

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Minutes for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on 2016-11-06

2016-11-06.1 Our clerk, Pam Wood, reads from “Think of Others” by Mahmoud Darwish from Almond Blossoms and Beyond:

- As you prepare your breakfast, think of others
(do not forget the pigeon’s food).
- As you wage your wars, think of others
(do not forget those who seek peace).
- As you pay your water bill, think of others
(those who are nursed by clouds).
- As you return home, to your home, think of others,
(do not forget the people of the camps).
- As you sleep and count the stars, think of others
(those who have nowhere to sleep).
- As you express yourself in metaphor, think of others
(those who have lost the right to speak).
- As you think of others far away, think of yourself
(say: If only I were a candle in the dark).

2016-11-06.2 The Meeting approves Nancy Britton as recording clerk for today.

2016-11-06.3 David Fletcher reads the M&C Report and the Meeting accepts it. The report is attached.

2016-11-06.4 The Marriage Clearness Committee met with Bart Dominus and Virginia Shipley and brings forward their request with a recommendation for approval. The Meeting approves their marriage, to take place during Meeting for Worship on December 11th, with a reception to follow on the 13th floor. Their marriage oversight committee is Ernie Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Stephen McDonnell and Pamela Wood. The Meeting approves.

2016-11-06.5 M&C asks the Meeting for discussion on the frequency of our Meeting retreats. The Meeting asks M&C to consider a retreat in the spring for one day. The sense of the Meeting is to have a week-end retreat at least once a year.

2016-11-06.6 Jane Alexander requests a transfer of membership from Chappaqua Meeting to Morningside Meeting. The Meeting approves. The Welcoming Committee is Pam Wood, Naomi Paz Greenberg, and David Fletcher.

2016-11-06.7 Corona Machermer reads the Peace & Social Concerns report. The Meeting accepts the report as attached.

2016-11-06.8 The NYQM Clerk’s report is read by our clerk, Pam Wood. Discussion and clarification follows. The Meeting accepts the report and is as follows:

NYQM Clerk’s Report 11-6-16

1. Andy von Salis, Clerk of the NY Quarterly Meeting, has announced that the next three Quarterly Meetings are scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2016, at Brooklyn Meeting; Sunday, April 16, 2016, at 15th Street and Saturday, July 15th, 2016, at the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park.
2. Ann Kjelberg, Clerk of the NY Quarterly Meeting Trustees announced the last two Visioning Meetings.
15th Street Meetinghouse - November 7th

4:00 - 6:00 PM - team available for comments and discussion of the 10/5/16 draft of the Overall Vision Plan (written document)

6:00 - 9:00 PM - work shop with presentation and discussion of Strategic Master Plan - focus on 15th Street, review of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Meetinghouse - November 17th

4:00 - 6:00 PM - team available for comments and discussion of the 10/5/16 draft of the Overall Vision Plan (written document)

6:00 - 9:00 PM - work shop with presentation and discussion of Strategic Master Plan - focus on Brooklyn, review of 15th Street

3. There will be a Quaker UN Office Worship for the staff on Wednesday, November 30th, from noon to 1:45 pm. Ernie Buscemi is requesting that this month's worship be under the care of Morningside Meeting. It's wonderful if two or three people from Meeting can be present for lunch and worship. Ernie is the contact person.

2016-11-06.9 The QUNO office worship will be under the care of Morningside Meeting on Wednesday, November 30th, 12-1:45pm. The Meeting approves. Pam Wood and Ernie Buscemi are attending and any Morningsiders are welcome to attend. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

2016-11-06.10 Charlene Ray reads the Treasurer's report. The Meeting accepts the report and is attached.

2016-11-06.11 Discussion follows on the level of support for Friend's Journal subscriptions when giving a new member a gift subscription. Should our Meeting pay the full cost of production, the lesser regular subscription rate, or the \$25 new subscriber rate? Our clerk will bring this concern back to the Meeting in December. The Meeting approves.

2016-11-06.12 Bernard Winter reads his proposal for an alternative means of lighting for our meeting room, as attached. The sense of the Meeting is generally positive and a committee of Richard Schmidt, Sally Campbell, and Charlotte Erhman will work with Bernard and report at the December business meeting. Friends approve.

2016-11-06.13 Corona Machermer reads the Communications Report. Questions are answered. The Meeting accepts the report and is attached.

2016-11-06.14 The Meeting closes with silent worship at 1:45pm.

Attendance: Matthew Bell, Nancy Britton, Sally Campbell, Joseph Campagna, Maria Cordones, Barton Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, David Fletcher, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Corona Machermer, Bryan Oettel, Charlene Ray, Robert Renwick, Richard Schmidt, Virginia Shipley, Kathy Stackhouse, Bernard Winter, Pamela Wood

Nancy Britton, recording clerk