Morningside Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business April 11, 2010

Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Clerk Sally Campbell reads a passage from "Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence" by Arthur Larrabee.

2010.04.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved.

2010.04.02 Ralph Zito reports for Ministry and Counsel. Friends accept the report as attached.

- The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, April 29th, at 7:15 PM, at the home of Patricia Chernoff.
- Next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 25th, at 9:30 am in the Riverside Cafe. Ralph Zito and Liz Stone will host.
- Retreat details are in the attached report, the electronic newsletter and in hard copies. The vans mentioned in the report are being paid for by meeting. The butler position requested by Powell House has now been filled.
- 2010.04.03 Ministry & Council forwards Mason Jenkins' request for membership with a recommendation for approval. This is the first reading.
- 2010.04.04 Corona Machemer presents the communications report. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 2010.04.05 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's report. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 2010.04.06 Mason Jenkins reports for Peace & Social Concerns. The report is accepted. (See attached.)
- P&SC came to unity on budget changes necessary to provide \$500 for ongoing support for Haiti. Selection of the organization to receive the funds is still in progress.
- On April 25th at 1pm Jack Patterson will lead a discussion about the work of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). We will also provide input on priorities for the upcoming two years.
- 2010.04.07 Friends begin a discussion on how we might express our gratitude for being part of the Riverside Church Community. We ask that Ministry & Counsel season ways in which we can show our appreciation and deepen our relationship with Riverside Church. Friends approve.

2010.04.08 Meeting closes at 2:15 pm with silent worship.

The clerk requests that committee reports be forwarded in writing to her and the recording clerk prior to the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please also discuss agenda items with the clerk or present them to her in writing as far in advance as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Wood Recording Clerk

Attendance: Peter Beck, Dave Britton, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Bart Dominus, Mason Jenkins, Sarah Leuze, Corona Machemer, Jason McGill, Jack Patterson, Jerry Reisig, Liz Stone, Kathy Wood, Ralph Zito

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Business April 11, 2010

- 1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, April 29, at 7:15 PM, at the home of Patricia Chernoff. 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 to be presented in person. We ask the Meeting to hold our work in the Light.
- 2. Ministry & Counsel's next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 25, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Ralph Zito and Liz Stone will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
- 3. Ministry and Council forwards the request for membership from Mason Jenkins to the Meeting for Business with a recommendation that it be approved.
- 4. Three spiritual nurture groups have been established and all have set dates to meet.
- 5. We have continued to plan for our retreat, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, May 7 to 9. Applications will be sent out with our electronic newsletter. We will also make paper copies available. The cost of the retreat will be \$160. We are organizing two vans to drive up, one at 3:30 PM and the other at 6:30 PM. We will leave from the Upper Westside. The specific meeting place will be announced. We will be holding the retreat in Pitt Hall. Powell House would like a member of Meeting to be a butler for meals. The person who does this will receive a 50% scholarship from Powell House. Pam has a copy of the job duties. The retreat is open to all. Those needing scholarship aid should contact a member of the "Small Committee" with their request. The members of the committee are Nancy Britton, Ralph Zito and Vince Buscemi.

Peace and Social Concerns Report for April Business Meeting

Peace and Social Concerns met on March 14th. We came to unity on the budget changes necessary to provide \$500 in ongoing support to Haiti, though we have not yet selected the organization we hope to give it to. We also discussed potential speakers for the spring and fall. We will be following up with these ideas and welcome input from the meeting at large about presentations or speakers that you would like to see.

On March 28th we viewed a film directed by Amala Lane about HIV in people over 50. The film was followed by a discussion.

On April 25th Jack Patterson, our liaison to FCNL, will be leading a discussion to which all are invited about their priorities for the current Congressional session. They ask meetings to help them with this decision-making every two years.

Report from the Communications Committee

4/11/2010 Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

The committee met on 3/28 following Meeting for Worship. Committee members Dave Britton, Sandra Winter, and Corona Machemer attended. Helen Garay Toppins, editor of Morningside's new E-newsletter "Morningside Matters" was also present.

Concerning the newsletter, the following matters were discussed and approved.

- 1. Publication will be on the 15th of each month excepting July and August, when no newsletter will be published. (In months when business meeting is delayed, the newsletter may also be delayed, depending on the availability of the minutes.) The editor will send a reminder notice to the clerks of Morningside committees. Contributions will be accepted throughout the month. The editor invites submissions from all Morningsiders, including reflections and poetry.
- 2. The newsletter will be posted in the password-protected portion of the website in both HTML and PDF formats. When it is available, a link will be forwarded to those on the email list. Hard copies will be made available on the information table at Meeting, and will be forwarded to all the clerks of the Quarter, as well as to AFSC, YSOP, NYYM and NYQM offices. Morningsiders without e-mail access will be sent hard copies by post. Those who would like to receive the newsletter as PDF attachments to email should contact Helen, who will add their email addresses to her newsletter list.
- 3. The editor will include a masthead in future editions with information on making submissions, contact information for members of the communications committee (aka editorial board), etc. Another regular feature being planned is a Morningside calendar, to run at the beginning of the newsletter.

Concerning the address list, there was considerable discussion of the problem of keeping it—and us—up to date on additions, changes, and corrections. It was decided that at least one interim update sheet should be issued between address books. For this to work, it will be necessary to track the dates of changes, a capacity Dave Britton will install. Also to be installed will be the capacity for people to send emails to someone on the list even if they don't know the address, through a forwarding function also to be installed.

Respectfully submitted,

Corona Machemer (Convenor)

Morningside Meeting March 2010 Treasurer's report

		2010 Proposed	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	1st Qtr Actual
EXPENSE		Troposeu	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	_	3275.00	-	3275.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	9888.00	_	2472.00	_	2472.00
		$2\overline{2988.00}$		5747.00	-	5747.00
Outreach	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00	-	0.00	-	0.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00
	Retreat	700.00	-	0.00	-	0.00
	Scholarship/Relief	2000.00		0.00	<u>-</u>	0.00
		12750.00	-	300.00	-	300.00
Operating	Communications	500.00	-		-	
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	750.00	60.00	125.00	25.00	210.00
	Hospitality	750.00	-		89.13	89.13
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	-		40.00	40.00
	Finance	450.00	-	47.90	-	47.90
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>		0.00		0.00
		3000.00	60.00	172.90	154.13	387.03
Total Exp		38738.00	60.00	6219.90	154.13	6434.03
INCOME						
	Contributions		1,404.00	511.00	415.00	2330.00
	Books			<u>0.00</u>	5.00	<u>5.00</u>
			1,404.00	511.00	420.00	2335.00
Assets	Bank Balance		39,083.60	32682.46	32,771.33	
	Cash		210.10	140.05	103.55	
Liabilities	Crumlish Bequest		(2,500.00)	(2000.00)	(2,000.00)	
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(326.16)	(353.24)	(269.09)	
	Incarcerated Girls		(1,354.83)	(891.61)	(891.61)	
Net Worth			35,112.71	29,577.66	29,714.18	