

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business  
5/3/2015

Meeting begins at 12:20 pm directly following Meeting for Worship. The clerk reads a passage from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

present: Ernie Buscemi, Charlene Ray, Charlotte Ehrmann, Lucille Adinoff, Patricia Chernoff, Peter Beck, Bryan Oettel, Vince Buscemi, Jerry Reisig, Richard Schmidt, Glen Josey, Cynthia Schwann, Caroline Bank, Rosita Fernandez-Rojo, David Fletcher, John Burton, Sally Campbell, Joyce Richardson, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Corona Macheimer, Kathy Stackhouse, Karen Taborn, Katherine Alford, Calvin Ramsey, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk).

20150503.1 Corona Macheimer presents the Peace and Social Concerns Committee report. Friends note the "No Separate Justice" vigil. Following up on our "fishbowl" event about the new civil rights movement Friends note the upcoming Transformative Practices and Restorative Justice Conference to be held at Lehmann College, the work of the New York Yearly Meeting Black Concerns and Prison Committee, and opportunities to educate ourselves to lobby and to participate with other faith-based organizations' actions. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20150503.2 Ernie Buscemi reads the annual State of the Meeting Report from Woodbourne Prison Worship Group, which is under the care of Morningside Meeting. Friends accept the report, which is attached. The prison Worship Group meets weekly and has outside visitors for 3 weeks out of 4 each month, meeting without visitors once a month.

20150503.3 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. The Meeting received \$1,836 in April and expensed \$764. We are at about 20.8% of our annual budget for contributions. The Finance Committee is planning a fundraising appeal for financial support in mid-May. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20150503.4 Naomi Paz Greenberg reports briefly on our Meeting With Children. We now have a paid person to assist the Meeting's volunteers. There are always at least two adults present. The Meeting makes clear to all parents that they can bring children and still attend Meeting themselves.

20150503.5 Jerry Reisig presents the Communications Committee report. The database of members and attenders is now updated and forwarded to Ministry and Counsel for review. The calendar of events now has appropriate date stamp formats. Corona Macheimer and Kathy Stackhouse are developing a printable newsletter format to draw from the web site's material. We have been placing references to the web site in search engines and other locations. Friends are asked to report any incorrect information found from web searches or on other sites. The committee is discussing the use of graphics and placing documents such as the ARCH advance directives on the website. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20150503.6 Jerry Reisig presents the Ministry and Counsel Committee report. The next meeting will be on 6/4 at Stephen McDonnell's office at 7:30 pm. Upcoming events include Bible Study on second Sundays (next on 5/10) at 9:30 am. The fourth Sunday Welcoming Breakfast is scheduled in the Riverside Cafe on 5/24 at 9:30 am. Work is underway to replace

the "red book" with a tablet or computer for use here, for people to enter their contact information. The Morningside retreat is scheduled to be held at the Presbyterian Retreat Center at Stony Point on 10/2-4 or 10/16-17. The cost will be \$200 per person for 2 nights and 6 meals. The memorial for Edd Fenner is scheduled for 7/12; details are being worked out. A visitation to the Quarterly Meeting Cemetery Committee is being scheduled to educate Friends about the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park, and to get Friends' opinions and suggestions. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

In Friendship,  
Dave Britton, recording clerk

## **Morningside Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, May 3, 2015**

### **Report for Peace & Social Concerns**

Peace & Social Concerns meets on April 12, 2015 at 1:00 pm, following Meeting for Worship.

Attending are: Patricia Chernoff, David Fletcher, Dave Britton, Robert Renwick, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi, Naomi Paz-Greenberg, Lucille Adinoff, Stephen McDonnell, Corona Macheimer (clerk)

The meeting begins with a few minutes of silent worship.

Naomi Paz-Greenberg reminds us of the No Separate Justice monthly vigils being held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm outside the Metropolitan Correctional Center, a federal prison in lower Manhattan (150 Park Row at the corner of Pearl Street). The vigils are to raise public awareness of the pattern of human rights abuses in the "War on Terror" cases in the federal criminal justice system. People, especially Muslims, are often entrapped into participating in "conspiracies." Those accused of "terrorism-related" offenses have been held for years in solitary confinement before even being tried.

The remainder of the meeting is mostly taken up by a discussion of ways to follow up on the "fishbowl" event held on March 26 to raise awareness of the many facets of the "new civil rights movement" in which a number of Morningsiders are passionately involved and to inspire others among us to become involved. Among the paths to greater engagement suggested are the following.

1. Attend the Transformative Practices & Restorative Justice Conference at Lehman College, of which David Fletcher is a prime organizer. Registration is required. Registration is free for Morningsiders, who should register under "sponsors."
2. Become involved in the work of the NYYM Black Concerns Committee and Prisons Committee.
3. Read up on the issues. A list of relevant books will be developed; those already in our library will be highlighted.
4. Become engaged in lobbying on these issues, at the state and federal levels. At the federal level, the Quaker lobby is the Friends Committee on National Legislation (fcnl.org). For lobbying state legislators and the governor, contact Pam Wood.
5. Try to organize a Morningside presence among faith-based participants in actions organized around these issues by other groups, like Black Lives Matter. If we cannot attend, we can hold those who are participating "on the ground" in the light.

The meeting ends with a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,



Corona Macheimer (co-clerk)

Treasurer's Report for April 2015

Morningside Monthly Meeting

The Meeting took in \$1,836 in April; we expensed \$764 flowing through to \$1,072 net income for the month; April disbursements included a \$400 in P&SC contribution to Catholic Worker, \$200 cash advance for 1<sup>st</sup> Day Childcare and \$6 for contributed photocopying documented with receipts. For the year, we have received \$7,696, disbursed \$7,377 and realized in \$319 net proceeds. A footnote to the balance information on the chart is required; on 4/22/15 the account was mistakenly debited for \$290.86 (a Target purchase has compromised our bank account); at month's end, a remedy was in process but was not realized; the reported \$33,644 in net assets are reported before this debit.

The Finance Committee is planning to mail our spring appeal for financial support in mid-May. This year we may be emailing those folks on our mailing list who have not provided mailing address information. And for your information, we have explored additionally electronic means by which to contribute to Morningside, but the costs (3-4% of the amount sent) and the lack of disclosure as to who benefits have discouraged us from pursuing more electronic methods at this time.

Anticipated May disbursements include \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> Day Childcare, additional website costs and costs of our upcoming spring appeal. P&SC tentatively approved disbursements of \$250 to East New York Farms and a \$600 contribution to for the Urban Food Project is pending clarification for addressing our check.

A reminder: Contributions to the work of the meeting may be made directly from your bank; for information, please contact Charlene Ray, [moneycoach@earthlink.net](mailto:moneycoach@earthlink.net) or leave a message at 212-757-3504.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlene Ray*, Treasurer

May 2, 2015

**Treasurer's Report: 2015**

	Actual 2014	Feb	Mar	April	YTD	% Spent	Budget 2015
Fixed NY Yearly Meeting	14,300.00		3,710.00		3,710.00	25.0%	14,840.00
Total Fixed	14,482.00	0.00	3,710.00	0.00	3,710.00	25.0%	14,840.00
Outreach P&SC/FUN	11,900.00	350.00	1,500.00	400.00	2,250.00	17.6%	12,800.00
& Support Misc. Contrib.	0.00				0.00	0.0%	300.00
Scholarship/Relief	894.00				0.00	0.0%	2,000.00
Total Outreach	12,794.00	350.00	1,500.00	400.00	2,250.00	14.9%	15,100.00
Operating Communications	1,314.32		780.00		780.00	35.6%	2,190.00
Expenses 1st Day/Childcare	0.00			200.00	200.00	21.1%	950.00
Hospitality	334.35	4.99	9.98		174.95	25.0%	700.00
Breakfast	190.57	43.00			60.00	8.0%	750.00
Clerk/ M & C	156.00				0.00	0.0%	200.00
Finance	282.96		7.07	5.95	43.91	12.5%	350.00
Literature	486.28		158.17		158.17	45.2%	350.00
Total Operating Expenses	2,764.48	47.99	797.05	364.12	1,417.03	25.8%	5,490.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>30,040.48</b>	<b>397.99</b>	<b>6,007.05</b>	<b>764.12</b>	<b>7,377.03</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>35,430.00</b>
<b>Income</b>							
Contributions	31,427.46	1,212.99	1,773.47	1,834.95	7,690.28		
Interest	16.67	1.54	1.42	1.41	5.77		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,444.13</b>	<b>1,214.53</b>	<b>1,774.89</b>	<b>1,836.36</b>	<b>7,696.05</b>		<b>35,430.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,403.65</b>	<b>816.54</b>	<b>(4,232.16)</b>	<b>1,072.24</b>	<b>319.02</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Assets</b>							
Ending Bank Balance	33,678.43	36,527.91	32,573.06	33,644.30			
Hospitality Petty Cash	43.29	193.29	193.29	193.29			
Cash at Schwab	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00			
Cash Child Care				200.00			
Cash Charlene	0.00	(43.00)	0.00	0.00			
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Crumlish Bequest	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)			
Hope Lives for Lifers	(16.99)	(16.99)	(16.99)	(16.99)			
Huntington House	(421.92)	(282.19)	(282.19)	(282.19)			
From Prior Year	(1,365.65)	(957.65)	(0.00)	(0.00)			
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>31,432.16</b>	<b>34,921.37</b>	<b>31,967.17</b>	<b>33,238.41</b>			
Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is							
\$11,000, 1/2013-12/2015							
In kind contributions							
Hospitality		\$4.99	\$9.98	\$0.00	\$24.95		
Finance		\$0.00	\$8.49	\$5.95	\$45.33		

## **Morningside Communications Report May 3, 2015**

Last Meeting April 19 in Riverside Restaurant

### **Database Management**

- Database has been updated and made consistent
- Vonn has created an administrative tool to download the user database
- Labels created for Charlene mailing

### **Calendar**

- Time stamp on posts have been changed to display Standard vs. Military Time

### **Newsletter**

- Corona and Katherine will develop Newsletter format and bring back to next meeting. We can then discuss its distribution.

### **Expanding presence**

- Jerry has added us to Yelp and will investigate other places that Morningside could be mentioned in. Members are asked to report to the committee incorrect information found in searches on other sites.

### **Pictures**

- A short discussion was held on whether or not we want pictures on the site and what kind.

### **ARCH directives**

- Jerry is talking to Charlene about ways to ARCH directive information online

Next meeting has not yet been announced

## Ministry and Counsel Report - May 3, 2015

The last meeting was held Thursday April 30 at the office of Stephen McDonnell. We began with worship at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Stephen's office. All members and attenders are invited for the first half of the meetings.

### Upcoming Regular Events

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Bible Study:** May 10: Jerry

**4th Sunday Welcome Breakfast:** May 24: Jack will host

**4th Sunday Discussions:** May 24: "Celtic Spirituality": Jack:

**Expansion of M&C** It was determined that the work of M&C requires more members (we have only 6 - all male - rather than a full slate of 9), so we will keep our eyes open for other possible (engaged) members to recommend to Nominating.

**Red Book:** Jerry is working with Vonn to develop a way for visitors to submit their contact information directly onto a computer or tablet after Meeting

**Retreat:** Morningside retreat will take place at the Presbyterian Retreat Center at Stony Point, NY. The cost for individuals will be \$220 for 2 nights and 6 meals. Possible dates are Oct. 2-4 or Oct 16 -17. Mason is working with Stoney Point to determine the dates. One possible session at the retreat might be on the "clutter" in our lives, including our use of technology. Sept. 4th Sunday discussion may be devoted to promoting the retreat.

**Memorial Meeting for Edd Fenner:** July 12 has been set as the date. Stephen will help with invitations; Ernie will coordinate potluck. We need someone to lead the worship. It was recommended that the Memorial Minute be prepared and approved by Business Meeting before the event.

**Cemetery Committee:** Mary Owen, clerk of the Quarterly cemetery committee has asked for time to address individual Meetings about usage of the cemetery: We are providing June 7 as a possible date.

Bart and Virginia will have a wedding sometime in the Fall, although the date is not yet set. If they wish to have a Quaker wedding, a wedding committee will need to be organized.

Jerry will take a report of this Meeting for Business.

We closed with worship at 8:40 p.m.