

**Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
November 5, 2017**

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:30 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from Fruits of Solitude by William Penn: “The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious and devout souls are everywhere of one religion and when death has taken off the mask, they will know one another, though the diverse liveries they wear make them strangers.”
The reading was also followed by silent worship.
2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on Oct. 30th at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on November 27th. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
Friends approve reserving space at Stony Point for a retreat next fall. Friends will decide on a theme. The Meeting brainstormed possible themes: the environment; “gift” and living in a gifted way; recognizing the gifts in others; living communally as related to gift. We could possibly invite a speaker on this topic or another.
3. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. After some discussion, Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
4. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:
With the Meeting’s approval, following a suggestion made by Wallace, I would like to suggest that we experiment with posting queries on our Facebook page. Those of us who use Facebook might take the opportunity to respond to as well as giving an opportunity for people who visit our page to respond. Anyone could propose a query and give it to Ministry & Counsel to consider, and I could then post it. I thought the following query might be a way to begin: “What are the ways that we as individuals and our government could act to prevent violence?”
Melinda Werner Bradley has asked if Morningside Meeting would like to hold a Quaker Family Meet Up and invite the Quaker families in other Meetings in the Quarter. She is happy to help with publicity, etc. If there are people who are interested in working on this, I will forward her email to you.
Friends accept the report.
5. Friends discussed the proposal about posting queries on the Morningside Monthly Meeting Facebook page. Friends agreed to move forward with posting seasoned queries, beginning with this amended query that had proposed by the Clerk: “What are the non-violent practices we as individuals and our governments could use to establish a peaceful world?” The Communications Committee will consider the issue of curated content on Facebook page.
6. Friends discussed the request by Yearly Meeting to sponsor a Family Quaker Meet Up. Friends decided that Morningside was not quite ready for this at this time.
7. Friends approved the nomination of Sally Campbell to the NYQM Nominating Committee for a partial term ending April, 2018.
8. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:30 p.m.
9. Friends made announcements.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Charlene Ray, Robert Renwick, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Corona Machemer, Jerry Reisig, Barton Dominus, David C. Fletcher, Sally Campbell, Richard Schmidt, Tom Goodridge, Daniel A. Seeger, Calvin A. Ramsey, Peter Beck, Dave Britton, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

Ministry and Counsel Report

For the November 5th 2017 Business Meeting

1. M&C met on Monday October 30th at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday November 27th at Pam Wood's. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on November 26th hosted by Pam Wood in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Bible Study will be held on November 12th at 9:30
5. M&C currently has 5 support committees.
6. M&C would like the meeting to consider whether to continue to hold an annual weekend retreat at Stony Point Center. Anyone who is interested in helping to organize the event in the future should let M&C know.

Treasurer's Narrative Report, November 5, 2017

Activity in October consisted of receiving \$880.77 in contributions, and making disbursements for Peace and Social Concerns Outreach of \$400.00 and for childcare of \$145.00. So, as shown in the accompanying table, income for the month exceeded expenses by \$335.77. But we owe \$175.00 for website management for the month of October which has yet to be paid.

Up until now the accompanying table has offered a month-by-month accounting of income and expenses. However, now that we have completed the tenth month of the year, the number of columns cannot be fit onto the paper — even a legal-sized paper laid out horizontally — so the figures are now reported on a quarterly basis: the first column accounts for the income and expenses in the first quarter, the second column in the second quarter, the third column in the third quarter, and the fourth column reports the income and expenses for the first month of the fourth quarter.

The schedule of disbursements for Peace and Social Concerns Outreach for the months of November and December totals \$5,750.00 in payments. In addition to the usual expenses for childcare and hospitality and so forth, we still owe the Yearly Meeting \$3,994.00. So we are depending upon an income surge in the fourth quarter to achieve a balanced budget.

We have received our first stock gift. Processing this requires a learning curve on the part of the Treasurer, a learning curve which is still in process.

It has come to my attention, mainly because a thank you note for one of the Meeting's Outreach contributions alluded to my article in *Friends Journal*, that although I have been making disbursements from the Meeting's account which has the title "Morningside Monthly Meeting," the TD Bank has been issuing the checks I have requisitioned with my name only on them, and not even with the title "Treasurer." This raises the extremely awkward possibility that people who have received checks from the Meeting since last February may mis-construe them as personal contributions from me. I will be sure to write to everyone who has received a Peace and Social Concerns Outreach check asking them to adjust their records, if needed, to show the contributions as coming from the Meeting.

When I went to the TD Bank to get this corrected, the officer I met concluded that the transfer of Treasurer responsibilities from Charlene Ray to me had been carried out through flawed procedures, even though another bank officer had expedited this transfer, and he immediately blocked my access to the account. This was resolved in a few days when Charlene was guided through certain on-line processes and when I invented a new identity and password and a new list of favorite childhood desserts, etc. I am now once again functioning normally as Treasurer, and the checks will be imprinted with Morningside Monthly Meeting as the issuer.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Income/Expense by Category
1/10/2017 through 10/31/2017 (Cash Basis)

11/2/2017 Category	1/10/2017- 3/31/2017	4/1/2017- 6/30/2017	7/1/2017- 9/30/2017	10/1/2017- 10/31/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME					
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.00	1.70
General Fund Contribu- tion	5,072.61	10,997.65	5,995.67	880.77	22,946.70
Interest and Dividends	4.57	4.82	3.32	0.00	12.71
TOTAL INCOME	5,077.18	11,002.47	6,000.69	880.77	22,961.11
EXPENSES					
Huntington House	215.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	215.68
MMM Oper. -- Hospitality	200.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	350.00
NYYM Allocation	3,994.00	3,994.00	3,994.00	0.00	11,982.00
Operations -- Breakfast	69.50	30.00	0.00	0.00	99.50
Operations ~ Finance	0.00	34.97	0.00	0.00	34.97
Operations ~ First Day Child Care	550.00	300.00	635.00	145.00	1,630.00
Operations - Literature	108.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.43
Operations -- Ministry and Counsel	75.00	103.00	125.00	0.00	303.00
Operations, Comm. -- Website	525.00	525.00	525.00	0.00	1,575.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	100.00	3,800.00	2,100.00	400.00	6,400.00
Outreach -- Scholar- ships, Relief	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Retreat	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,937.61	9,086.97	7,529.00	545.00	24,098.58
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,860.43	1,915.50	-1,528.31	335.77	-1,137.47