



FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Newsletter, Fourth Month, 2022

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Meeting for Worship

Friends are meeting for hybrid worship every 1st day at 10:30AM. Friends may meet physically outdoors (weather permitting) under the roof of the chickee hut on the Orange River in Buckingham.

Friends who prefer to meet via Zoom instead may do so. Each Friday an invitation to Zoom worship is sent to our entire e-mail list, identifying the hyperlink and meeting number. People may join early either physically or via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. for conversation and fellowship.

Midweek worship, in person only, is held at the chickee hut each Wednesday morning, at 10:30 a.m.

For directions to the chickee hut, call 239-313-6201 or e-mail the e-mail address above for directions.

QUERIES & ADVICES *from Faith & Practice of Southeastern Yearly Meeting*

SEYM Queries & Advices

Second Section:

How do Friends care for one another?

4. Mutual Care

Queries:

- *How do we foster a spirit of community among the meeting's members and attenders?*
- *How does the meeting keep in contact with all of the meeting's members and attenders?*
- *How does the meeting assist couples and families to communicate, grow together, and rear children in a loving environment?*
- *Does the meeting community nurture the meeting's children?*
- *How does the meeting care for those who live alone, the sick, the aging, the widowed, the separated or divorced, and others with families affected by disruption?*

- *Do we assist Friends in need as their circumstances require?*
- *How do we labor with and care for those whose conduct or manner of living gives grounds for concern?*
- *How are visitors to our meeting made to feel welcome?*

Advices:

- *Be truthful and sincere, and thus encourage these qualities in others.*
- *Through example and education, help each other to recognize and follow the voice of God both in our spiritual lives and in joyful and willing service.*
- *Watch with tenderness over the opening minds of children. Seek to awaken in them the love and understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus and a sense of security in the love of God.*
- *Remember that there is a unique potential in each human being as a beloved child of God and that the Holy Spirit may lead children to give wise counsel to listening adults.*
- *Young people, too, have responsibility to care for the meeting and to participate in meetings both for worship and for business. Faith is needed as a vital part of our living.*

**Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of 4th Month 10, 2022**

The Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in hybrid format on the 4th month 10th day with 17 Friends present. The Meeting opened with a period of silent centering with Friend Nancy Fennell filling in for Clerk Richard Frechette, who is healing from recent surgery.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Paul Davis shared the following report:

General Funds

Checking	7,852
Gen Fund Savings	40,408
Gen Fund Fr Fiduciary	30,928
Total General Fund	79,188

March 2022 Income vs Expenses	
March Income	\$1,850
March Expenses	\$ 563

Meeting House Funds	
Savings	183,655
MH Funds Fr Fiduciary	14,391
Total Meeting House Funds	198,046
FMMM Total Funds	277,234

Ministry & Counsel Committee Report

Friend Nancy Murvine, Clerk of the M&C Committee, gave the following report:

At our March meeting, the Ministry and Counsel Committee welcomed Deb White as the newest member of the Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. *The Quaker Reader*, edited by Jessamyn West, has been sent to her as a welcoming gift.

Plans were worked out to support Clerk Richard Frechette and our Meeting during his recovery. These included the support of Friends Pat Iyer and Paul Davis who agreed to set up hybrid worship at the Chickee Hut. The email invitation and Zoom link for Meeting for Worship will be handled by Friend Nancy Murvine until Richard has recovered.

We believe that Richard and the Meeting will be best served by a temporary clerk while he recovers. To that end, Nancy Fennell, who has been Clerk of our Meeting in the past, has agreed to stand in for Richard in Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and in any other matter that might arise needing a Clerk. Hugh Pettigrew has offered to assist her if needed.

As an outgrowth of planning for Richard's absence, he and Nancy Murvine discussed the advantages of having an Assistant Clerk in the future. The benefits would include teaching someone the ins-and-outs of Clerking and having a readymade support for the Clerk as well as someone capable of stepping in when needed. We understand that this idea should be brought up for discernment at a future Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and be put in the hands of the Nominating Committee to seek someone for this role if it were to move forward. Friend Nancy Murvine suggested that we hold this idea until the next Meeting for Worship for Business when we could discuss it more thoroughly.

The Committee began and ended our meeting in silence, taking time for the sole purpose of holding Richard and Suzanne in the Light.

Joint Meetinghouse Committee Report:

Last month, Friends approved a tentative lease with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers for land on which we would like to build a new Meetinghouse. The UU Board has, in concept, approved the lease but want to give it an informal airing with their congregation via a couple of zoom sessions. They have invited several us from the Meetinghouse Committee to participate in those discussions. The lease is expected to be approved. Once we have the lease we will hire an engineer and architect. We're in a holding pattern right now.

Since our lease with IONA House ended on April 1, a group of about ten Friends met in March to clear out all our materials from IONA House, pack them up and transport them to a secure, climate-controlled self-storage facility.

Religious Education Committee Report

The second session on Quakerism 101 was held in March. The next session, which will discuss Quaker Terminology, will be led by Friend Donna Anderton after Meeting for Worship on May 15 at 1PM.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee Report

Friend Carolyn Stanley, Clerk, announced that P&SC will host a Zoom discussion, as requested, at 7 PM on Thursday, April 14. The meeting will begin with a short 13-minute video, followed by discussion and sharing of thoughts concerning the war in Ukraine and the Quaker Peace Testimony and Queries. Richard will send out the Zoom link.

P&SC would also like to share with everyone the opportunity to sign a petition on the World Beyond War web site:

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-lockheed-martin-to-begin-conversion-to-peaceful-industries?source=direct_link&

The petition asks Lockheed Martin, the largest weapons producer in the world, to stop making weapons and begin converting their industry to peaceful products. World Beyond War notes: "No one profits more from war and bloodshed than Lockheed Martin." The petition will be presented to Lockheed Martin on April 21, the same day that the company holds their Annual General Meeting. Other actions planned by World Without War can be found on their website.

Clerk Carolyn Stanley shared an update on the L.I.F.E. organization. Friends are invited to the in-person celebration at Covenant Presbyterian Church on McGregor in Fort Myers. Details can be found in the newsletter. Supporters are encouraged to donate to L.I.F.E. since Chelsea, the lead organizer, will be leaving in the fall, and, due to inflation, hiring a replacement will require raising the salary for her position.

Deb White, Newsletter Editor, shared the following: Since we have now left IONA House our FtMMM logo, an ink drawing of the building, is no longer appropriate. After a brief discussion, Friends encouraged Deb to find a logo of a peace dove to use until we have a new Meetinghouse. Deb will contact AFSC to find out if we can use their red and black logo without infringing on copyright.

The Meeting closed with gratitude in silent worship at 12:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Fox
Recording Clerk

Celebrate Earth Day! April 22, 2022



All the Festivities Start at 5 pm:

- Millennial Brewing Company Drink Truck
- Mother Earth PopUp Shop and Photography by Lisette Morales
- Evan Carville Jazz Trio Maya Jewelry Art by Marta Mateus
- Meet the RESET Board and Elders Reception with Wine and Hors' D'oeuvres
- The Art of Paul Arsenault
- Poetic Films with Lori Ersolmaz
- Conversation with Joseph Bonasia about the Right to Clean Water Constitutional Amendment
- 7:30 pm Concert
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- [Register here](#) for the Free Celebration and get your 25% discount for the Gulf Coast Chamber Orchestra Earth Day Celebration Concert.

Peace & Social Concerns...

...invites you to join us for
a viewing of a 13 minute video:

"The success of nonviolent civil resistance with Erica Chenoweth followed by discussion.

On Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85639947228?pwd=cUVzckNPNjJLY21tWERx-VW15YnRMUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 3994 7228

Passcode: 071564

Thursday, April 14, 2022 7 PM

This short video is engaging and pertinent to the current situation in Ukraine. We hope this is the first of several discussions organized by P&SC concerning the war in Ukraine, and the Quaker Peace Testimony.

Contributions to the Meeting can be made payable to Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, and can be sent to:

Paul Davis, Treasurer
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USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FRIENDS

http://seymquakers.org	Southeastern Yearly Meeting
www.fcni.org	Friends Committee for National Legislation
www.fgcquaker.org	Friends General Conference
www.afsc.org	American Friends Service Committee
http://fwcc.world	Friends World Committee on Consultation
www.quakerspeak.com	QuakerSpeak: A Quaker YouTube Channel
www.quakerhouse.org	Quaker House, Fayetteville
www.quakervoluntaryservice.org	Quaker Voluntary Service
www.quno.org	Quaker United Nations

MEETING CALENDAR

April 13-17	SouthEasternYearlyMeeting Gathering and annual sessions	
1 st Days (Sundays)	Meeting for Worship in a hybrid format: in person at Buckingham chickeehut or via Zoom An informal conversation time begins at 10:00 am	10:30 am
Each Wednesday	Meeting for Worship at Buckingham chickeehut. This is in person only.	10:30 a.m.
Thurs. 4/14/22	P&SC Zoom video and discussion re: the war in Ukraine	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 4/22/22	Earth Day	
Sun. 5/8/22	Meeting for worship with attention to Business	12:45 p.m.

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