

Visalia Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

October 14, 2007

Members and Attenders Present: David Chandler, Bill & Beth Lovett, Greg Seastrom, David & Klara East, Dick Hannigan, Graciela Martinez, Mark Koenig, Bob & Joy Marshall, Olga McCallister, Ed Brennan, Patti Howard, Heather Howard, John and Shirley Dackawich, Jeannie Warner

The Meeting began in silence.

David announced that there were several mailings available for viewing and distributed them

Announcements:

Workday! October 27th 8-12. Please sign up!

Agenda Items

Consideration of Quaker Oaks Farm

David reviewed the visioning meeting with Jackie Rhyles and brought forth the meeting discussed by M&O. The minute was revised. Jeannie commented that the gift will benefit the meeting in drawing younger people to the meeting and that this is a great gift. Joy Marshall stated that after much consideration, she was not able to agree to the acceptance of the gift of the Lovett's. Bob needed more details in how the specific workings between the non-profit and the Meeting. He would like to see a business plan. Ed Brennan spoke about the needs of the Meeting and bringing young people to the Meeting. He felt that there was a need for specifics as well. He felt that turning over the farm before there was a specific plan would be irresponsible. Greg spoke about the Meetings tendency for giving. He said that the non-profit needed to be established. He said that we didn't need to transfer title until the Meeting was satisfied with the non-profit plan. Klara spoke moving forward and the unknown. Olga said that we need to develop the program first. David Chandler said that programs cannot happen until there is a commitment to move forward. Joy spoke of the members that are willing to commit to the project. Klara stated that she needed a commitment from the Meeting in order to move forward. David reread the minute. Mark asked for clarity on what the specifics were. John reiterated the minute as a contingency. Bob said that he could support the minute contingent on the plan presented by the non-profit. That those plans be made through business meeting. There was continued discussion regarding the offer. David read a revision of the minute as stated:

Minute 2007 10-14: The Visalia Friends Meeting agrees to accept Bill and Beth Lovett's gift of Quaker Oaks Farm in accordance with the conditions of the offer. We do so with deep gratitude and appreciation of the Lovett's generosity and dedication to Quaker values. To avoid a possibly awkward transition period, we ask that the actual transfer deed occur at the same time that the meeting established a contractual relationship with a non-profit entity to manage the farm. The relationship with the non-profit is to be conditioned on the acceptance at a Meeting for Business of a concrete operational plan with financial projections for a three to five year period.

*Joy will stand aside if there is an alternative plan in case the QOF project was not successful. Bill discussed an option of placing CCRs on the property not allowing it to be sold but rather transferred to a similar group. Joy would like this in writing. **There was agreement on the minute.***

Budget

Bob reviewed the budget, please see attached.

Outreach

Graciela needs volunteers to work on the Billboard

Dick stated that blankets and food are being distributed to the Plainview community.

Nominations

Bob reviewed the nominating committee nominations.

Clerk: Greg Seastrom

Archivist: Jeannie Warner

Host Coordinator: Joy Marshall

Recording Clerk: David East

Statistical Clerk: Bill Lovett

Treasurer: David Dudley

Asst. Treasurer: Bob Marshall

Trustees: Beth Lovett, Bob Marshall

Committees:

Outreach: add Dina and Jesse Snyder, David Chandler, Lisa Bileck

There is an opening for Children's Committee

Respectfully submitted:

David East

Recording Clerk