

**Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of the Meeting for Worship
with a Concern for Business**

June 4, 2017

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:20 pm, and Pamela Wood read a quote from Pema Chodrun, which was also followed by silent worship:

“Genuine compassion comes from the fact that you see your own limitations; you wish to be kind, and you find that you aren’t kind. Then, instead of beating yourself up, you see that that’s what all human beings are up against, and you begin to have...genuine compassion for the human condition.”

Pema Chodrun, The Sun, June 2017

2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on May 29 at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on Sept. 4. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Charlene read a letter of support from M&C for Rob Stevens for Chaplaincy Board Certification process. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Friends approve the letter of support for Rob Stevens for his Chaplaincy Board Certification process, which will be signed by the Clerk.
4. David Fletcher read the written report for Peace and Social Concerns. The Meeting accepts the report. The written report is attached.
5. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. The Meeting accepts the report. The written report is attached.
6. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:

“On Monday, May 22, as a result of having gotten a majority of State Assembly members to commit to voting for the HALT Solitary Confinement bill, the NYCAIC put out a request for letters to the Speaker of the NY State Assembly Carl Heastie asking that he bring the bill to a vote on the floor of the Assembly. Copies were to be sent to Assemblyman Weprin, the Chair of the Correction Committee. They wanted the letters to be sent by May 21.

After consulting with Ernie Buscemi, I wrote a letter to the Speaker with a copy to Assemblyman Weprin using the minute on the HALT bill that the Meeting approved in June 2014. My thanks to the Communications Committee for having the minutes so well organized on the website.”

The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Ernie Buscemi to the Meeting, and the card will be posted on our bulletin board.

Friends accept the report.
6. Friends discussed the rug that is in our library, which is too large for the room. The issue has been forwarded to the Library Committee.
7. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 12:50 pm.
8. Friends made announcements.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Nancy Britton, Jerry Reisig, Daniel A. Seeger, Richard Schmidt, David Fletcher, Charles Sirey, Katherine Alford, Dave Britton, Jane Alexandre, Bryan Oettel, Charlene Ray, Dot Savage, Joyce Richardson, Tom Goodridge, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

Ministry and Counsel Report

For June 4 Business Meeting

1. M&C met on Monday May 29 at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday September 4th at Pam Wood's. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on June 25 hosted by Pam Wood in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. On May 20, about 20 friends gathered for our Spring Retreat. We worshiped, shared, ate and worshiped some more. It was delightful.
5. Bible Study will be on hiatus until September 10, at 9:30am
6. M&C currently has 6 support committees.
7. Our fall retreat at Stony Point Center will be October 6-8. The topic will be Race Awareness. Registration will begin in August.
8. M&C forwards with a recommendation for approval a letter of support for Rob Stevens for his Chaplaincy Board Certification process.
9. Julie Harlow from Friends House Moscow, a small international Quaker non-profit operating in Russia since 1996, will be in town. She is available June 20, 21, and 22 to meet with a small group of friends to discuss changing conditions in Russia and the response of Quakers. If there is interest among friends, or someone willing to host, a small gathering could be arranged.

Treasurer's Narrative Report, June 4, 2017

Expenditures in the month of May added up to \$578.00. General Fund Income amounted to \$424.65. Interest income for the month was \$1.65. This is shown in the fifth column of numbers in the table below. The left column shows the categories in which the expenses occurred.

A communication glitch resulted in a failure to make timely disbursements in the Peace and Social Concerns category. Ordinarily, the schedule would have called for disbursements amounting to approximately \$2,700 in the first five months of the year. The figures in the table represent actual activity, so the year-to-date figures under-report expenses by that amount. In addition, allocations to the Yearly Meeting, which are made quarterly, do not show for the months of April and May in the year-to-date figures. Two months equivalent Yearly Meeting payments amount to \$2,663. So, the expenses for the first five months are under-reported by a total of approximately \$5,400.

More members are instructing their banks to make automatic monthly contribution payments to the Meeting. The Treasurer appreciates this trend; it makes planning easier. Hopefully, more people will be inspired to do this.

The Finance Committee will meet on June 11, 2017 to get out the spring appeal and to discuss some procedural issues. The outcome of the meeting will be reported at the next business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A Seeger, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

		Income/Expense by Category					
		1/10/2017 through 5/31/2017 (Cash Basis)					
6/2/2017	Category	1/10/2017- 1/31/2017	2/1/2017- 2/28/2017	3/1/2017- 3/31/2017	4/1/2017- 4/30/2017	5/1/2017- 5/31/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME							
	General Fund Contribution	1,350.00	1,817.00	2,105.61	4,055.00	424.65	9,552.26
	Interest and Dividends	1.56	1.45	1.56	1.56	1.65	7.78
	TOTAL INCOME	1,351.56	1,618.45	2,107.17	4,056.56	426.30	9,560.04
EXPENSES							
	Huntington House	0.00	0.00	215.68	0.00	0.00	215.68
	MMM Oper. - Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
	NYYM Allocation	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.00
	Operations - Breakfast	0.00	42.00	27.50	30.00	0.00	99.50
	Operations - First Day		360.00	190.00		300.00	850.00
	Child Care	0.00			0.00		
	Operations - Literature	0.00	108.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.43
	Operations - Ministry and Counsel	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	103.00	178.00
	Operations, Comm. - Website	0.00	350.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	875.00
	Outreach — Peace, Social Concerns	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Outreach ~ Scholarships, Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Retreat	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	200.00	2,035.43	4,702.18	505.00	578.00	8,020.61
	OVERALL TOTAL	1,151.56	-416.98	-2,595.01	3,551.56	151.70	1,539.43

Report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Peace & Social Concerns met on May 28, 2017.

Attending were: Pam Wood, Sally Campbell, Richard Schmidt, Naomi Paz-Greenberg, Corona Machemer (acting as clerk)

Because of the long absence from Meeting of the acting clerk while she was in North Carolina with her sister during her sister's final illness and subsequently helping plan and attending the memorial service, no meetings of the committee were held between January 29, 2017 (see Report to February 5 Business Meeting), and May 28.

The meeting opens with a few moments of silence.

1. The committee considers the proposed P&SC Budget for 2017, which was not quite finalized at the January 29 meeting. After making some additional changes (see below), the Committee approves the 2017 budget. The budget is attached. Because of the long hiatus before the budget was finalized, a number of checks scheduled to be issued in March, April and May were not sent. The committee asked the treasurer to issue these checks ASAP.
2. The committee asks that P&C's contribution to the Catholic Worker, which was originally scheduled for April, be made "In Memory of Vince Buscemi" (noted on the memo line of the check and in the covering letter).
3. The committee adds the Sacred Heart Church School in Camden, NJ to the list of organizations to which we contribute. Joyce Richardson is the liaison. To learn more about this extraordinary school, go to <https://sacredheartschoolcamden.org>, and/or talk with Joyce. (The school is listed in the budget as a "Local Hands-On Organization," where it seemed to the Clerk to fit best, though the locale is actually Camden, NJ.)
4. In January, the committee decided not to allocate the entire amount budgeted by the Meeting for P&SC, and to designate the unallocated amount to a new Reserve Fund for emergencies or other additions. This new fund appears as the last item listed in the budget. It currently contains \$450.
5. The committee considers a proposal from Amala Lane that we contribute to the Sane Energy Project, with which she has been involved for two years. Friends are asked to go to their website, <https://saneenergyproject.org>, to learn more about it.

Amala writes that she has found the group to be a very effective one that "partners well with dozens of other grassroots advocacy organizations that get results: moratorium on fracking; stopping the LNG port off Long Island; training grassroots organizers to expand capacity." Her main connection there is one of the co-directors, Kim Fraczek, who "personally is an example of courage," having been "arrested numerous times for direct action to prevent fracking infrastructure from destroying the environment."

The committee decides to ask Amala to invite someone from the organization to make a presentation about their work to the meeting.

The next meeting of Peace & Social Concerns will take place on June 11, the second Sunday in June.

The meeting concludes with silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Corona Macheimer, Acting Clerk

2017 Peace and Social Concerns Committee Budget

	2017 Budget	Schedule
<i>Local Hands-on Organizations</i>		
Catholic Worker (Vince)	400.00	April As Re- requested
Woodbourne Prison Worship Group (Pam & Helen)	300.00	Aug
Alternatives to Violence Project (Pam Wood)	400.00	Dec
Breathing Space (David Fletcher)	500.00	Dec
Huntington House (Helen)	200.00	June
Redemption Center (Helen & Pam))	600.00	Dec
Flushing Interfaith Council (Naomi)	350.00	May
ARCH (Charlene)	200.00	Dec
Brooklyn for Peace (Pam)	100.00	June
Sacred Heart Church School, Camden, NJ (Joyce)	200.00	
<i>Wider Quaker Fellowship</i>		
FLGBTQC (Robert Renwick)	200.00	Dec
Friends World Cttee for Consultation (FWCC) (Ernie)	400.00	Dec
Quaker House of Fayetteville (David Britton)	200.00	July
Ramallah Friends School (FUM) (Pam)	600.00	March
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (Vince)	400.00	March
FCNL (Kathy)	700.00	March
Friends General Conference (Vince & Ernie)	400.00	May
AFSC: Healing & Justice NE Region (Pam)	600.00	Nov
NY Yearly Meeting Sharing Fund (Helen)	600.00	Nov
Quaker UN Office (Ernie)	400.00	Sept
NYQM African Education Committee (Corona)	1,000.00	Nov
Right Sharing of World Resources (Sally)	400.00	
<i>National/ International Organizations</i>		
National Religious Campaign Against Torture (Dave Britton)	300.00	Dec
Progresa Guatemala (Charlotte)	200.00	July
Christian Peacemaker Teams (Naomi)	500.00	June
Center for Conscience and War (Pam)	300.00	Dec
Lambi Fund in Haiti (Sally)	600.00	

	2017 Budget	Schedule
Amani Global Works (Dave Evans)	500.00	Nov
AGLI (African Great Lakes Initiative) (Pam)	500.00	Dec
<i>Environment</i>		
Quaker Earthcare Witness (Tom Goodridge)	300.00	Dec
<i>Total Provisionally Allocated (5/28/2017)</i>	12,350.00	
<i>P & SC Reserve Fund (for emergencies) (5/28/2017)</i>	450.00	
<i>TOTAL (Including Reserve Fund)</i>	\$12,800.00*	

***Equivalent to P&SC's Budget from Meeting in
2017**