

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Morningside Monthly Meeting
May 3, 2009

- 1.1 Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Acting clerk, Charlotte Ehrman, reads a passage by Thomas H. Jeavons from Daily Readings from Quakers Ancient and Modern, page 111.
- 1.2 The agenda is reviewed and approved.
- 1.3 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's Report. He reports that we are on target with our contributions and are in very good shape at this point in the year. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 1.4 Ralph Zito reports for Ministry & Counsel. Friends accept the report as attached.
- The next meeting of M&C will take place at the home of John Tweddle at 7:15pm on Thursday, June 4th. All are welcome to attend the first non-confidential part of the meeting. M&C requests that concerns be submitted in writing if they cannot be presented in person. Please hold the meeting in the Light during the meeting.
 - Ministry & Counsel's next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, May 24th at 9:30am in the Riverside Café. Ralph Zito and John Tweddle will host. All are welcome, especially newcomers.
 - Sally Campbell will lead a discussion on "Nurturing Our Meeting: Clearness & Support Committees" on Sunday, May 17th from 1 to 2pm.
 - For further details of Ministry & Counsel's meeting, see attached report.
- 1.5 At the request of Ministry & Counsel, meeting approves the placing of the following minute from January 1987 on the public part of the website.
- Morningside Monthly Meeting offers guidance and support to couples who desire recognition of their relationship. This includes heterosexual and homosexual couples, one of whom is a member of the Religious Society of Friends. The meeting respects the right of the couple to name their relationship.
- All of this is accomplished by following insofar as possible, the marriage procedures outlined in New York Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice, giving comprehensive attention to the implications of the proposed relationship.
- 1.6 Riverside Church approves our use of 12T, including a room for childcare, for two additional hours on October 25th when Morningside hosts Quarterly Meeting. A charge of \$150 is approved.
- 1.7 Charlotte Ehrman reports that she sent a memo to Riverside Church asking for clarification of what we might be able to do to improve our space in 12T.

- 1.8 Mason Jenkins reports for Peace & Social Concerns. Friends accept the report as attached.
- Larry White spoke in depth on the parole hearing procedures in New York State informing us of the background behind the recently approved New York Yearly Meeting minutes addressing these unjust practices.
 - The committee agreed to bring a minute to the meeting requesting that we post the NYYM minute on the public part of our website as a first step in supporting work for change in this area, pending permission by NYYM. This will be on the agenda for each month.
 - The committee approved that the contribution to American Friends Service Committee be made immediately because of the work they are doing in Gaza.
- 1.9 Pat Chernoff requests meeting to sign on to the petition sponsored by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture: US Sponsored Torture: A Call for a Commission of Inquiry. Meeting approves and asks that this minute be posted on the public part of the website. See attached.
- 1.10 Meeting requests that the above petition be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting requesting them to be a signatory. Pat Chernoff agrees to contact Nancy Black, clerk, regarding our request.
- 1.11 Meeting agrees to consider a process for addressing NYQM trustees' leading to transfer the meeting houses and unrestricted trusts to the monthly meetings, perhaps scheduling a separate meeting devoted to this matter.
- 1.12 After a period of silence, meeting closes at 2:00pm.

The clerk requests that committee reports be forwarded in writing prior to the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Reports should be forwarded to Jason McGill, acting clerk for June, and Kathy Wood, recording clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wood
Recording Clerk

Attendance: Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Ed Elder, Mason Jenkins, Sarah Leuze, Jason McGill, Lee Rada, Joyce Richardson, Elizabeth Stone, Helen Garay Toppins, John Tweddle, Kathy Wood, Ralph Zito

Morningside Monthly Meeting - May 2, 2009
Treasurer's Report for April 2009

		2009					
		Budget	January	February	March	1st Qtr.	April
EXPENSE							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	12970.00		3242.50		3242.50	3242.50
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2872.00</u>
		22858.00		5714.50		5714.50	6114.50
Outreach	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00			1200.00	1200.00	550.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00			300.00	300.00	
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		12050.00			1500.00	1500.00	550.00
Operating	Newsletter	1000.00					
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	1000.00		75.00	75.00	150.00	50.00
	Hospitality	900.00		45.05	11.00	56.05	25.25
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00					
	Finance	450.00					
	Literature	<u>200.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		3900.00		120.05	86.00	206.05	75.25
Total Expense		38808.00	0.00	5834.55	1586.00	7420.55	
INCOME							
Contributions			2275.00	3170.00	2145.00	7590.00	975.00
Books			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income			2275.00	3170.00	2145.00	7590.00	975.00
NET WORTH							
Assets	WaMu Balance		38643.63	37106.29	37809.03	37809.03	32170.74
	Cash		302.30	227.30	186.35	186.35	131.10
Liabilities	Crumlish Bequest		(5000.00)	(5000.00)	(5000.00)	(5000.00)	(5000.00)
	Incarcerated Girls		<u>(450.22)</u>	<u>(450.22)</u>	<u>(402.22)</u>	<u>(402.22)</u>	<u>(402.22)</u>
Net Worth			33495.71	31883.37	32593.16	32593.16	26899.62

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Report form the Committee for Peace and Social Concerns
5.3.09

- On April 26th Larry White addressed the committee regarding a minute recently approved by the NY Yearly Meeting about parole hearing procedures. Larry gave a moving report of the means by which parole boards usurp the power rightfully given to the judiciary and thusly keep inmates imprisoned for periods which are longer than is necessary or just. This imbalance of power has detrimental effects upon the rehabilitation of inmates. Kathy Wood requested that the meeting at large take some sort of formal action to support the efforts to change the current parole procedures. We agreed to consult Yearly Meeting representatives to see if we may at the very least post the minute on the public portion of our website.
- The committee also approved that the contribution to American Friends Service Committee be made immediately because of the work they are doing in Gaza. The treasurer has been notified.

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Business
Sunday, May 3, 2009

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, June 4, 7:15 p.m., at the home of John Tweddle. Meeting members and attenders are welcome to attend the first, non-confidential part of the meeting. M&C requests that concerns be forwarded in writing if they are not presented in person.
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3. Sally Campbell will lead a discussion on "Nurturing Our Meeting: Clearness and Support Committees" on Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 2 p.m.
4. The process of weeding the address list continues. An e-mail was sent to approximately 75 people on the list, asking if they wished to continue to remain on the list. Eight people responded in the affirmative. This information will be organized and forwarded to the Communications Committee.
5. Ministry & Counsel will begin making calls of outreach and pastoral care to members who have not had much contact with Meeting over the course of the past year.
6. In the coming months, M&C will begin discussion of, and preliminary planning for, a Meeting retreat in the fall.
7. Ministry and Counsel requests that meeting approve the placing of the following minute from January 1987 on the public part of the website:

3.1.87 The following minute is approved.

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