigrant Aid: is \$3,611.81 (\$3,344.31 plus \$267.50)
- ✓ In the investment accounts with Friends Fiduciary Corporation, the Quaker Growth and Income Fund gained \$16,514.89 in the fourth quarter, gaining \$42,646.69 for the year which includes the withdrawal of \$25,000 in June.. The Short Term Investment Fund gained \$661.67 in the fourth quarter and \$2,999.94 for the year.
- ✓ The distribution from Friends Fiduciary of \$5,765.81 was deposited in the 10020 Operating Cash account.
- ✓ There are no other items of note.

Statement of Activities

- ✓ Undesignated contributions of \$9,485 in December brought the year-to-date total to \$41,892.79, being 133.8% of the annual budget for 2025.
- ✓ Income for Facilities Use in December is \$836.35.00, which totals 173.9% of annual budget.
- ✓ Minor Repairs, primarily lighting in the Community Room and Children’s Room, was \$1,209.43.
- ✓ Maintenance, for miscellaneous small items, was \$79.33.
- ✓ The CPS bill in December is \$173.83 (\$106.75 last month) for 1.321 MWh (0.871 MWh last month) of electricity. The Big Sun Community Solar off-site photovoltaic panels gave a credit of \$160.49 (\$179.47 last month). After charges for additional services, the bill totaled \$53.85 (\$58.78 last month). Expense for electricity in 2025 is 74.7% of the 2025 budget.
 - ✓ Since inception, payment for solar-generated electricity totals \$12,390.28, which averages \$172.09/month. The amortized capital cost is \$131.40/month.
- ✓ Expense for telephone and internet in December is \$116.07
- ✓ San Antonio Water System charge in December was \$30.91.
- ✓ Other expenditures were routine.