

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

09 February 2003

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business was held 09 February 2003. In attendance were Tom Marcinkowski, Marie Marcinkowski, Barbara Deppner (clerk), and David Robinson.

Meeting opened with a moment of silence. Two queries were then considered, with insightful comments: Is the vocal ministry in your meeting exercised under the leading of the Spirit?, and Are you sensitive to one another's needs and to God's promptings, whether your response be in silence or through the spoken word?

Tom Marcinkowski (acting treasurer) reported a current balance of \$474.33, and that after the deposit of two items the balance will be greater than \$500.

Tom reported the results of inquiries he was requested by the meeting to make regarding a new requirement for schools to provide personal information of students to military recruiters. Sarah Stern (Director of Public Relations for Brevard County Public Schools) told Tom that compliance allows an 'opt out' process, and that Brevard County Schools has a process in place to support that option. It is incumbent upon students to request this. Jeanne Herrick-Stare (FCNL) provided some background information on the inclusion of this provision in the "No Child Left Behind" law. FCNL is working with the ACLU and other members of coalition to reverse this requirement. FCNL foresees a change from the 'opt out' provision to an 'opt in' specification. FCNL also recommends bringing our views on this subject to the attention of our local members of the House of Representatives. Contact info for Jeanne is "jeanne@fcnl.org".

Attention then turned to calendar items:

- 2/12 Next meeting of committee for clearness for Marie's membership request.
- 2/15 Peace March starting from Front Street Park at 1 p.m.
- 2/16 Nominating Committee to meet following rise of Meeting for Worship
- 2/22 Matt M's Birthday
- 2/23 Matt M's Welcome to SCMM at noon, following abbreviated (11:00-11:45 Worship), followed by potluck (bring a dish, and a beverage of choice) 3/9 Monthly Meeting: include 'Monthly Meeting' vs. 'Worship Group' discussion

Discussion of status of State of the Meeting statement for Documents in Advance resulted in a number of items for inclusion to be drafted by David Robinson, and circulated for comment. Deadline for submittal has passed, but we want to submit our statement for possible inclusion, nonetheless.

Meeting was concluded with a closing moment of silence.

David Robinson, acting recording clerk in absence of Gail Rogers