

Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
March 4, 2018

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:25 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from John Woolman in Sixteen Quaker Leaders Speak:

“There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath different names. It is, however, pure, and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stand in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren, in the best sense of the word.”

The reading was also followed by silent worship.

2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on February 26th at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on March 26th at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. After some discussion, Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. After some discussion, Friends accept the report, and it is attached.
4. Corona Macheimer gave the Peace and Social Concerns report. Friends discussed the proposal to join the National Farm Worker Ministry: Together with Farm Workers, Harvesting Justice and their boycott of Wendy’s, and discussed their Freedom Fast March 11th through March 15th. Friends accept the report. The report is attached.
5. The proposed minute from Peace and Social Concerns was discussed. The minute:
“Morningside Monthly Meeting endorses the boycott of Wendy’s, which is sponsored by the National Farm Workers Ministry: Together with Farm Workers, Harvesting Justice.”
Friends approve the minute.
6. Sally Campbell made the following announcement as a follow-up on the #2 item in the Peace and Social Concerns report:
The FCNL Advocacy Team has invited Dan Jasper and Linda Lewis of AFSC to speak on preventing war with North Korea which is FCNL’s priority this year for its Advocacy Teams. It is to be at the 15th Street Meetinghouse on Thursday April 12th from 7:00 to 9:00. All are welcome.
7. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:

The New York Coalition Against Isolated Confinement requested that organizations join it in supporting a petition to Carl Heastie, the Democratic Speaker of the NY State Assembly to schedule a vote on the Assembly’s Criminal Justice Package that includes reform of solitary confinement, bail, full disclosure of evidence before a trial, faster trials and other reforms. Although the bill does not go as far as the HALT Solitary Confinement Bill, which we endorsed on June 1, 2014. NYCAIC felt that any improvement to the use of solitary confinement is important. Because of our previous endorsement of the HALT Solitary Confinement bill and NYCAIC’s support of the bill, I felt clear to sign the Meeting

on as a supporter as there was no time to get approval before our Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.

Friends accept the report.

8. The Clerk made the following announcement:

Housing for attenders at Spring Sessions here in New York City, from Friday, April 6 to Sunday, April 8, is still needed. Please contact Helen Garay Toppins at office@nyym.org if you could offer housing for one or two nights. A bed, a sofa or a floor would be welcome.

9. Friends made other announcements.

10. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Sally Campbell, Dave Britton, Nancy Britton, Corona Macheimer, Carlene Ray, Virginia Shipley, Barton Dominus, Peter Beck, Jane Alexandre, Bryan Oettel, Joyce Richardson, Robert Leuze, Kathy Stackhouse, Daniel A. Seeger, Tom Goodridge, Robert Renwick, Jason McGill, Charlotte Ehrman, Bryan Wigfall, Richard Schmidt, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

Ministry and Counsel Report

1. M&C met on Monday February 26th at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday March 26th at Pam Wood's at 7:15 pm. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on March 25th hosted by David Fletcher at 9:30 am in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Also, on March 25th after meeting Pam Wood will lead a worship sharing on the theme of speaking truth.
5. Bible Study will be held on March 11th at 9:30 am.
6. A Racial Justice Study Group will meet after meeting on March 18th. David Fletcher, Karen Taborn, and Helen Garay Toppins have been continuing the work from last fall's retreat on dismantling white privilege and invite the meeting to join them for an ongoing consideration of this topic.
7. Formation of groups for Quaker sixes is ongoing.
8. Formation of new Spiritual Nurture Groups and additions to existing groups is almost complete.
9. M&C currently has 8 support committees and 1 clearness committee.
10. M&C plans to hold a one-day retreat on a Saturday in May as we did last year. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of this event should be in touch with a member of M&C. More details to come.

11. Moving with Spirit. Jane Alexandre and Tom Goodridge invite friends to explore movement in worship on April 1st at 10-10:30 am in the meeting space. Friends will be led into some simple movements and encouraged to move as the spirit leads. No experience necessary.

Treasurer’s Report, March 4, 2018

As is to be expected, activity has been slow during the first two months of the year. Disbursements have been made for child care, Huntington House, a Peace and Social Concerns allocation to the Woodbourne Worship Group, and for members’ and attenders’ breakfasts. The Treasurer awaits the report from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to start the annual schedule of Outreach disbursements. The website manager no longer receives a monthly check but will be paid on a fee-for-service basis when she sends invoices.

Contribution income through March 1, 2018 totaled \$1,248.40. Interest earned came to \$1.68. Income exceeded expenses for the period by \$624.08, but only because we pay the Yearly Meeting covenant on a quarterly rather than a monthly basis.

The large spreadsheet is provided so members can see the budget for the year as amended at the last business meeting. The amended budget was provided to the Secretary so it could be included in the February meeting for business minutes. It will not be necessary to provide the large spreadsheet on a monthly basis. There is one variation in the end-of-year figures for 2017 because a member sent a \$1,000 contribution in mid-February, 2018 which she wanted credited to 2017.

Members and attenders who have difficulty setting up an automatic monthly payment to the Meeting should speak to a platform officer at their local bank branch. The Treasurer can provide the account number and routing code. The regular and predictable support for the Meeting provided by those who do automate their contributions is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

**Income/Expense by Category – Year-to-Date
1/1/2018 through 3/1/2018 (Cash Basis)**

Category	1/1/2018- 1/31/2018	2/1/2018- 2/28/2018	3/1/2018- 3/1/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME				
General Fund Contribution	293.40	455.00	500.00	1,248.40
interest and Dividends	1.68	0.00	0.00	1.68
TOTAL INCOME	295.08	455.00	500.00	1,250.08
EXPENSES				
Huntington House	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	36.00	0.00	36.00
Operations - First Day Child Care	0.00	290.00	0.00	290.00

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Category	1/1/2018- 1/31/2018	2/1/2018- 2/28/2018	3/1/2018- 3/1/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
Outreach - Peace, Social Con- cerns	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	100.00	526.00	0.00	626.00
OVERALL TOTAL	195.08	-71.00	500.00	624.08

Treasurer's Report

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	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget	Year-to-date (March 1)
Balances at the Beginning of the Year				
Unrestricted Reserves		37,438	36,972	36,972
Funds Restricted as to Use				
Huntington House		782	663	663
Crumlish Bequest		500	500	500
Reintegration Fund			500	500
SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:		38,720	38,634	38,634
Minus uncashed checks plus unposted de- posits		(1,858)	(685)	315
Unrestricted funds in Schwab		500	500	500
Unrestricted funds in petty cash (hospital- ity)		144	132	132
TOTAL		37,506	38,581	39,581
Income				
Contributions – General	31,254	38,801	37,680	1,248
Contributions – Restricted as to Use:				
Reintegration Fund		500		
Huntington House		400		
Interest and Dividends	18	19	20	2
Contributions earmarked for other organi- zations	(780.00)			
Retreat Fees		3,060	3,200	
Transfers from Reserves – General	1,665			20
Transfers from Reserves – Restricted				
Huntington House		119		
Crumlish Bequest				
Reintegration Fund				
TOTAL	32,157	42,900	40,900	1,270
Expenses				
New York Yearly Meeting allocation	15,397	15,976	16,500	
Outreach:				
Peace and Social Concerns/FUN	11,568	11,850	12,800	100
Miscellaneous Outreach	0	300	300	
Huntington House		519		200
Reintegration Allocations				
Scholarships/Relief	660	1,520	2,000	
Operations				

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	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget	Year-to-date (March 1)	
37	Communications: Website	2,100	2,100	1,000	
38	Communications: Member Directory		567	0	
39	Communications: Newsletter				
40	Communications: Advancement			1,000	
41	First Day: Child Care	1,460	2,000	2,400	290
42	First Day: Literature, etc.	0		100	
43	Hospitality	373	390	400	20
44	Breakfast	101	166	200	36
45	Clerk/Ministry and Counsel	25	393	400	
46	Retreat		3,950	3,200	
47	Finance	177	194	300	
48	Literature	297	108	300	
49	SUBTOTAL:	32,157	40,032	40,900	646
50	Transfers to General Reserves		1,368		
51	Transfers to Restricted Reserves				
52	Reintegration Fund		500		
53	Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality				
54	Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality				
55	TOTAL EXPENSES:	32,157	41,900	40,900	646
56					
57	Balances at the End of the Year:				
58	Unrestricted Reserves	37,438	36,972	36,286	
59	Funds Restricted as to Use				
60	Huntington House	782	663	663	
61	Crumlish Bequest	500	500	500	
62	Reintegration Fund		500	500	
63	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:	38,720	38,634	37,949	
64	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	(2,218)	315		
65	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500	
66	Unrestricted funds in petty cash (hospitality)	144	132	132	112
67	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	37,146	39,581	38,581	

Report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Peace & Social Concerns met on February 18, 2018.

Attending were: Sally Campbell; Richard Schmidt; Pamela Wood; Robert Renwick, Soo Bok Kim; Corona Machemer (clerk)

The meeting opens with a few minutes of silence.

1. The committee resumes consideration of the 2018 Peace & Social Concerns budget. Because of unresolved concerns, the budget is not finalized. However, the committee approves the following:
 - a. A contribution of \$100 to the Samburu Mission in Kenya. The mission, which is under the aegis of Friends United Meeting (as are almost all Quaker projects in East Africa),

serves pastoralists in Northern Kenya. It is involved in conflict resolution using AVP methods between two pastoralist tribes that are being driven into conflict as drought worsens in the Sahel region of Africa. It also has projects providing education, especially for girls, and medical care. Both the school projects and the clinic are mobile. The liaison is Pam Wood. (The contribution will be made through FUM.)

- b. A contribution of \$100 to the Coalition for Immokalee Workers (CIW) and/or the Alliance for Fair Food, with which it is affiliated. For more on this see below. The liaison is Naomi Paz Greenberg.
 - c. To reduce our contribution to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) to the annual membership fee of \$50. It is felt that NRCAT is now well established and no longer needs our additional contribution.
2. The proposed presentation and forum at 15th Street about North Korea involving Dan Jasper of the American Friends Service Committee is discussed. A weekday event, in which Friends Seminary might also be involved, is considered favorably, but everything depends on discussions with Dan and 15th Street. FCNL is also making this a priority. Soo Bok Kim is joining FCNL's focus group on the issue.
 3. Pam Wood reports on Ravi Ragbir's situation. His deportation has been stayed while he pursues an appeal of the conviction for wire fraud that made him "eligible" for deportation.
 4. The next CAIC (Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement) "Advocacy Day," when CAIC organizes a lobbying campaign in Albany against Solitary Confinement, will be March 13. A number of Morningsiders have participated in these events. Contact Sally Campbell to learn more.
 5. The committee supports Naomi Paz Greenberg's proposal that Morningside join the *National Farm Worker Ministry: Together with Farm Workers*, Harvesting Justice and that we formally endorse their boycott of Wendy's. (**See Proposed Action Minute.**) She also suggests we support the Freedom Fast from March 11 through March 15, culminating in a rally on March 15, outside the Manhattan hedge fund offices of Nelson Peltz, Wendy's largest shareholder and Chair of the Board of Directors. The offices of the hedge fund, Trian Partners, are at 280 Park Avenue.
 6. Every two years, during election year, FCNL solicits the views and concerns of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations around the country to help discern what should be FCNL's Legislative Priorities for the new Congress, which is seated the following year. This process, for the 116th Congress (2019-2020), is now underway. Peace & Social Concerns invites all Morningside to a special meeting of the committee on March 11 to discern what Morningsiders believe these priorities should be. The deadline for submitting the results of Morningside's discernment to FCNL is April 13. An email with details of the procedure will go out to all Morningsiders.
 7. Because of the FCNL Priorities meeting, the next regular meeting of the committee will be held on the third Sunday in March, March 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Corona Macheimer, clerk