

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Asheville Friends Meeting

2nd Month 9, 2014

Clerk: Jen Rhode Ward

Recording Clerk: Steve Livingston

Attendance: Laura Lane, Kitti Reynolds, Dave and Damma McLintock, Jim and Gail Hipkins, Gjeorge and Kristi Gjelfriend, Ruth Stewart, Edie Patrick, Pat Johnson, Tom Edelman, Patti Hughes, Nancy Kuykendall, Lauren Adams, Gita Larsen, Katherine Kowal, Rusty Maynard, Bobby Carter, Angela Sullivan, Adrienne Weir, Kristi Gjelfriend, Rylin Hansen, and a visitor

Meeting began at with a moment of silence at 12 noon

The clerk shared a reading from “Only Justice Can Stop a Curse” by Alice Walker:

All we own, at least for the short time we have it, is our life. With it we write what we come to know of the world. I believe the Earth is good. That people, untortured by circumstance or fate, are also good. I do not believe the people of the world are naturally my enemies, or that animals, including snakes, are, or that Nature is. Whenever I experience evil, and it is not, unfortunately, uncommon to experience it in these times, my deepest feeling is disappointment, I have learned to accept the fact that we risk disappointment, disillusionment, even despair, every time we act. Every time we decide to believe the world can be better. Every time we decided to trust others to be as noble as we think they are. And that there might be years during which our grief is equal to, or even greater than, our hope. The alternative, however, not to act, and therefor to miss experiencing other people at the their best, reaching toward their fullness, has never appealed to me. Only justice can stop a curse.

The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of minutes of 1st month 2014 meeting was deferred due to lack of availability

Treasurer's Report

Pat distributed copies of income and expenditures for the year so far and described the principal changes. She pointed out that the transfer to the Scholarship Fund was not really an expense, just a transfer of funds. Peace and Earth Committee disbursed \$200 to Mountain Voices for the Moral March yesterday, providing 5 seats for attenders unable to pay for themselves.

Pat reported that we're starting the year just a little under our typical level of income.

Pat was happy to inform the Meeting that we are now banking at Self Help Credit Union rather than Wachovia/Wells Fargo. That account is still open as there are checks that have not yet cleared, but as soon as the last check comes in it will be closed.

Pat was also happy to inform us that Satchel Loftis has donated a laptop to the Meeting, so we are no longer in need. And, since the laptop already has a current version of Quickbooks Pro on it, so we will not need to purchase an upgrade for our outdated version until next year.

Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Nominating

Gjeorge explained that anyone who is nominated to serve is assumed to serve for a two year term. At the end of that time, the Friend will be asked if they wish to continue serving for another term.

Geneva Bierce-Wilson has asked to be released from the Nominating Committee.

Sarah Jane Thomas has asked to be on the House & Grounds committee, her term ending 2/16.

Friends approved Sarah Jane Thomas to serve on House and Grounds, and released Geneva Bierce-Wilson from Nominating Committee.

House and Grounds

Adrienne pointed out the new window shades that had been installed recently by Sarah Jane, and reported that the upstairs door now has a regular door knob on it rather than a crash bar. Adrienne expects parking lot expansion will be done this Spring.

Peace and Earth

Katherine Kowal informed Friends that Vets for Peace will have their national conference at UNCA this summer, and Peace and Earth is requesting approval for their participants to overnight in the Meetinghouse. Friends discussed this request at some length before approving the following:

Friends approved offering overnight hospitality to attenders at the Veterans for Peace national conference 7/22-7/27, and asks that Peace and Earth coordinate with their organizers and recommend to our next month's Meeting for Business how many of their attenders will be able to stay here, and how many Friends are needed to host these guests.

There are currently not enough volunteers among us to act as hosts. Friends are asked to

contact Katherine to volunteer. Susan Oehler will apprise these visitors of our guidelines, including the prohibition of alcohol and drugs, and let them know that they must provide their own sleeping gear.

Closing worship

There being no further business, meeting adjourned with silence at 12:45 p.m.