

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
October 3, 2010

Meeting opens at 1:12pm with a period of waiting worship. Out of the silence Clerk Sally Campbell reads a quotation from New York Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice

The Quaker business procedure rests on faith that God is giving a measure of Light to everyone. It follows that people may come to know God's leading through others' experience as well as their own. One of the deeply spiritual experiences of Quakerism comes when a meeting for business responds to the essential goodness and truth in a well-proposed concern with an awesome silence and then messages of approval.

There should be a willingness to speak or to be silent as led. Friends should rely on the power of the spirit of truth and seek to keep their speech simple and straightforward. If the meeting is to reach a group decision, participants need considerable personal discipline and an allowance for humble or tentative conclusions.

- 2010.10.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved.
- 2010.10.02 Ernie Buscemi is coordinating food as Sarah Leuze, her husband Robert and her sister, Ann Harwood, walk the walk in this final part of Sarah's life journey. They request casseroles, soups and salads, light on red meat and desserts. Food is needed on the following dates: October 5-6, 8-9, 12-13, 15-16, 19-20. Ernie will have a sign-up sheet.
- 2010.10.03 Bart Dominus presents the treasurer's report. He will make two corrections of duplicated items. Friends accept the report as amended. (See attached.)
- 2010.10.04 Friends receive the report for Ministry and Counsel as presented with two corrections. Linda Evans memorial will take place at 2pm on November 6th at Fifteenth Street Meeting House. Susan Wells is coordinating preparations. Friends accept the report as amended.
- 2010.10.05 Ministry and Counsel suggests that we write a letter to Riverside Church expressing our appreciation and gratitude for our relationship with them afforded to us by their generous offering of this space. Sally Campbell and Jack Patterson agree to write the letter. Friends approve.
- 2010.10.06 Friends approve giving a donation of \$500 to the food pantry to accompany the letter. The money will come from the Sheridan Crumlish fund.
- 2010.10.07 Friends receive the communications committee report as presented by David Britton. Many enhancements are being made. (See attached report.) Joyce Richardson raises the concern about the distribution list for mass email communications. The committee is in the process of tracking down that bug. Ernie Buscemi reminds the committee to be mindful of those who do not have email or internet access. Friends accept the report.
- 2010.10.08 Mason Jenkins reports for Peace and Social Concerns. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 2010.10.09 Helen Garay Toppins, Pam Wood, and Kathy Wood met to welcome Jack Patterson at a Dominican restaurant in his neighborhood on Monday, September 27th.

- 2010.10.10 Vince Buscemi, Julie Jenkins, Jason McGill and Kathy Wood met to welcome Mason in their home on Saturday, June 19th with potluck and worship. He was presented with the book, A Testament of Devotion, by Thomas Kelly.
- 2010.10.11 Patricia Chernoff(convener) and Jack Patterson welcomed Judy Jablow at Patricia's home on Friday, October 3rd.
- 2010.10.12 The next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for business takes place on Sunday, November 7th at 1pm.
- 2010.10.13 Meeting closes at 2:34 pm with silent worship.

Please forward committee reports to Sally Campbell, Clerk, Kathy Wood, Recording Clerk and Sandra Winter, who formats and posts the minutes to website. 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: David Britton, Nancy Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Vincent Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Mason Jenkins, Jack Patterson, Buddha Pettiford, Lee Rada, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reisig, Joyce Richardson, Liz Stone, Kathy Wood, Pamela Wood

Morningside Meeting Sept Treasurer's report
Nine Months Through Sept. 2010

		2010	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	Jul/Aug	Sept	9 mos. YTD
		Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
EXPENSE							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	3275.00	3275.00	3275.00	0.00	9825.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7416.00</u>
		22988.00	5747.00	5747.00	5747.00	0.00	17241.00
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	9750.00	0.00	3200.00	0.00	300.00	3500.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	Retreat	700.00	0.00	298.27	0.00	0.00	298.27
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>
		12750.00	300.00	5253.27	0.00	300.00	5853.27
Operating	Communications	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	750.00	210.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
	Hospitality	750.00	89.13	123.79	122.41	43.00	378.33
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	40.00	0.00	36.76	18.03	94.79
	Finance	450.00	47.90	270.95	0.00	0.00	318.85
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
		3000.00	387.03	494.74	550.12	1160.94	2592.83
Total Exp		38738.00	6434.03	11495.01	6297.12	1460.94	25687.10
INCOME							
	Contributions		2330.00	7537.00	4370.00	1193.00	15430.00
	Books		<u>5.00</u>	<u>269.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>274.50</u>
			2335.00	7806.50	4,370.00	1,193.00	15704.50
Assets	Bank Balance		32771.33	27262.32	27947.59	29140.59	29140.59
	Cash		103.55	219.50	152.50	155.50	155.50
Liabilities	Crumlish Bequest		(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(2000.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(269.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)
	Incarcerated Girls		(891.61)	(716.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)
Net Worth			29714.18	24,596.63	25,164.90	26,360.90	26360.90

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

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, November 4, 2010, 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, October 24, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Jason McGill and Liz Stone will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe. We will also be sponsoring breakfasts on July 25 and August 22.
3. Linda Evans' memorial will take place on Saturday, November 6, at 2 PM, at the 15th Street Meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place.
4. As Meeting for Business requested, Ministry & Counsel has been considering the form in which our gratitude for our relationship with Riverside Meeting might be expressed. It is our sense that such gratitude would be best expressed in a letter that thanked them for our space, expressed appreciation for the ways in which we work on common causes, such as Riverside's Prison Ministry Committee, our inclusion in events such as the World Peace Day and delight in their participation in events such as our presentation of the film on Bayard Rustin. We forward this as a suggestion to the Meeting.
5. After Meeting discussions have been planned for November 19, "What do we mean when we say we are all ministers to one another?" and for December 19, "What is the state of our Meeting?"
6. We currently have seven support committees under our care.

Communications Committee Report
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10/3/2010

Since we last met on August 29th, the Committee has accomplished the following:

- The Friend Finder feature has been put up on the Morningside website and Friends now have the capacity to opt out of having their contact information displayed.
- A list of bounced emails was created based on those that Helen Garay Toppins has received when sending out the newsletter and from a report that Dave Britton generated from the website. This list was sent to Pam Wood so that M&C can then contact the people on the list to verify whether they still want to be on the list and to update their contact information.
- The Archive of past posts on the Morningside website now only shows posts from the last 30 days. This makes the archives look cleaner and also allows only the most recent and pertinent posts to be immediately visible. There is a search feature so that users can locate older posts.
- A log file viewer has been added to the back end of the website so that list managers can quickly detect bounced emails and see the activities of the mail server. This makes it easy to verify whether posts are going out to all database members.
- Work is currently being done that will make it possible to upload the newsletter to the Morningside website. Once this is complete, list managers will only need to send out a post to members with the link to the newsletter on our website and Helen will no longer be responsible for sending it out. This feature should be ready shortly.

Peace and Social Concerns report for October 3rd business meeting.

PSC met on September 19th to discuss our priorities for the coming year. The results were compiled and sent to the meeting via email. That email is attached to this report. In brief, the issues of concern are: hydrofracking, anti-Muslim sentiment, American militias, the CLEAR act, the START treaty, involving new and young friends in PSC, more involvement with Riverside, Prison ministry. Friends are encouraged to attend our next meeting on October 10th at which we will consider how we would like to engage in these issues.

On September 26th we had intended to meet with a representative from the Laambi Fund of Haiti but this meeting did not materialize. We are working on rescheduling. Laambi is an organization offering ongoing support to Haiti to whom we will potentially be offering our support.