

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Asheville Friends Meeting

Fifth Month 8, 2016

Present: Lauren Adams; Rylin Hansen; Sharon Smith; Patti Hughes; Bobby Carter; Laura Wall; Katherine Kowal; Jim Hipkins; Ruth Stewart; Adrienne Weir; Edie Patrick; Kristi Gjelfriend; George Gjelfriend; Steve Livingston; Nick Mimkin; Sarah Jane Thomas; Pat Johnson; Margaret Normile; Margaret Farmer; Jim Cavener; Tim Burgess; Patty Burgess; Hannah Burgess; Alan Robinson, co-clerk; Gail Hipkins, presiding co-clerk; Barbara Esther, recording clerk.

Meeting began with a period of silent worship from which co-clerk, Alan Robinson, read the following:

1. And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2. And behold there was a man named Zaccheus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press of the people, because he was little of stature. 4. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. 6. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8. And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. 9. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:1-10 (KJV)

Friends accepted the agenda as prepared.

Minute 1: Friends approved the Fourth Month Minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Alan Robinson

Our income is in line with the budgeted expenses for the year to date.

Our general checking account pays very little interest, our general fund money market account pays four times as much interest as the checking account and the building money market fund earns .68%, whereas the CD we have pays over 1%. Therefore, the checking account should hold the amount needed instead of the bulk of our liquid savings. Alan asks that we reduce the amount held in the checking account with close monitoring of the amount needed. Our records would still reflect the type of expense made.

Minute 2: Friends approved the transfer of money from the checking account to the general fund money market account for maximum interest earning.

End of year review in planning for the following year's budget may mean that we examine the way the money has been spent.

The treasurer wants to update the QuickBooks version we have been using because it does not interface well with newer Adobe Reader. The budget included \$300 for this purpose.

Minute 3: Friends approved the updating of QuickBooks for the use of the treasurer.

Self Help Credit Union can provide new business checks that can be written on a computer rather than hand written. Meeting members want the treasurer to begin using the new checks right away, even though we have a small number of hand written checks, to make things easier for Alan to do the work.

Minute 4: We heartily approve the change to checks that can be written using a computer and printer or can be hand written.

Committee Reports:

Care and Nurture - Margaret Normile

Minute 5: The committee proposed that the meeting revive an Ad Hoc Committee on Death and Dying to assist Friends in getting all their paperwork in order. Friends approved. The following agreed to serve on that committee: Margaret Farmer, Pat Johnson, Alan Robinson and Jim Cavener.

Naming Committee - Barbara Esther

The Naming Committee would like to recommend Nickette Jayne to serve on the Nominating Committee beginning right away.

Minute 6: Friends approved the appointment of Nickette Jayne to the Nominating Committee beginning in May 2016.

Racial Justice - Sharon Smith

Minute 7: Friends approved a proposal to be recommended to our yearly meeting, SAYMA, as follows:

Proposal that SAYMA create a Racial Justice Committee—or whatever they want to call it—charged with supporting SAYMA Friends of color, as a place they can take their issues and concerns when they come up, as they inevitably must, in an effort to make SAYMA a safe and welcoming community for Friends of color. This committee would also be charged with educating the wider SAYMA community regarding issues of race and racism, compiling and disseminating resource materials, workshop presenters, anti-racism trainers, organizers and organizations,

within our SAYMA region, and facilitate access to said resources among SAYMA Friends.

The Racial Justice Committee offered this item for the Asheville Friends Meeting for Business agenda, hoping to generate discussion and approval by the meeting as a whole, so that the proposal comes from Asheville Friends, and not just the Asheville RJC.

Other

SAYF Coordinator - Adrienne Weir

Adrienne is stepping down from acting as our SAYF liaison. Any Friend interested in serving is asked to speak with her to discuss the requirements of that position. She will seek to relinquish her position on the SAYF Steering Committee as well.

Announcements: A. Gail Hipkins

SAYMA annual sessions interferes with our regularly scheduled monthly meeting for business. The co-clerks decided how to proceed regarding June and July business meetings. We will skip the meeting for business in June, meeting next in July.

Friends are reminded to register for the SAYMA annual meeting because the registrars need our information by May 16, 2016.

A letter of reference for Paul Hibschman was completed by the clerks.

A Traveling Minute for Jim Barham was sent with him as he travels in Great Britain.

Committee Changes: Nancy Kuykendall is leaving our area, moving to Rochester, NY. Nominating Committee will be seeking a replacement for her on the House and Grounds Committee along with other open positions. Friends are asked to consider areas of service to which they are called.

The meeting received brochures and information from Friends Peace Teams. They will be displayed both here and at yearly meeting.

We closed with a moment of silence to meet again as way opens on Seventh Month 10, 2016.