



# FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER, SIXTH MONTH, 2019

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*Worship:* In the Iona House at the Calusa Nature Center

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**Recording Clerks:** Kathy Hale / Richard Frechette  
**Treasurer:** Paul Davis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month: Pot Luck Lunch
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month: Meeting for Worship  
with Attention to Business
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## **QUERIES & ADVICES** *from Faith & Practice of Southeastern Yearly Meeting*

### **How do Friends care for one another?      6. Home, Family, & Relationships**

#### **Queries:**

- Do we make our home a place where love, peace, happiness, friendship, and refreshment of spirit are found and where the presence of God is experienced?
- Do all members of our family receive our affection and understanding?
- Do we take care that responsibilities outside the home do not encroach upon the time and loving attention our family needs?
- Do we acknowledge and support all relationships and families, whether conventional or not, that are based on love and commitment?
- Does our family set aside First Day and other times for worship, service, rest, and refreshment of spirit?

#### **Advices:**

- Live in love, and learn from one another. Try to live simply.
- In our family life, encourage reliance upon God's guidance and help for each day's needs.
- Remember the value of beauty in all its forms.
- God's gifts are for all to enjoy; learn to use them wisely.

MINUTES OF THE FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
6th Month 9, 2019

The Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in Iona House on 6<sup>th</sup> month 9<sup>th</sup> day with Friends 16 present. The meeting opened with a period of silent centering on the topic of Home, Family, and Relationships.

**Advices:** Clerk Joan Culver read two advices from SEYM Faith and Practice for the Meeting's reflection:

- \*Remember the value of beauty in all its forms.
- \*God's gifts are for all to enjoy; learn to use them wisely.

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Joan Culver reminded the Meeting that we do not meet as a Meeting for Business in July and August but will resume in September. Committees may meet if they choose. Joan requests that in the fall, Committee chairs send committee reports to the Clerk and to the Recording Clerk so that Minutes can have some level of formatting created prior to the Meeting for Business.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paul Davis provided the following report:

**FMMM Funds Report 5/31/2019**

**General Funds**

Checking .....	5,045.73
Gen. Fund Savings .....	40,306.97
Gen. Funds Friends Fiduciary .....	22,509.72
<b>Total General Fund .....</b>	<b>67,862.42</b>

**Meeting House Funds**

Savings .....	78,474.24
MH Funds Friends Fiduciary .....	10,474.40
<b>Total Meeting House Funds .....</b>	<b>88,948.64</b>

**FMMM Total Funds .....**\$156,811.06

**May 2019 Income vs. Expenses**

May Income.....	1550.77
May Expenses.....	5,698.44*

\*Budgeted contributions made to 1/2 SEYM, AFSC, FCNL, Chapin Food Bank, QLC, Quaker House, Friends Peace Teams, Calusa Nature Center, Quaker Voluntary Service, ECHO.

**Ministry and Council Committee:** Ministry and Counsel has nothing to bring to the Meeting at this time.

**Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee asks the Meeting to insert \$631.32 into the 2019 budget to pay for the second year (2019) of a contract for the Meeting telephone. It is currently a second line on Joan Culver's personal phone. This was approved in 2018 as a "free first year" line with \$631.32 coming up in the second year. However, for a number of reasons, we neglected to get this into the budget for the 2019 year. We propose that the Outreach Committee budget would be an appropriate place to designate these funds so we would increase Outreach's budget by the same 631.32. The Outreach Committee has approved this change.

Following some discussion of costs and uses of the phone, the following minute was passed:

- ❖ **Minute 2019-MM10.** Fort Myers Monthly meeting agrees to increase the 2019 budget by \$631.32 to cover the cost of the Meeting phone. The funds will be designated to the budget of the Outreach Committee.

**Adult Religious Education.** Roxy Jacobs reported that the committee in preparation for worship-sharing workshop would like to order several copies of "Four Doors to Meeting for Worship" by William Taber. Friends agreed.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee.** Clerk Carolyn Stanley reported that The Peace Day Working Group met on Monday, June 3 to plan for the Southwest Florida Peace Day celebration at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. At a later date, they will present final plans to the Meeting for Business and invite Friends to sign up to help host the booth for 2 hours or visit during the day Sunday, Sept. 22 from 10am until 6pm.

Discussion followed regarding ways of raising awareness of gun violence issues.

Carolyn reported that Misión Peniel is in need of volunteers this Friday, June 14 and every Friday throughout the summer. It was suggested that people interested call in advance to 386-793-6151. People are available to translate [if needed] for volunteers who don't speak Spanish or French.

Connie Summerlin reported data for the FMMM's contributions to The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Cash:	Dec. 2016-June 2019: \$1288.00	June 2019: \$28.00
Food:	Sept. 2016-June 2019 1314 lbs.	June 2019: 61 lbs

Jim Koopman reported that the Environmental action group invites and welcomes participation by any Friends interested.

**Hospitality Committee.** Clerk Deb White asked for feedback on the best way to control the air conditioning problem during Meeting, since the room is uncomfortable in summer without AC running, but with AC it is hard to hear. Suggestions followed, including providing hand fans. Clerk Joan Culver reminded everyone that Deb is in charge of managing the air conditioning, so Friends should see her with any concerns or suggestions.

**Outreach Committee:** Outreach Committee has no report.

**Properties:** Properties Committee has no report.

**Library Committee:** Susan Oehl reported that the library needs attention in terms of decisions about repair, clearing, and organizing. She plans to select a book to highlight and place it on the table each week.

**Calusa Nature Center:** Joan Culver said that she has been serving the CNCP on the Board of Trustees, on the Executive Board, and as Secretary of the Executive Board ; she has recently resigned her Executive Board secretary position. Quakers have a designated place on the general Board which meets 3 times a year.

**New Business:** There was no new business introduced. Friends, especially clerks of committees, were reminded to contact the Clerk before Meeting for Business when they want to suggest a topic for the Agenda, or a report of a committee, or a Minute proposed by their committee.

The minutes of today's meeting were read and approved. We closed in silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Hale, Co-Recording Clerk

### Excerpt From...

## **A Guide To Listening And Speaking In Our Quaker Meeting For Worship**

*One can expect silence to prevail during most of the Meeting. However, one or more persons may feel moved by the Spirit to offer vocal ministry. Usually, these messages are spiritual in nature and are not preplanned. It is helpful to rise and speak clearly so that everyone may hear.*

*It is well to remember that spoken messages should not outrun the spiritual guide which moved them. Simple, direct, and brief messages are valued. It is customary to speak no more than once during a Meeting*

*Allowing a period of silence after messages gives time to reflect on the previous message and the opportunity for further messages to emerge.*



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Florida Peace Day Celebration

Sunday September 22, 10 AM – 6 PM

At the Alliance for the Arts

10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL

*(Our Meeting will have a booth)*

**Mark your calendars!**



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### Volunteers needed

Misión Peniel will be short-staffed on Friday June 14 and Friday June 21 and could use volunteer assistance which might involve serving food, bagging food, organizing and handing out donated items, cleaning up, etc. The hours are 2:00pm until about 6:30pm. If you are able and willing, call ahead at 386-793-6151.

### Donation Needs List Summer 2019

**Clothing:** Men's Work: Small, Medium and Large Women's Work: Small, Medium and Large Children's: 2 Toddler up to Teenage Baseball Caps and Sun Visors

**Shoes:** Sandals, Tennis and Work Shoes for Men and Women Sandals and Tennis Shoes for Children

**Toiletries:** Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Soap, Lotion, Disposable Razors, Deodorant, Baby Wipes,

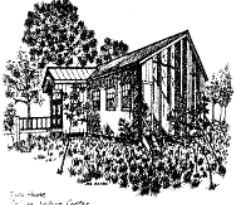
**Diapers:** Sizes 4, 5 and 6 only

**Pantry:** Rice, Beans, Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Canned Vegetables, Canned/Dried Fruit, Pasta,

**Household:** Baby/Toddler strollers, Sheet sets-any size, Bath Size Towels

### Separation and Incarceration of Immigrant Children

The **American Friends Service Committee** is planning a week of action, June 9 - June 16 protesting the separation and incarceration of Immigrant Children. They have suggestions on their web site of letters to write, other actions and a petition to sign (<https://migrantjustice.afsc.org>). They are ending the week of Action with a Rally at the detention center in Homestead, Florida on Sunday, June 16 from 2 - 5 PM. Joan Culver and Carolyn Stanley are planning to go to the Rally.



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