

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
May 2, 2010

2010.05.01 Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Clerk Sally Campbell reads a passage from Quote from Pendle Hill Pamphlet: The Mind of Christ; Bill Taber on Meeting for Business

“This is our service and our primary ministry, to be in this centered place, knowing that the more of us who can stay faithfully grounded in God, the easier it will be for others to find it – and to stay in it also.

Sometimes we are led to speak, to minister out of this ground we have been describing. And let us remember that in Quaker theory—and I hope in Quaker practice—all speaking in a business meeting arises out of this ground, and can therefore be called ministry. We know that the true inward motion to speak often lies far beneath our first instinct to respond to an issue. So it is well to wait, to go deeper.

Yet truth is quick, and the longer we have been experienced in waiting, the more quickly we can learn to recognize the True Motion, even in an instant, so that we can respond to the Spirit’s timing, not our own.

2010.05.02 The agenda is reviewed and approved.

2010.05.03 Jason McGill reports for Ministry and Counsel. Friends accept the report as attached.

2010.05.04 Mason Jenkins’ request for membership is brought forward for the second reading. Friends approve.

2010.05.05 Vince Buscemi, Jason McGill and Kathy Wood (convener) volunteer to serve on his welcoming committee. Friends approve.

2010.05.06 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer’s report. We noted that year-to-date only 7.74% of the 2010 budget has been raised. A friend asked about plans for a spring appeal letter. Charlene Ray will speak with our treasurer, Bart Dominus, about this. When the letter goes out, we ask that it also be published in the electronic newsletter. We also ask that the finance committee send a notice to appear in each month’s newsletter as to how to give to the meeting. There was interest in having a discussion on our philosophy of giving, perhaps addressing other approaches to fund raising. Friends accept the report as attached.

2010.05.07 Beth Bugdaycay reports for First Day School. Last year more structure had been added including subject matter such as a Quaker testimony with games to make it fun, bringing more vitality. This year further structure was added by having a set schedule: a minute of silence, introductions, a lesson, spiritual journaling on the lecture (pictures included) and game or craft. The addition of bean bag chairs and a rug brought warmth and coziness to the room. Beth will write a notice to appear in each month’s newsletter that will be inviting to people with children. In addition she will write something describing June’s lessons. She speaks of a number of changes that will require restructuring in the fall. Friends approve.

2010.05.08 Beth Budaycay asks for release from her position as First Day School Coordinator beginning in the Fall. Friends approve.

2010.05.09 Jack Patterson reports on the after meeting discussion he led on Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL), held on April 25th. We learned about the inner workings of FCNL and the process used every two years in setting legislative priorities. We reviewed the FCNL priorities from 2008 and discussed priorities for the 112th Congress. Jack read a summary of the priorities brought up in the meeting. Out of the silence concerns were raised. Jack will take this input and send out a revised list of our priorities to FCNL. He will also send a copy of the final version to appear in our electronic newsletter. Friends accept the report. (see attached)

- 2010.05.10 Next month's meeting for worship with a concern for business takes place on June 6th. As this is the last meeting before our summer break, friends are asked to consider items that need to be addressed before September and present them to the clerk as soon as possible so that she may prepare the agenda in a timely fashion.
- 2010.05.11 Meeting closes at 2:45 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, Nancy Britton, Beth Bugdaycay, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, Charlotte Ehrman, Jean Ferris, Mason Jenkins, Corona Machermer, Jason McGill, Jack Patterson, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reisig, Joyce Richardson, Liz Stone, Kathy Wood

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Business
May 2, 2010

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, May 27, at 7:15 PM, at the home of Pamela Wood. 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, May 23, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Ernie and Vince Buscemi will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. Our retreat takes place next weekend, from Friday, May 7 to Sunday, May 9. People attending the retreat are reminded to send their checks to Bart Dominus, as Powell House prefers to have one large check for Meeting Retreats. It is still possible to sign up for the retreat. People should sign up with Helen Toppins no later than Tuesday.
4. ARCH, the New York Yearly Meeting's task force on aging, is offering training in being a visitor to the elderly and the disabled in June (Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie) and in September (in Western NY). If anyone is interested, they should see Nancy Britton.
5. Ministry & Counsel has spent sometime reflecting on process and its role in the Meeting. We would like to remind the Meeting that eldering should be done by members of Ministry & Counsel not by individuals. A person should come to Ministry & Counsel with their concerns rather than acting on his or her own perspective. Ministry & Counsel can then take time to discern the situation. We would hope this approach would help us avoid hurtful comments and unhelpful reiterations. We also would like people to let us know if they feel there is something Ministry & Counsel needs to do better.
6. Ministry & Counsel currently has 10 support committees under its care.

RESPONSE FROM MORNINGSIDE MONTHLY MEETING DISCUSSION OF FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL) PRIORITIES FOR THE 112TH CONGRESS. 4.30.10

The overall legislative priorities of the 111th Congress frames the discussion of 112th:

We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.

- We seek a society with equity and justice for all.
- We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.
- We seek an Earth restored.

Within each of these meta-goals are a range of legislative issues that FCNL staff work upon. They combine both the issues that Friends' identify as important to them as well as those issues that will present themselves as legislation during the next term of congress.

Following meeting for worship on Sunday, April 25th, 2010, ten interested Friends met to discuss their own sense of what FCNL's priorities should be for the next congress and why these were regarded as important for consideration. The included the following:

- The concern that the whole question of democratic governance in Washington has been degraded by mean-spirited and polarized debate with a wish that moves be undertaken to restore civility to debate in a search for common-ground. A renewal of democratic process is necessary to redress the cynicism so pervasive amongst the public and leadership.
- A concern that the healthcare debate just concluded avoided directly dealing with the need for universal care and the dismissal of single-payer approaches.
- As global climate issues rise, the issue of access to clean water is fundamental.
- Finding an equitable settlement between Israelis and Palestinians remains as an urgent moral and political problem that complicates the resolution of other key problems throughout the region, e.g. the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- In terms of energy and environmental issues, the witness of FCNL should be that of prophetic witness to the deeper sense of the underlying integrity of creation.
- There was interest in immigration reform, financial reform and the Pentagon's apparent pressure to keep the US out of the landmines treaty.

As a next step, we discussed ways of engaging the broader membership of the meeting in a similar discussion of FCNL legislative priorities. One suggestion was that of inviting members after meeting to indicate on charts around the room the issues that are most compelling to them and, in addition, to begin a practice of encouraging members to write letters on key issues to our representatives by providing writing tables on First Days for those so inclined.

Morningside Meeting April 2010 Treasurer's Report

		2010 Proposed	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	1st Qtr Actual	APR Actual
EXPENSE							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	-	3275.00	-	3275.00	0.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	-	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		22988.00	-	5747.00	-	5747.00	0.00
Outreach & Support	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1450.00
	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00	0.00
	Retreat	700.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		12750.00	-	300.00	-	300.00	1450.00
Operating Expense	Communications	500.00	-		-		
	1st Day/Childcare	750.00	60.00	125.00	25.00	210.00	0.00
	Hospitality	750.00	-		89.13	89.13	0.00
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	-		40.00	40.00	79.79
	Finance	450.00	-	47.90	-	47.90	0.00
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		3000.00	60.00	172.90	154.13	387.03	79.79
Total Exp		38738.00	60.00	6219.90	154.13	6434.03	1529.79
INCOME							
	Contributions		1,404.00	511.00	415.00	2330.00	749.00
	Books		<u>-</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
			1,404.00	511.00	420.00	2335.00	749.00
Assets	Bank Balance		39,083.60	32682.46	32,771.33		31600.04
	Cash		210.10	140.05	103.55		103.55
Liabilities	Crumlish Bequest		(2,500.00)	(2000.00)	(2,000.00)		(2,000.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(326.16)	(353.24)	(269.09)		(269.09)
	Incarcerated Girls		(1,354.83)	(891.61)	(891.61)		(891.61)
Net Worth			35,112.71	29,577.66	29,714.18		28,542.89

