

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
Sixth Month 9, 2013**

Clerk: Kitti Reynolds

Recording Clerk: Jennifer Rhode Ward

Present: Edwin Brown, Abigail Campbell, Barbara Esther, Gail Hipkins, Jim Hipkins, Gjeorge Gjelfriend, Patti Hughes, Joy Gossett, Pat Johnson, Nancy Kuykendall, Gita Larson, Steve Livingston, Margaret Normile, Edie Patrick, Frank Roberts, Alan Robinson, Ruth Stewart, Adrienne Weir

Opening Worship

Our gracious Creator cares and provides for all his creatures. His tender mercies are over all his works; and so far as his love influences our minds, so far we become interested in his workmanship and feel a desire to take hold of every opportunity to lessen the distresses of the afflicted and increase the happiness of the creation.

John Woolman, "A Plea for the Poor"

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of 4th and 5th Month Minutes

The 4th and 5th Month Minutes were approved as distributed.

Finance Committee – Pat Johnson

As of June 6, AFM has received \$4323 in contribution income and \$2300.22 in rental income. Our total yearly income, including interest and dividends, is \$6727.11.

To date, our total expenses are \$9677 total expense, \$2957 more than our income. Pat noted that AFM receives most of its contributions towards end of year, and that our general balance in the bank is \$25556.98.

Nominating – Gjeorge Gjelfriend

The following persons were nominated to two-year committee terms. Note that committee terms expire automatically unless someone requests a committee renewal.

Grace Upshaw, Religious Education, until June 2015

Elizabeth Davis, Religious Education, until June 2015

Marcie Thaxter, Religious Education, until June 2015

Frank Roberts, House & Grounds, until June 2015

Kitti Reynolds, Ministry & Counsel, from September 2013-September 2015

Nancy Kuykendall, Nominating Committee, from September 2013-September 2015

All of these nominations were approved by those in attendance.

Joy Gossett thanked Frank Roberts for his work on weed removal on the front wall.

House and Grounds – Adrienne Weir

Adrienne thanked all who participated in yesterday's AFM workday. She spoke about rescheduling another workday for next month (6 July or July 13), which might start as early as 8 a.m. to avoid the heat. Adrienne will keep us posted about the planned date

Rusty Maynard did a presentation about long-range plans for the Meetinghouse and property to House & Grounds. Changes might include parking lot expansion, rain catchment systems, tree removal, and the addition of a gazebo. Rusty will present that information to the wider Meeting in the future.

Other

Friends noted that the War Tax Resisters League did not need to use our Meetinghouse when they were in town.

We noted that Stoney Gap Preparatory Meeting had not yet been in contact with AFM. A Friend asked that AFM do what we could do support Stoney Gap, as it would be beneficial to them and to us. The Clerk noted that she had been in touch with Stoney Gap six weeks ago. Another Friend said that next week's SAYMA gathering should provide more information about this situation, which could be reported back at the next Business Meeting.

Asheville Friends Meeting (along with Charleston, WV Meeting) is providing snacks for SAYMA's Thursday night Chat and Chew (~8:30 p.m.). Steve Livingston will help coordinate this, so talk to him if you are able to provide hospitality. Another Friend noted that our Meeting's name was not on the official program; the Planning Committee has contacted us about this matter, though, so we are expected to bring snacks. Edwin Brown offered to drive others to SAYMA; please contact him if you would like to commute with him any day.

Margaret Normile will be here next First Day to open the Meetinghouse and greet any visitors, as much of our group will be at SAYMA.

A Friend asked that we distribute a contact list to Friends so that we might be able to find one another. Nancy said that we would have a new version of this in the next months, and another Friend offered to give her an older version of this list.

We will not have Meeting for Business in July. It will resume in August 2013, which will be Kitti's last time to clerk.

Closing Worship