

# Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

Eighth Month 12, 2012

**Clerk:** Kitti Reynolds

**Alternate Recording Clerk:** Adrienne Weir

**Present:** Laura Maynard, Gail Hipkins, Jim Hipkins, Barbara Esther, Kristi Gjelfriend, George Gjelfriend, Gita Larson, Rusty Maynard, Pat Johnson, Edie Patrick, Joy Gossett, Jim Cavener, Steve Livingston, Chris Berg, Bobby Carter, and Edwin Brown.

Opening Worship Friends began with a short period of silent worship followed by the reading below.

Clerk's Reading: The **reading** is from Christian Faith and Practice in the experience of the Society of Friends, published by London yearly Meeting in 1959. It is a quote from Douglas Steere "Fox was also a man of prayer, a man who was "energised in secret for life in the open world". By being continually open to inward guidance, the exercise in the meeting for worship was a natural one for him and he came to it attentive and inwardly gathered. The practice of regular prayer and a continual intent to listen for the deeper meaning in everything that happens in life is an indispensable preparation for this type of ministry..."

Minute #1: Friends approved the agenda as presented by the clerk.

Minute #2: Friends approved the minutes from Seventh Month 2012 as corrected per spelling of a name.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Johnson (See attached documents)

Minute #3: It was unclear to the Treasurer which committee budget line should be responsible for paying for the yard sign that the meeting agreed to post to express our support of ALL NC families and our opposition of the Amendment One. Peace and Earth will investigate this.

Minute #4: The Treasurer noted that it appeared that we had not yet paid this year's SAYMA assessment. She agreed that we will pay SAYMA dues this week.

Minute #5: Friends Journal Subscription – Marsha did not believe that this subscription should be covered by Library budget. Current expenses in that Library budget include the binding of the journal and the meeting for business minutes. Friends were in agreement (approved) that Friends Journal subscription should be included in the Library Budget as an item that is kept in the library and that Meeting for Business approve the overage this year and that the Finance Committee remember to increase the Library Budget for next year to include the Journal Subscription.

Minute #6: Friends approved the Treasurer's Report as given.

Nominating Report

\* We would like to appoint Sarah Jane Thomas to Spiritual Enrichment Committee. Agreed. Paola Villatoro-Weir is taking a heavy course-load in school and so would like to be relieved of her duty on RE committee.

Minute #7: Friends approved the above nominations and releases.

Minute # 8: Picnic with Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting – Asheville Friends agreed to initiate the next joint picnic gathering with Swannanoa Valley Friends. Kitti agreed to contact the Clerk of SVFM to arrange for

a mutually convenient date. It was suggested and agreed upon that we include Hendersonville, Brevard, and Celo meetings in our invitation.

Other Concerns:

Minute # 9: Gail Hipkins has agreed to update AFM contact list, short of doing the actual data gathering. Between the data that SAYMA has gathered and that our meeting members have gathered this summer, Gail will be able to update the contact list using these sets of data.

Minute # 10: FGC will be hosting websites for meetings and we may be interested in seeing about getting a BETA site with them.

Minute # 11: Spiritual Enrichment: During the First first day in September, Spiritual Enrichment will be presenting some ideas to those who attend and inviting additional ideas for Spiritual Enrichment programming for 2012 – 2013. A reminder... Paola will be giving a presentation and three course meal regarding her semester in Italy followed by a very brief graduation ceremony.

Minute # 12: Kabarak Call – Jere Licciardello (SAYMA committee/wider Quaker ???) phoned Chris to poll various meetings to see if they had done any work with the \*Kabarak call and/or had a response. He reminded us that Geeta McGahey, who attended the World Conference, would be a good resource to present it and is close by. Peace and Earth will meet next week to talk about where we will go with the Kabarak call and coordinate with Spiritual Enrichment to plan.

We closed the meeting with a period of worshipful silence.

Attachments are included in the Appendix.

\*Include Kabarak Call here, too.