

Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
October 1, 2017

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:25 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from *Sixteen Quaker Leaders Speak*, edited by Leonard Kenworthy:

“Writing of the reasons for establishing a Meeting for Business, [George Fox] said, ‘That so all the family of God, women as well as men, might know, possess, and discharge their offices in the house of God, whereby the poor might be better taken care of and looked after, and the younger instructed, informed and taught the way of God; the loose and disorderly reprov’d and admonish’d in the fear of the Lord; the clearness of persons propounding marriage more closely and strictly inquired into, in the wisdom of God, and all the members of the spiritual body, the Church, might watch over each other and be helpful to each other in love.’”

The reading was also followed by silent worship.

2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on Sept. 25th at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on October 30th. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Friends approved the request from Greg Batista for a transfer of membership to Brooklyn Meeting.
4. Friends approved the release from membership of Laurel Maury.
5. Friends approved the release from membership of Charles Davey.
6. Friends approved the release of David Evans from his service to M&C.
7. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. After some discussion, Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
8. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:

While this is the time for the Nominating Committee to begin asking people to consider their participation in the work of the Meeting, the personal circumstances of several members of the Nominating Committee do not permit them to work on this at this time. Charlotte Ehrman is recovering from hip surgery and is unable to come to Meeting. Emily and Burr Eckstut are now parents of a 3-week-old boy, Charles, and are preparing to move back to the city shortly. Emily has indicated that they are not able to do anything for the next two months, though they have not officially asked for release from service and do hope to be back at Meeting soon.

The question is how should we move forward? One suggestion from Ernie has been to ask for a naming committee to find some additional members for Nominating who would be willing to serve either for the remainder of this year or who would be willing to take positions for the class of 2020. We would then need to call a special Meeting for Business. The best time for this, given the constraints of time, and NY Quarterly Meeting here on the third Sunday, would be during our retreat where we have 24 people planning to attend. Of course, this would only work if we had nominations. Another way we can move forward is to appoint two people to be interim members of the Nominating Committee until the end of the year. Sally Campbell and Stephen McDonnell are willing to serve if the Meeting approves.

In the meantime, it would be helpful for people who wish to serve let Lee Rada and Peter Beck know that are interested in serving. Those who have one-year positions, which need to be approved each year, could also indicate whether they wish to continue to serve.

We need to decide if we want to have a naming committee, get volunteers and decide whether the Meeting agrees to a called Meeting for Business on Sunday, October 8 just after our Meeting for Worship at Stonypoint if we have nominations or we can approve Sally and Stephen as interim members until January.

Another question I have for the Meeting is whether we wish to make a special contribution to relief work as a response to the hurricanes of the last weeks, especially Puerto Rico?

How is our planning for Quarterly Meeting in two weeks? Do we have childcare? Have we alerted Riverside to the extended day? How do we wish to handle food?

Friends accept the report.

9. Friends approve Sally Campbell and Stephen McDonnell to serve as interim members of the Nominating Committee.
10. Friends approved contribution of \$300 to Puerto Rico through the Hispanic Federation from our budget line Miscellaneous Contributions Fund in Peace and Social Concerns. Individual contributions from Friends to the Hispanic Federation are encouraged.
11. Friends discussed the Jones Act, in particular its impact on Puerto Rico, and a petition for its suspension for one year. Friends are encouraged to write to their representatives directly; that this has more impact than signing a petition. We may have a letter writing campaign during October.
12. Morningside Monthly Meeting hosting of Quarterly Meeting October 15: Riverside Church has approved our use space until 5:00 p.m. We have childcare set for the morning. We are searching for childcare workers for the afternoon. Friends are encouraged to bring food. Kathy Stackhouse will send an announcement out to our mailing list. On the morning of Quarterly Meeting, Joyce Richardson will call security for 60 chairs, and Sally Campbell will call about our regularly needed chairs (50), but not on that day.
13. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:00 p.m.
14. Friends made announcements.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Dot Savage, Sally Campbell, Charlene Ray, Peter Beck, David Fletcher, Charles Sirey, Jane Alexandre, Kathy Stackhouse, Bernard Winter, Joyce Richardson, Richard Schmidt, Lee Rada, Wallace B. Boyd, Tom Goodridge, Daniel A. Seeger, Robert Renwick, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

Ministry and Counsel Report

For October 1st Business Meeting

1. M&C met on Monday September 25th at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday October 30th at Pam Wood's. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on October 22nd hosted by Charlene Ray in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Bible Study will not be held in October. It will resume in November
5. M&C currently has 5 support committees.
6. Our fall retreat at Stony Point Center will be next weekend, October 6-8. The topic will be Race Awareness. If you have concerns about travel speak to someone on M&C.
7. M&C is considering the meetings interest in Quaker sixes or in spiritual nurturance groups. If you have an interest in being a part of either of these groups sign up on the sheet on the counter or speak to someone from M&C.
8. Ministry and Counsel forwards a request from Greg Batista for a transfer of membership to Brooklyn Meeting with a recommendation for approval.
9. Ministry and Counsel recommends release from membership of Laurel Maury and Charles Davey both long absent from meeting.
10. At his request M&C requests that David Evans be released from his service to the committee

Treasurer's Narrative Report, September 30, 2017

As of September 30, 2017, all bills have been paid up-to-date: child care, website maintenance, peace and social concerns disbursements, and the New York Yearly Meeting allocation.

Members have continued to contribute generously, either on a random basis or by means of monthly checks issued automatically by their banks.

As a result of this spending and income activity, at the end of the third quarter the Meeting had achieved 59% of its budgeted annual income (Page 3, Line 18, column 4) and had spent 63% of the annually budgeted amount (Page 3, Line 45, column 4) for its various activities. So, for the current year, so far, the Meeting's expenditures exceed its income by \$1,474.94 (Page 2, lower right).

The expense figures for the year-to-date include an \$1,100.00 allocation for the Retreat, which will be restored from retreat fees. But \$5,750.00 also remains to be distributed to charitable organizations during the rest of the year under the approved Peace and Social Concerns budget. So, for the Meeting to break even at the end of December will require an end-of-the-year outpouring by members and attenders.

Members' and attenders' faithful financial support for the Meeting is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report, June 30, 2017

Income/Expense by Category

1/10/2017 through 9/30/2017 (Cash Basis)

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	6/1/2017- 6/30/2017	7/1/2017- 7/31/2017	8/1/2017- 8/31/2017	9/1/2017- 9/30/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME										
General Fund Contribution	1,350.00	1,617.00	2,105.61	4,055.00	424.65	6,518.00	1,891.30	2,929.12	1,175.25	22,065.93
Interest and Dividends	1.56	1.45	1.56	1.56	1.65	1.61	1.65	1.67	0.00	12.71
TOTAL INCOME	1,351.56	1,618.45	2,107.17	4,056.56	426.30	6,519.61	1,892.95	2,930.79	1,175.25	22,078.64
EXPENSES										
Huntington House	0.00	0.00	215.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215.68
MMM Oper. - Hospital- ity	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	350.00
NYYM Allocation	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	11,982.00
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	42.00	27.50	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.50
Operations - Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.97
Operations - First Day Child Care	0.00	360.00	190.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	635.00	1,485.00
Operations - Literature	0.00	108.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.43
Operations - Ministry and Counsel	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	103.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	303.00
Operations, Comm. - Website	0.00	350.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	525.00	1,575.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
Outreach - Scholarships, Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Retreat	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	200.00	2,035.43	4,702.18	505.00	578.00	8,003.97	0.00	1,225.00	6,304.00	23,553.58
OVERALL TOTAL	1,151.56	-416.98	-2,595.01	3,551.56	-151.70	-1,484.36	1,892.95	1,705.79	-5,128.75	-1,474.94

Balance Sheet

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to-date (Sept 30)	Percent of Budget
1	Balances at the Beginning of the Year			
2		37,437	37,438	
3	Funds Restricted as to Use			
4		782	782	
5		500	500	
6		38,720	38,720	
	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:			
7		(2,218)	(1,858)	
8		500	500	
9		144	144	
10		37,146	37,506	
11				
12	Income			
13	31,254	37,686	22,066	59
14	18		13	
15	(780.00)			
16				
17	1,665			
18			216	
19		32,157	37,686	22,294
20				59
21	Expenses			
22	15,397	15,976	11,982	75
23	Outreach:			
24	11,568	12,800	6,000	47
25	0	300	216	72
26	660	2,000	300	15
27	Operations			
28	2,100	2,100	1,575	75
29		540		
30		300		
31		50		
32	1,460	2,320	1,485	64
33	0			
34	373	300	350	117
35	101	200	100	50
36	25	200	303	152
37			1,100	
38	177	300	35	
39	297	300	108	36
40		32,157	37,686	23,554
41			270	
42	Transfers to Restricted Reserves			
43	Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality			
44	Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality			
45		32,157	37,686	23,824
46				63
47	Balances at the End of the Year:			
48		37,438	35,219	34,541
49	Funds Restricted as to Use			
50		782	782	566
51		500	500	500

52	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:	38,720	36,502	35,607
53	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	(2,218)		0
54	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500
55	Petty cash for Hospitality	144	144	254
56	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	37,146	37,146	36,361