

**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Asheville Friends Meeting**

Seventh Month 10, 2016

Present: Lauren Adams, Kitti Reynolds; Margaret Farmer; Sharon Smith; Rylin Hansen; Edie Patrick; George Gjelfriend; Kristi Gjelfriend; Rusty Maynard; Bobby Carter; Katherine Kowal; Sarah Jane Thomas; Bob Lackey; Steve Livingston; Jim Barham; Autumn Woodward; Mike Eddy; Beth Eddy; Peter Henderson; Patti Hughes; Alan Robinson, presiding co-clerk; Barbara Esther, recording clerk.

Meeting began with a period of silent worship from which co-clerk, Alan Robinson, in light of the very troubling week just past, read the following:

"Jesus wept."

John 11:35

Following that, we returned to silent worship.

Friends accepted the agenda as prepared.

Minute 1: Friends approved the Fifth Month Minutes.

Treasurer's Report-Alan Robinson

Alan reviewed the actuals for the year to date. We have income of a little over \$9,000 as of mid year. Meetinghouse maintenance (phase 1 renovations) is 28% over budget because of a replacement high efficiency water heater, among other things. A Friend asked why we are over budget when we had agreed to use building fund moneys to pay for the renovations. Another Friend asked that we consider using the building fund to pay for the renovations in spite of the interest we would lose by doing so. As bills are paid and as needed, the treasurer will transfer money from the money market general fund to the checking account. A Friend expressed thanks to the treasurer for looking after our assets. A request was also made that the House and Grounds Committee give a report on the completion of the work. The contractor was said to have done an excellent job, recommending him to do further work for us. We look forward to the report, at which time we plan to minute the fine work done.

Minute 2: Friends approved allotting an additional \$500.00 to JAG so that the contractor receives payment he expected before additional cost was required for the masonry work.

Jim Barham reported that a full report will be coming once the House and Grounds Committee has met to inform us of the result of the energy audit. We look forward to hearing this report in Eighth Month.

There were no committee reports this month.

Other

SAYF Administrative Assistant position available-Barbara Esther

A position as Southern Appalachian Young Friends Administrative Assistant will be available for applicants very soon since Jonah McDonald (Atlanta FM) is stepping down from that job after four years of service. It is a 35-40 hour per month position which involves some travel to meet with the SAYF steering committee; regular reports to the yearly meeting as well as quarterly reports to the treasurer; accounting for the SAYF budget, writing checks for bills and depositing money in the SAYF bank account; maintaining the database for SAYF youth and adults, documenting background checks for all Friendly Adult Nurturers among other duties. The salary is between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Anyone interested in the position should let Barbara Esther know and be on the look out for the application and job description to be posted soon. There is a planned overlap of service by Jonah and the new AA in September for training purposes. Applications will be due in mid August.

Called Meeting

A Friend asked whether we could take some action after the events of this past week, particularly the recent shooting of a young black man by Asheville police. The clerk asked that Racial Justice Committee take up the topic and bring a recommendation to us after their meeting tomorrow evening. The clerks therefore schedule a called meeting for next First Day, July 17, 2016, to be announced on the list serve. As a community, Friends want to be clear that we are very concerned with the violence in the Asheville community and in our country in general. This directly concerns us and we want to take appropriate action in response to the violence. One Friend said, "If we, as a meeting choose not to act, the silence will be deafening."

Any Friend is welcome to join the Racial Justice Committee, an open committee, when it meets. The next meeting is on July 11, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the meetinghouse.

We closed with a moment of silence to meet again as way opens on Seventh Month 17, for a called meeting; and on Eighth Month 14, 2016, for our regular meeting for worship for the conduct of business.