

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
Fifth Month 9, 2010**

Clerk: Katherine Kowal

Recording Clerk: Jennifer Rhode Ward

Present: Bobby Carter, Jim Cavener, David Clements, Tom Edelson, Barbara Esther, Gjeorge Gjelfriend, Kristi Gjelfriend, Rylin Hansen, Pat Johnson, Steve Livingston, Rusty Maynard, Margaret Normile, Edie Patrick, Alan Robinson

Opening Worship

Reading:

"For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me, and the good raised up; and so I became thus knit and united unto them, hungering more and more after the increase of this power and life whereby I might feel myself perfectly redeemed."

-Robert Barclay

Agenda

The 5th month agenda was accepted as presented.

Minutes: 3rd Month

The 3rd month minutes were approved as posted.

Minutes: 4th Month

Approval of the 4th month minutes was postponed until 6th month, to allow Friends time to review these items.

Finance Committee – Pat Johnson

Pat noted that about 25% of expected income (rental and contribution) for the year had been received, as of early May. Since this time period represents a third of the calendar year, income continues to lag. Committee spending to date has been within budget. Quaker Outreach monies (distributed by the Peace & Earth Committee) have been given to Quaker Earthcare Witness, AFSC, FCNL, FGC, Friends Journal, FWCC, Pendle Hill, Quaker House, Ramallah Friends School, and Rights Sharing.

A Friend noted that the budgeted amount for SAYMA dues should be changed to \$2860; Pat said that will be done.

The Finance Committee Report was accepted as given.

Spiritual Enrichment Committee – Steve Livingston

The Committee is considering inviting Dan Snyder to give a day-long spiritual retreat over the summer. These would allow spiritual community building before the next season of Adult Spiritual Enrichment begins. The committee solicited input from the AFM community about

Dan Snyder and their interactions with him last first day.

A Friend commented that he thought Dan's presentation was superb, and that it would be difficult to find the combination of wisdom, proximity, and familiarity with AFM in another person. Another Friend added that Dan was able to encourage AFM members to speak about their own experiences, and that she endorses him as a retreat leader. She said that Ministry and Counsel also felt supportive of this. A Friend said that she had read his Pendle Hill publicity and found it inspirational, and that no other person could suit our needs. She expressed concern about his fee and his availability. A Friend said that she gained much from his presentation and supported bringing him for our retreat. The Clerk asked about the timing of the retreat; Steve suggested late August, since many Members would be back from their summer activities by then. A Friend said that an early Fall retreat date might also work. Steve said that the Spiritual Enrichment Committee would choose a date, and that he thought Dan's fee would be about \$300. The Clerk noted that, in the past, retreats have been self-funded. Pat Johnson noted that \$423.56 remained in the budget from the last retreat, and that these monies could be used to pay Dan.

A Friend asked if we would like to open this retreat to Swannanoa Meeting, or to other local Meetings. Steve noted that we tried this for our clerking meeting and had one attendee from Swannanoa. One Friend noted that the purpose of these retreats was to strengthen our own Meeting, so that she would like to keep it open to just our Meeting. She thanked the Spiritual Enrichment Committee for their work on this matter. One Friend noted that the day could be mentally or spiritually exhausting if it were not structured to accommodate times for reflection and absorption; the Spiritual Enrichment Committee will take this into consideration.

Nominating Committee – Gjeorge Gjelfriend

Sarah Jane Thomas and Bob Smith were released from their work on the Nominating Committee. Margaret Normile's release from Peace & Earth, and appointment to the Spiritual Enrichment Committee, were approved. John McHugh's appointment to the House & Grounds Committee was approved. Gjeorge Gjelfriend's release from the Spiritual Enrichment Committee was approved.

House & Grounds Committee – Gjeorge Gjelfriend

Gjeorge noted that AFM will hire Frank Roberts to mow the lawn throughout the season. The following persons assisted with the joint House & Grounds / Peace & Earth efforts to plant blueberry bushes, weed flower beds, trim bushes/trees, and mulch the flower beds: Pat Johnson, Gjeorge Gjelfriend, Margaret Normile, Susan Oehler, Jen Rhode Ward, Landon Ward.

Other

The Religious Education Committee is planning its Youth Celebration for Sunday, June 6th. Meeting for Business will be held a week later than usual (3rd Sunday: June 20th).

Closing Worship