

Charleston Friends Meeting

RCCR Building
(Religious Coalition for Community Renewal)
1516 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV
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Meeting for Business

May 7, 2017

Meeting was opened in silence.

Minutes of the previous Meeting for Business were approved.

Treasurer's Report for April was received and accepted.

SAYMA: We need the report composed by the Uplifting Racial Justice Committee in order to respond to racial concerns at SAYMA and FGC. Karen Wise will contact SAYMA's Clerk and also Carol Nickel, Clerk of the SAYMA Planning Committee to request this report.

Diana Masso requested Meeting grant her a partial stipend to attend SAYMA's annual gathering in June. This was approved.

WV Interfaith Refugee Ministry: Diana Masso had no update on this except to say no Syrians will be part of any future refugee group coming to Charleston.

West Virginia Fall Gathering: The planning committee met April 22nd at the Wellons home. The next planning meeting will be **May 27th**. Waffles, coffee, berries and whipped cream will be served. All are welcome, but please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

John Lozier: John (Morgantown Meeting) is developing a performance itinerary for a Colombian harpist, Hildo Ariel Aguirre, who will be in the US July 6-23. John is asking for donors and sponsors for his tour as well as ideas for venues where Aguirre could perform. After some discussion, our Meeting agreed to provide hospitality for John and Aguirre, a \$200. donation, and help in finding venues to perform.

Calendar:

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

Activities for Second Hour after Meeting for Worship:

May 14: OPEN (Mothers' Day)

May 21: Discussion of Uplifting Racial Justice Committee issues

May 28: OPEN (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 4: Meeting for Business

June 11: Discussion on Interpersonal Neurobiology (Diana Masso)

June 18: OPEN (SAYMA Yearly Meeting)

June 25: George Fox discussion: Chapter 18

Bible Study will meet at 7 pm on May 17th at the Wellons. May 31st and June venues to be decided.

Our next **Book Discussion Group** will meet Friday, June 23rd at the Wellons'. Potluck at 6pm, discussion at 7pm. The book is **Storming Heaven**. The author, Denise Giardina, may be present.

Queries for May

- Do you try to set aside times of quiet for openness to the Holy Spirit?
- How does Jesus speak to you today?
- Are you open to the healing power of God's love?

Ministry and Nurture: Diana Masso has agreed to be Clerk of Ministry and Nurture. Steve Mininger, is stepping down from this position and had these thoughts:

- Stay in tune with what is happening with the Meeting and individuals in the Meeting.
- Take an active role in second hour activities, especially book study discussions.
- Be attentive to newcomers and see that they have a Meeting brochure. (Most others in Meeting do this also.) Steve Wellons can print new brochures as needed.
- Find queries for the newsletter.
- I attended a weekend workshop that SAYMA put on a few years ago on the spiritual nature of our meetings.

Like any position held in a Quaker setting, the skills and gifts that one has will determine how this is carried out much more than by following what someone else has done.

Farewell Gathering: There will be a farewell celebration for Steve and Marty Mininger on May 20th at Kanawha State Forest. It will be at 1pm at shelter #9. We hope to see you there!

Charleston Friends Meeting correspondence was distributed by Steve Wellons.

Meeting was closed in silence.