

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
January 9, 2011

Meeting opens at 1:05PM with a period of worship. The clerk reads a passage in *Sarah Leuze, A collection of her poetry, fiction, and a memoir with photos and a biographical note*. "Some Thoughts about God, Morningside Meeting and our Discernment Process" March 2000, P. 50. "At our business meetings we will need to center in an atmosphere of (F)riendliness and worship in order to seek God's will (or the best way) for us. We will need to listen attentively to one another as we speak our individual concerns on this matter. We will need to fall into silent worship if our Clerk, or indeed anyone present, asks for it in order to center at a deeper level. We will need to be ready to separate what we discern, in worship, is best for our whole Meeting, from what our self-will or egos or even our intellects tell us we want. Each person is asked to come to the business meeting prepared for a change of heart and mind, if such a change is inwardly called for. And at Morningside, we have found that this worshipful process often includes laughter and a sense of humor. May God (or the spirit) bless us all, and may we be prepared to accept her (or his) blessings."

2011.01.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved.

2011.01.02 Charlotte Ehrman reads a memorial minute for Sarah Leuze. Friends accept the minute. (See attached.) The Meeting agrees to send the minute to Friends Journal, Spark and the FLGBTQC newsletter. Friends are reminded that the library has copies of Sarah's book.

2011.01.03 Pam Wood presents the report from Ministry and Counsel. The report is accepted. (See attached.) The Meeting approves the idea of a day long retreat in the city. Ministry and Counsel will discern further on the content and location of the retreat.

2011.01.04 Mason Jenkins presents the report for Peace and Social Concerns. The report is accepted. (See attached.) The Meeting asks questions about the organizations to which we made donations and received answers.

2011.01.05 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's report. The report is accepted. (See attached.) Our contributions were down by around \$6,000 this year. We have a contribution shortfall of about \$8200 for this year. We will use our reserves to meet our expenses for this year. The meeting asks the Finance Committee to have a potential budget available on the First Day before Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business next month.

2011.01.06 The Clerk presents a proposal of another book sale this year. Pam Wood and Bart Dominus will work with Helen Garay-Toppins to further this project.

2011.01.07 The Clerk reads the State of Society Report as prepared by David Britton. The Meeting offered support and corrections. The Meeting asks David and Sally to make these corrections and send the report to the Yearly Meeting.

2011.01.08 Pam Wood asks the Meeting to co-sponsor an event inviting Michelle Alexander, the author of *The New Jim Crow*, to talk about her book at Riverside Church on March 19<sup>th</sup>. This would entail a \$200 (for a quarter of a page) sponsorship announcement in the event booklet. The Meeting approves and asks that the money come from the Miscellaneous Contributions line.

2011.01.09 The Meeting closes with silent worship at 2:25PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Elder

Temporary Recording Clerk

Attendance: Pamela Wood, Barton Dominus, Mason Jenkins, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi, Buddha Pettiford, Susan Wells, John Slater, Jerry Reisig, Charlene Ray, Lee Rada, Tom Goodridge, Corona Machemer, Larry White, Patricia Chernoff, Charlotte Ehrman, Joyce Richardson, Miguel Adams

## **SARAH LEUZE MEMORIAL MINUTE**

Leuze, Sarah Strong Harwood -- gifted psychotherapist, poet, adventurer, Friend -- died in New York City on October 17, 2010 at the age of 71 from multiple myeloma. Diagnosed in 2000 with a prognosis of five years, she lived ten more years with grace, joy, courage, and love.

Sarah and her sister Ann Harwood, grew up in Ohio with their parents, Paul and Jessie Cutler Harwood, both of whom were biologists. She moved to New York after graduating from Ohio State University. Sarah met her future husband, Robert Leuze, and they were married on August 16, 1969. They moved to their present apartment on the Upper West side of Manhattan in 1970. Sarah worked as a psychotherapist in private practice for well over 20 years.

Sarah began regularly attending Morningside Monthly Meeting in the early 1980's and joined soon thereafter. She was an active member of meeting, serving at various times as Clerk, as a member of the Ministry and Counsel Committee, on the Nominating Committee and on many clearness and support committees. Sarah also was a member of one of Morningside's Spiritual Nurture groups.

Sarah is and will continue to be sorely missed by Morningside Meeting. Always alert to the needs of others, she made special efforts to welcome new attenders and help them to feel at home. She saw deeply, spoke her truth clearly and loved and accepted us for who we are. Sarah Strong Harwood Leuze, Friend.

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns  
January 9, 2011**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, January 27, 2011, 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, January 23, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Pam Wood and Lee Rada will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. An after Meeting discussion has been planned for Sunday, February 20, "Varieties of Quaker Theology at Morningside". On March 20 we would like to have an after Meeting celebration of our community, "Making a Joyful Noise." We hope to have both singing and possibly movement as well as a time for us to share aspects of our community we particularly value. In the spring, we would like to have a one-day retreat. We had hoped for May, but the schedule at 15<sup>th</sup> Street seems to be very tight. We will explore options. The topic we are considering is forgiveness. We would like feedback on that.
4. Morningside Monthly Meeting has been asked to take under its care, Meeting for Worship for the QUNO staff on a Wednesday in late January, early February.
5. We currently have seven support committees under our care.

**Morningside Meeting  
Twelve Months Through Dec 2010**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance Bud vs Act</b>	<b>1st Qtr Actual</b>	<b>2nd Qtr Actual</b>	<b>3rd Qtr Actual</b>	<b>Oct Actual</b>	<b>Nov Actual</b>	<b>Dec Actual</b>	<b>4th Qtr Actual</b>	<b>2010 Total</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>											
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	0.00	3275.00	3275.00	3275.00	3275.00	0.00	0.00	3275.00	13100.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>9888.00</u>
		22988.00	0.00	5747.00	5747.00	5747.00	5747.00	0.00	0.00	5747.00	22988.00
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	9850.00	4800.00	0.00	3200.00	0.00	0.00	1250.00	600.00	1850.00	5050.00
	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	Retreat	700.00	401.73	0.00	298.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.27
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>245.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>
		12850.00	5446.73	300.00	5253.27	0.00	0.00	1250.00	600.00	1850.00	7403.27
Operating Expense	Communications	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1st Day/Childcare	750.00	440.00	210.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
	Hospitality	750.00	274.03	89.13	123.79	165.41	0.00	97.64	0.00	97.64	475.97
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	217.54	40.00	0.00	54.79	0.00	37.67	0.00	37.67	132.46
	Finance	450.00	5.00	47.90	270.95	0.00	0.00	126.15	0.00	126.15	445.00
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>4.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>26.45</u>	<u>49.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.45</u>	<u>195.45</u>
		3000.00	1441.12	387.03	494.74	340.20	26.45	310.46	0.00	336.91	1558.88
<b>Total Exp</b>		<b>38838.00</b>	<b>6887.85</b>	<b>6434.03</b>	<b>11495.01</b>	<b>6087.20</b>	<b>5773.45</b>	<b>1560.46</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>7933.91</b>	<b>31950.15</b>
<b>INCOME</b>											
	Contributions			2330.00	7537.00	5563.00	2135.00	3029.31	7685.00	12849.31	28279.31
	Books			<u>5.00</u>	<u>269.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>294.50</u>
				<b>2335.00</b>	<b>7806.50</b>	<b>5563.00</b>	<b>2140.00</b>	<b>3044.31</b>	<b>7685.00</b>	<b>12869.31</b>	<b>28573.81</b>
<b>Assets</b>	Bank Balance			32771.33	27262.32	29140.59	24949.14	26038.49	33087.49	33087.49	33087.49
	Cash			103.55	219.50	155.50	210.50	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00
<b>Liabilities</b>	Crumlish Bequest			(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(2000.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers			(269.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)
	Incarcerated Girls			(891.61)	(716.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)
											0.00
<b>Net Worth</b>				<b>29714.18</b>	<b>29714.18</b>	<b>29714.18</b>	<b>22,724.45</b>	<b>23973.30</b>	<b>31022.30</b>	<b>31022.30</b>	<b>31022.30</b>