

Charleston Friends Meeting
RCCR Building
(Religious Coalition for Community Renewal)
1516 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV
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Meeting for Business
December 3rd, 2017

Meeting was opened in silence.

Minutes of the previous Meeting for Business were revised, as Conni Lewis did not offer to help to buy Sojourner's Christmas gifts as indicated in the November minutes. Carolyn Schade is coordinating gift purchases with the help of Jane Bowles and possibly Ashley King. The Minutes were approved as revised.

Treasurer's Reports for October and November were approved, as well as the Fall Gathering expenditures.

Budget for 2018: The budget for 2018 was discussed and approved. We will have a second hour discussion in September 2018 regarding increasing some of our contributions in the 2019 budget, as well as reviewing the budget in general.

Sojourner's Breakfast: The breakfast will be on December 17th at the Sojourner's Shelter at 8:15am (preparation time), with serving at 9am. Steve Wellons passed around a sign up sheet and will let Friends know if we need more food. All are welcome to come for fellowship and to help serve.

Adopt-a-Family: Conni Lewis reported that she and Jane Bowles are working on this. The mother in the family has largely been taken care of. Conni will contact Jane to make sure the son and daughter are covered. Monetary contributions from Friends are welcome for this cause.

Men's Shelter Dinner: This dinner will be on February 4th. Steve Wellons passed around a sign up sheet for food contributions. Steve will circulate the sheet each Sunday until the dinner.

SAYMA Faith and Practice: Charles Schade has created a proposed Minute for this issue (attached). Meeting approved this minute.

Calendar

Meeting for Worship is at 10 am at RCCR Building, unless noted here otherwise

Activities for Second Hour after Meeting for Worship:

- Dec. 10 Discussion of Chapter 3, Mothers of Feminism (Charles Schade)
- Dec. 17 Sojourner's breakfast –serving at 9am, please show up by 8:15am. **No Meeting for Worship**
- Dec. 24 Carol Singing
- Dec. 31 Worship Sharing
- Jan. 7 Meeting for Business
- Jan 14 Thurgood Marshall discussion (Nate Bowles)
- Jan 21 Mothers of Feminism, Chapter 4
- Jan 28 SAYMA assessment discussion

Bible study will meet at 6:30 pm on Dec 13th (Schades'), Dec 27th (TBA).

Book Discussion and Potluck will be Friday, December 8th at the Wellons'. Potluck at 6pm, discussion at 7pm. The book is **Dandelion Wine** by Ray Bradbury.

Queries for December

- Do we keep our spirit of simplicity throughout the holiday season?
- Do we give of ourselves rather than thinking solely of material gifts for those we love?
- Take time to ponder the spiritual aspects of the holiday season. What deeper meaning does this season have for you?

SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Visit (November 18th): Diana Masso indicated that all members of the Ministry and Nurture Committee felt supported and welcomed by our Meeting. This committee formulated a report during their stay in Charleston, which they will submit to Representative Meeting.

State of the Meeting Report – Assessment of Queries: Charles Schade will solicit input from our Meeting until January 15th and will submit a draft of the *State of the Meeting Report* in early February for approval in early March. The final edition will be presented at March Meeting for Business. This SOM report is due to SAYMA on March 15th.

Swannanoa Meeting is asking *Friends Fiduciary* for advice on removing investments complicit with Israeli oppression of Palestine. Swannanoa is asking other SAYMA Meetings, including ours, for input on this issue. Conni Lewis asked what specific companies would be involved, including pharmaceuticals. Charles will contact Bob Welch, Clerk of Swannanoa Meeting, about this. It was suggested we take a positive, rather than punitive approach to this issue.

CFM environment at RCCR: The artificial scent in the RCCR building causes physical problems for a few of our attenders. What are the alternatives to artificial scent? Conni Lewis and Diana Masso will contact RCCR regarding making an arrangement that will work for our Meeting as well as RCCR employees.

Nominations for Meeting positions: It was mentioned that we should take care of this in the coming month. To move forward, we need to circulate a list of responsible positions in our Meeting and have those interested contact our Clerk by Christmas. Charles Schade will create a memo notifying Friends to indicate their interest in serving Charleston Friends Meeting. This includes those led to accept new responsibilities as well as for those willing to continue in their current positions.

Our Library: Our library is in dire need of pruning. Many books are not used and, indeed, we are not aware of many of the books we have. Carolyn and Charles Schade have offered to do this. They will pick out books they deem crucial to retain and offer the rest to Friends for their personal libraries. Those books left over will be recycled to Taylor Books, offered to other Meetings, and/or sold online. This was approved by Meeting.

A **membership celebration for Scott Womack** will be planned at a later date.

Meeting was closed in silence.

Susan Wellons, Recording Clerk