

Ministry and Care  
January 5, 2024

Ministry and Care met in person and by Zoom on January 5; present were Gretchen Haynes, Julie Crum, Stephen Shearer, James Goslin, and Val Liveoak.

**Worship** has been deep and fulfilling, with vocal ministry more frequent and with friends filling the room.

**Forums:**

January 14: How to be an effective LGBTQ+ ally

January 28: Worship sharing for the State of the Meeting report

February 11: Membership

February 25: To be determined

**State of the Meeting worship sharing:**

Friends will gather on January 28 to consider a set of queries around the topic of the state of Friends Meeting of San Antonio. We'll write responses to the queries, after which the responses will be read (without attribution) to the group and reflected upon. The responses will be used to write a report for South Central Yearly Meeting.

**Nurturing community:**

We are encouraging friends to wear name tags, especially during after-worship activities. And we are making efforts to connect with newcomers each Sunday. When visitors leave an email address in the visitor book, we send a welcome email (if we can decipher the address!)

**Meetinghouse safety:**

We see our way clear to support Property in its discernment regarding managing overnight visitors, and we support their proposed minute:

PROPOSED MINUTE 2023.12.\_\_\_\_: FMSA approves a policy of not allowing visitors to sleep overnight at our property or hang out there after dark. Meeting authorizes the Property Committee to use its collective judgement about calling police to ask overnight visitors to move on.

**Memorials:**

As we develop the Memorial Garden, we are considering how to remember friends who passed before the inception of the garden. We suggest a display of their names for the wall of the community room.

**Dream week:**

The MLK march was cancelled due to weather. Friends gathered on January 17 for a pot luck followed by worship sharing on racism at the meetinghouse.

**HEB gift cards:** We have put in an application for HEB gift cards which will be used to help unhoused people and others in need.

**Concerns:** We discussed concerns for individual friends.

**The clerks and conveners** meeting will be on Saturday, February 3.

The committee will next meet on February 7, 2024.

