

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business  
Minutes 3/1/2015

Meeting begins at 12:15 directly following Meeting for Worship, afterwords and introductions.

present: Stephen McDonnell, Joyce Richardson, Corona Macheimer, Sally Campbell, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reisig, Patricia Chernoff, Artis Klavins, Jack Patterson, John Slater, Karen Taborn, Kathy Stckhouse, Vince Buscemi, Pamela Wood, Susan Carmody, Cole Harmaty, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk).

20150301.1 Stephen McDonnell presents the Ministry and Counsel Committee report. Ministry and Counsel met on 2/26. Bible Study continues on second Sundays. The next Welcoming Breakfast is scheduled for 3/22 at 9:30 am in the Riverside Cafe. The next 4th Sunday topic is scheduled to be "Social Class and our Meeting", led by Jack Patterson. The committee is planning a "Seekers Group" for new attenders in April and May. There are 10 clearness and support committees. Ministry and Counsel recommends continuing to hold Business Meeting at the rise of Meeting for Worship. The committee is planning a memorial service for Edd Fenner. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20150301.2 Friends discuss the continuing of holding Business Meeting at the rise of Meeting for Worship. Friends share pros and cons. Friends suggest being sure that new people are invited and that they understand the process of Meeting for Business. Friends note that announcements will be able to be made on the new web site. Friends approve continuing the practice.

20150301.3 Friends decide to hold Meeting for Business on Easter Sunday, April 5, the first Sunday of April. Ministry and Counsel will therefore meet on April 2 at Dave Evans' home at 7:15 pm.

20150301.4 Corona Macheimer presents the Peace and Social Concerns Committee report. Friends arranged to write to Kathy Kelly in prison in support of her civil disobedience. Friends who attended the Gathering on Non-violent Direct Action at Riverside on 1/30 discuss the event. This began a discussion of how we can support Meeting becoming more aware of how to understand and to act on the various concerns this new movement presents, around areas of the criminal justice system and communities of color. A "fishbowl" style presentation is planned for the 5th Sunday in March. The report is accepted and attached.

20150301.5 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's Report. The Meeting received \$1,215 in February and expensed \$398, bringing a net proceeds of \$817. Several substantial disbursements are scheduled for March. Friends accept the report which is attached.

20150301.6 Jerry Reisig presents the Communication Committee report. The Committee met on 2/19 to review the new website. Jerry agrees to prepare documentation for the Meeting. The committee discussed the calendar and email blast system. Vonn New has prepared a way to convert the calendar in document form to act as a newsletter along with minutes of the Meetings. Several additional pages and content types are being considered. The committee plans to make the website live on March 15. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

Meeting ends at 1:16 pm with silent Worship.

In Friendship,  
Dave Britton recording clerk

Morningside Meeting  
Ministry and Counsel report  
March 1, 2015

1. M&C met on Feb. 26, and the next meeting and location will depend on the date of next Meeting for Business (on Easter or not?)
2. The next Welcoming Breakfast is on the 4th Sunday, March 22, 9:30-10:45. We need hosts. All are welcome for conversation and fellowship in the Riverside Cafe. M&C pays for our breakfasts, so please tell the cashier you are with Morningside.
3. Bible Study continues on the the 2nd Sunday with Jerry Reisig and meets next week, March 8th in 12T, 9:45-10:45. We get approximately 7 participants. If you haven't attended previously and would like to receive the notes prior to the meeting, please give your email to Jerry.
4. Our next fourth Sunday after-meeting discussion will be on March 22nd. Jack Patterson, with possibly another member will lead worship sharing on "Social Class and our Meeting."
5. We would like to have a "Seekers Group" for those new attenders to Meeting, in April and May. Stephen McDonnell will coordinate.
6. We have begun to explore locations for a retreat in the Fall.
7. We had a report on the recent Child Care meeting.
8. We have begun plans for a Memorial Meeting for Edd Fenner, possibly after Meeting for Worship on Sunday, March 29.
9. We had a report of a visit to Robert Leuze after his recent operation. He welcomes visitors and calls.
10. M&C currently has 10 support and clearness committees.

Treasurer's Report for February 2015

Morningside Monthly Meeting

The Meeting took in \$1,215 in February; we expensed \$398 flowing through to \$817 net proceeds for the month; February disbursements included a \$350 P&SC contribution to Occupy Puppet Guild and \$43 cash reimbursement for our M&C breakfast and credit for contributed cookies documented with receipts. For the year, we have received \$4,085, disbursed \$606 and realized \$3,479 in excess proceeds. Anticipated March disbursements include \$3,710 for our NY Yearly Meeting commitment, \$1,500 for P&SC (Bolivian Quaker Fund, FCLN, and FGC). No disbursements have been scheduled for website development yet.

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

March 1, 2015

**Treasurer's Report: 2015**

	Actual 2014	Jan	Feb	YTD	% Spent	Budget 2015
<b>Disbursements</b>						
Fixed NY Yearly Meeting	14,482.00			0.00	0.0%	14,840.00
Total Fixed	14,482.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	14,840.00
Outreach P&SC/FUN	11,900.00		350.00	350.00	2.7%	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	0.00	350.00	350.00	2.3%	15,100.00

Operating Communications	1,314.32			0.00	0.0%	2,190.00
Expenses 1st Day/Childcare	0.00			0.00	0.0%	950.00
Hospitality	334.35	159.98	4.99	164.97	23.6%	700.00
Breakfast	190.57	17.00		43.00	8.0%	750.00
Clerk/ M & C	156.00			0.00	0.0%	200.00
Finance	282.96	30.89		30.89	8.8%	350.00
Literature	486.28			0.00	0.0%	350.00
Total Operating Expenses	2,764.48	207.87	47.99	255.86	4.7%	5,490.00

<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>30,040.48</b>	<b>207.87</b>	<b>397.99</b>	<b>605.86</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>35,430.00</b>
<b>Income</b>						
Contributions	31,427.46	2,868.87	1,212.99	4,081.86		
Interest	16.67	1.40	1.54	2.94		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,444.13</b>	<b>2,870.27</b>	<b>1,214.53</b>	<b>4,084.80</b>		<b>35,430.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,403.65</b>	<b>2,662.40</b>	<b>816.54</b>	<b>3,478.94</b>		<b>0.00</b>

<b>Assets</b>						
Ending Bank Balance	33,678.43	35,708.10	36,527.91			
Hospitality Petty Cash	43.29	193.29	193.29			
Cash at Schwab	500.00	500.00	500.00			
Cash Charlene	0.00	0.00	(43.00)			
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Crumlish Bequest	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)			
Hope Lives for Lifers	(16.99)	(16.99)	(16.99)			
Huntington House	(421.92)	(282.19)	(282.19)			
From Prior Year	(1,365.65)	(957.65)	(957.65)			
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>31,432.16</b>	<b>34,144.56</b>	<b>34,921.37</b>			

Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is \$11,000, 1/2013-12/2015

In kind contributions						
Hospitality	\$9.98	\$4.99	\$14.97			
Finance	\$30.89	\$0.00	\$30.89			

## **Morningside Communications Committee Report**

March 1, 2015

(Jerry Reisig, Robert Leuze, Bryan Oettel)

The communications committee met at the home of Robert Leuze on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Jerry presented the state of the website and proposed flipping the switch to the new website in March. He will verify the time and will create the user documentation for members.

Questions of division of responsibilities will wait until Bob Leuze is healthy. In the meantime Jerry will add the dates for Meeting and major meeting functions. The purpose of the calendar will be limited. Since the calendar is limited in space and specific task to official Meeting functions, a member of the committee has recommended an announcements page, which could include the type of information that is presented during announcement. We will continue to discuss this. In the meantime, the system is capable of sending out blasts to members of the community. Discussion of a possible blog will be held over until more information is provided.

Von New has created a simple way for Kathy to convert the calendar into document form for inclusion in a newsletter. It was proposed that this calendar and a copy of the minutes could be made available every month. The need for Von New to bill the meeting was emphasized. As Jerry is her contact, he will speak to her about sending her hours directly to him, to approve before giving to finance.

Charlene has requested a page for giving information. Since she does not need to have credit card access, a simple page with instructions and a link on Quicklinks will probably be sufficient.

The nature of memorial minutes was discussed. There is already a space to contain memorial minutes, and necessary pages can be added as necessary.

Jerry suggested looking into the idea of a Morningside logo that could be a major feature on the website as well as other forms of communications. The idea will be considered in the future.

As Bob Leuze will be going into surgery during the weekend, the Committee will hold him in the Light.

In Friendship,

Jerry Reisig  
Convener

## **Morningside Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, March 1, 2015**

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

Peace & Social Concerns meets on February 8, 2015 at 1:00 pm, following Meeting for Worship.

Attending are: Pam Wood, Dave Fletcher, Helen Garay Toppins, Dave Britton, Naomi Paz-Greenberg, Lupe, Corona Macheimer (clerk) [This list is incomplete. If you attended the meeting but are not on the list, please let Corona know.]

The meeting begins with a few minutes of silent worship.

Friends are urged to write to Kathy Kelly who is in prison for civil disobedience against the use of drones as killing machines. The address is: Kathy Kelly 04971-045, FMC Lexington, Federal Medical Center Satellite Camp, P. O. Box 14525, Lexington, KY 40512. Google her for more information.

Friends who attended the Gathering on Non-Violent Direct Action at Riverside on January 30 report on the event. There were workshops on various subjects related to current concerns about, and protest movements against, the injustices in the relationship between the criminal "justice" system and communities of color, and a plenary session in which there was considerable discussion around the notion that there have been a lot of protests, but not (yet) a real "movement," like the Civil Rights Movement, and the possible reasons for this.

The remainder of the meeting is taken up by a discussion of these issues, and in particular what the role of Quakers in general and Morningsiders in particular can/should be.

1. Helen reports on the activities of the NYYM Black Concerns Committee and of Friends of African Descent, which is planning a national meeting this summer.
2. It is noted that the Friends have considerable experience in non-violent approaches, especially through the Alternatives to Violence Project.
3. There is considerable discussion of the question: In what piece of a very complicated problem does our passion lie and how does it connect to the Quaker way? What can we say/do—not preaching, but offering our experience—that will have the most effect?

In response to the queries posed in #3 above, Friends decide to start with ourselves: to invite the Meeting to participate in a "third-Sunday" program in which Morningsiders who are already engaged put their passions and their actions on display in a "fishbowl." The aim will be to get people to understand the confusions and complications involved, and in particular what we have been involved in that could be problematic. The "fishbowl" presentations would be followed by worship sharing (not discussion) around queries concerning where our own passions lie and how we want to present alternative modes of action. [The program will be held on the fifth Sunday in March, following Meeting for Worship. This date was selected following preliminary discussions among "fishbowl" volunteers.]

The meeting ends with a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Corona Macheimer (co-clerk)

