

Space Coast Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
January 12, 2003

Present: Tom Marcinkowski, Barbara Deppner, David Robinson, Jack Deppner, Gail Rogers, Marie Marcinkowski.

1. Meeting opened with a moment of silence.
2. Queries – the following queries were read from Faith and Practice of Southeastern Yearly Meeting:
Do your resident members attend meetings regularly and punctually?
To what extent are your meetings for worship attended by persons not in membership, and are they welcomed and encouraged to continue attendance?
Are your meetings for business held in a spirit of love, understanding and forbearance, and do you seek the right course of action in a patient search for unity?

Response: Resident members attend with varying regularity and punctuality. Punctuality was not considered to be as important in our meeting as in a large meeting with many people coming in. We receive few visitors or attendance by those not in membership in the Religious Society of Friends.

3. Minutes of meeting for business from December, 2002 were read and approved with a few corrections.
4. We received a notice of our change in directory information from Friends Journal. Approved was a payment of \$10 for adding a phone number, and website information.
5. The clearness committee for James Ascher and Joy Parks reported that the first meeting with the couple has taken place. David and Tom reported that they have talked with James and/or Joy and they found the meeting helpful and stimulating of discussion. The meeting is waiting for them to respond with potential dates for a next meeting. Barbara will double-check that they received the queries sent to them.
6. The next meeting for clearness for Marie Marcinkowski will meet this coming Wednesday at 6:30 at Barbara's home. The committee has not met since last meeting for business.
7. The celebration of welcoming for Matthew Marcinkowski will take place on February 23, 2003. Cards will be made available for writing wishes for him after meeting for worship, as well as a certificate for all to sign. Gail will find out how certificates for welcoming are worded in the St. Louis Monthly Meeting. Schedule for the day will include our regular meeting for worship from 11 to 11:45 AM, with a 15 minutes break, and a called meeting for worship for welcoming Matthew from 12 to 12:15 followed by a potluck lunch. Plans will be reviewed at the next meeting for business.
8. The deferred questions of whether we want to continue as a monthly meeting (versus becoming a worship group again) was revisited, along with whether nominating committee should be constituted. The question of whether to continue as a monthly meeting will be considered in a called meeting for clearness on this issue at the rise of meeting for worship on January 26th. We were reminded that 4 key points to consider are whether we wish to take part in the larger Friends community, including meeting our financial responsibility, meet for weekly worship, meet for monthly meeting for business, and consider queries at meeting for business.

To be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Rogers