

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
November 7, 2010

Meeting opens at 1pm with waiting worship. From the silence Clerk Sally Campbell reads a quotation from Thomas Kelly's *A Testament of Devotion*, pp. 115-116:

If the Society of Friends has anything to say, it lies in this region primarily. Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a divine Center. Each one of us can live such a life of amazing power and peace and serenity, of integration and confidence and simplified multiplicity, on one condition – that is, if we really want to. There is a divine Abyss within us all, a holy Infinite Center, a Heart, a Life who speaks in us and through us to the world.

- 2010.11.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved.
- 2010.11.02 Dave Millar, rising clerk of outreach for Quaker Earthcare Witness, gives a presentation on 1) their support of Friends World Committee for Consultation project on Global Change, 2) sponsoring an “unconference” for Young Friends, promising to support young friends if they ask Earth Care to do anything and 3) opportunities to be involved with Quaker Earthcare Witness and 4) mini-grants for green projects. Websites: [www.fwccglobalchange.org](http://www.fwccglobalchange.org); [www.quakerearthcare.org](http://www.quakerearthcare.org), email: [info@fwccglobalchange.org](mailto:info@fwccglobalchange.org). Friends accept the report.
- 2010.11.03 Bart Dominus presents the treasurer’s report. Friends accept the report as attached. Sally Campbell reads the letter of appreciation sent to Riverside Church with our donation of \$500 to their food pantry.
- 2010.11.04 Pam Wood reports for Ministry and Counsel. Friends accept the report as amended. (See attached.)
- Sarah Leuze’s memorial will take place on Saturday, December 11, at 3 PM at the Fifteenth Street Meeting House. Kathy Wood (Convener), Duncan Foley and Ed Elder will be on the Oversight Committee with possibly one or two more people. Ed Elder will be coordinating the food.
  - After Meeting discussions have been planned for November 21st, “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?”
- 2010.11.05 Charlotte Ehrman agrees to write the memorial minute for Sarah Leuze with Kathy Wood. Friends approve.
- 2010.11.06 Ministry and Counsel forwards Lee Rada’s request for membership with a recommendation for approval. This is the first reading.
- 2010.11.07 Joyce Richardson reports for nominating. She presents the roster of nominations for 2011 as a first reading. Friends accept the report.
- 2010.11.08 Sally Campbell reads the Communications Committee Report. Morningside Matters Newsletter is now posted to the non-public part of the website. An email will go out when the newsletter is ready. The committee requests that we use the system as is and give them feedback on how it’s working. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 2010.11.09 Friends agree to revisit our practice of posting minutes and material containing the minutes on the non-public part of the website in early 2011. Friends approve.

- 2010.11.10 Buddha Pettiford reports for Peace & Social Concerns. We settled on three priorities: hydrofracturing, prison work, and addressing rising anti-Muslim sentiment. We also want to involve younger friends and understand their passions and concerns. We hope to address these issues through task forces. Friends accept the report. (See attached.)
- 2010.11.11 Friends spent time considering how we can care for children who come to our meeting. This will be an item on next month's agenda.
- 2010.11.12 Meeting closes at 2:50pm 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: Nancy Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Jack Patterson, Buddha Pettiford, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reisig, Joyce Richardson, Liz Stone, John Tweddle, Susan Wells, Kathy Wood, Pamela Wood

**Morningside Meeting Sept Treasurer's Report**

**Nine Months Through Sept. 2010**

		<b>2010</b>	<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>9 mos. YTD</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>YTD</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	3275.00	3275.00	9825.00	3275.00	13100.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>7416.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>9888.00</u>
		22988.00	5747.00	5747.00	17241.00	5747.00	22988.00
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	9750.00	0.00	3200.00	3500.00	0.00	3500.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Retreat	700.00	0.00	298.27	298.27	0.00	298.27
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>
		12750.00	300.00	5253.27	5853.27	0.00	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	310.00	0.00	310.00
	Hospitality	750.00	89.13	123.79	378.33	0.00	378.33
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	40.00	0.00	94.79	0.00	94.79
	Finance	450.00	47.90	270.95	318.85	0.00	318.85
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>26.45</u>	<u>146.45</u>
		3000.00	387.03	494.74	2592.83	26.45	2619.28
<b>Total Exp</b>		<b>38738.00</b>	<b>6434.03</b>	<b>11495.01</b>	<b>25687.10</b>	<b>5773.45</b>	<b>31460.55</b>
<b>INCOME</b>							
	Contributions		2330.00	7537.00	15480.00	2135.00	<b>17615.00</b>
	Books		<u>5.00</u>	<u>269.50</u>	<u>274.50</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<b><u>279.50</u></b>
			<b>2335.00</b>	<b>7806.50</b>	15704.50	<b>2140.00</b>	<b>17844.50</b>
<b>Assets</b>	Bank Balance		32771.33	27262.32	29140.59	24949.14	24949.14
	Cash		103.55	219.50	155.50	210.50	210.50
<b>Liabilities</b>	Crumlish Bequest		(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)
	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)
<b>Net Worth</b>			<b>29714.18</b>	<b>24,596.63</b>	<b>26360.90</b>	<b>22,724.45</b>	<b>22,724.45</b>

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns  
November 7, 2010**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, December 2, 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, November 28, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Pamela Wood and Patricia Chernof will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. Ministry & Counsel forwards to Meeting for Concerns the request for membership from Lee Rada with a recommendation for approval.
4. Linda Evans' memorial will take place on Saturday, November 6, at 2 PM, at the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place.
5. Sarah Leuze's memorial will take place on Saturday, December 11, at 3 PM. Kathy Wood (Convener), Duncan Foley and Ed Elder will be on the Oversight Committee. Possibly one or two more people. Ed Elder will be coordinating the food.
6. After Meeting discussions have been planned for November 21, "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?" If people have suggestions for after Meeting discussion topics, please forward them to Ministry & Counsel.
7. We will have newcomer packets ready for attenders shortly.
8. We currently have five support committees under our care.

Morningside Monthly Meeting Nominations for 2010 - submitted 11-7-10

**PROPOSED COMMITTEES / POSITIONS (New nominees are underlined)**

**CLERK** - Sally Campbell (for 2011)

**RECORDING CLERK** - Dave Britton

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Pam Wood, Bart Dominus, Charlene Ray

**TREASURER** - Bart Dominus

**ASSISTANT TREASURER** - Pam Wood

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL**

Term Ending 2011 - Jason Mc Gill (second term), Liz Stone (first term)

Term Ending 2012 - Nancy Britton, Patricia Chernoff, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi (first term)

Term Ending 2013 - Lee Rada (first term), Pam Wood (second term)

**RECORDER FOR MEMBERSHIP / HISTORIAN** - Helen Garay-Toppins

**KEEPER OF THE ADDRESS LIST** - Sandra Winter

**NOMINATING** - Patricia Chernoff (third term), Joyce Richardson (third term)

Lee Rada (second term), John Tweddle (second term), David Evans

**HOSPITALITY** - Richard Schmidt, Joyce Richardson

**FIRST DAY COORDINATOR** - Bernard Winter (4th year)

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL** - \_\_\_\_\_(coordinator), Beth Bugdaycay

**TEACHERS** - Tom Goodridge (occaisional)

**FIRST DAY CAREGIVER** - \_\_\_\_\_

**LIBRARIAN** - Sally Campbell

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE** - Elizabeth Stone, Jean Ferris, Pam Wood

**RIVERSIDE SPACE COMMITTEE** - Charlotte Ehrman, Susan Wells, Sally Campbell

**COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE COMMITTEE** - Corona Machermer, Jerry Reisig, Dave Britton,  
Helen-Gary Toppins, Sandra Winter

**FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE** - Patricia Chernoff, Tom Goodridge,  
Committee of the Whole

**PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS** - Buddha Pettiford (Convener), Larry White (Assistant Convener)  
Committee of the Whole

**FIRST DAY MONTHLY SING** - Kathy Wood (Convener), Nancy Britton (Assistant Convener)

**LIASONS / REPRESENTATIVES (New nominees are underlined)**

**AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)** - Pamela Wood

**FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)** - Jack Patterson

**NEW YORK QUARTERLY MEETING** - Dave Britton, Ed Elder

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS** - Sara Lavenhar

**POWELL HOUSE** - Nancy Britton, Tom Goodridge

**PENDLE HILL** - Vince Buscemi

**FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)** - Vince Buscemi

**NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING** - Ernie Buscemi

**NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE ON DISCERNMENT** - \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING TASK GROUP ON YOUTH** - Helen Gary-Toppins

**NEW YORK QUARTERLY MEETING POSITIONS**

**TRUSTEES** - \_\_\_\_\_

**AUDIT AND BUDGET** - Beth Bugdaycay

**EDUCATION FUND** - Dave Britton

**MINISTRY AND COUNSEL** - Sally Campbell, Ed Elder

**NOMINATING** - Jack Patterson

**RELIEF** - Joyce Richardson

**FRIENDS SEMINARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE** - Corona Macheimer, Susan Wells, Andy Doan

**HOUSING COMMITTEE (Friends House in Rosehill)** - Ed Elder

**THE GREAT LAKES REGION (Africa) EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - Corona Macheimer

**COMMITTEE FOR DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN ALLOWED MEETING** - Sally Campbell

**Communications Committee Report**  
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**10/22/2010**

The Communications Committee last met on Friday, Oct. 22. The following items were addressed and are in progress:

- Dave Britton discussed what caused the email server problems in the third week of October that resulted in Helen needing to send out a message for the meeting. He found the source of the problem and it has been corrected.
- Discussion on putting the Morningside Matters Newsletter online and what that will entail. Dave needs to create a simple upload program that will allow this to happen and said that he could have this completed before the deadline of the November newsletter on November 15.
- It was agreed to create a flier that gives instructions on how to log in to the Morningside website to create and update profiles. These fliers, once created, will be put on the information table next to the Red Book.
- Discussed upgrading the Morningside website to make it more user-friendly. Dave suggested investigating the cost for interim changes that would make the home page more graphically pleasing and also include more community information on the home page. Corona agreed to speak to Vonn Nu, who created the Washington, DC Friends website, so we can begin discussions on the needs of the Meeting and also discuss a budget. Corona also agreed to put Vonn in touch with Dave, who wants to talk to Vonn about the technical aspects of our current website and where we may want to go in the future.
- Sandra agreed to follow up with M&C on the list of bounced emails that were sent to Pam Wood for verification and also to find out who on M&C is dealing with Red Book entries and new profiles that are created directly online.
- Sandra made posts concerning the upcoming changes in how the Newsletter is delivered and also gave basic information on the online instructions available for logging on to the Morningside website, as well as who the Communications Committee members are and where to direct questions.

## **Report of Peace & Social Concerns to November 2010 Meeting for Business**

1. We agree to work on three priorities in Peace and Social Concerns
  - a. hydrofracturing for natural gases in NY State as an example of the way large corporations impact the environment and affect political decision making. We raise several questions about this: Who makes the decisions? What other groups are working on this? Do we want to craft a minute?
  - b. Prison work
  - c. Anti-Muslim feeling
2. We want to create a mechanism to involve younger people in Peace and Social Concerns. We have to create a process to find out which issues are of concern, a forum in which we share our passions perhaps?
3. We also think it might be helpful to create a task force for each concern and to ask people if they are willing to join one of the task forces.