

Morningside Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

3/6/2011

present: Pamela Wood, Charlotte Ehrman, Corona Macheimer, Peter Beck, Vince Buscemi, Charlene Ray, Joyce Richardson, Patricia Chernoff, Ernie Buscemi, Robert Renwick, Barton Dominus

The meeting begins at 1:10 pm with silent Worship. The clerk reads from Margery Larrabee's Pendle Hill Pamphlet 392, pages 23-4, *Spirit-led Eldering*

Do we take appropriate time and space to meet with one another for needed business, respecting the person as much as the business to be accomplished?

Do we have in mind first to listen, to understand, and to accept the other person's present situation?

Are we equally committed to the needs of the meeting community?

Are we prepared to explore the situation with an open mind, to determine what is rightly ordered?

Are we prepared for an outcome of either mutual agreement or mutual disagreement?

Are we mindful of and turn to the Spirit throughout our exchange?

20110306.1 Pamela Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel committee report: the next meeting will be on 3/30 at 7:15 pm at Pam's house. The next newcomers breakfast is scheduled for 3/27 at 9:30 am in the Riverside cafeteria, The Quaker theology discussion will be continued on 3/30 after Meeting. Quarterly Meeting is to be held on the 3rd Sunday in April. The Meeting retreat is planned for 6/4 from 10 am to 3 pm. The committee continues work on the address list. The report is accepted and attached.

20110306.2 Bart Dominus presents the treasurer's report: The report shows the draft budget for 2011 and the actual expenditures for 2/2011. Payments were made to NYYM and for rent. Only \$500 in contributions was received in February. The Meeting needs to discuss whether the Peace and Social Concerns budget should be reduced. Friends discuss the process of making such a decision. Friends discuss the role of the Finance committee in fund raising, and possible ways to encourage contributions. Other budget areas for possible cuts, including the NYYM contribution, are discussed. Friends agree to use the current draft budget as our working budget for at least the next few months, revisiting the concern as needed.

20110306.3 Dave Britton presents the Communications Committee report: The report describes the possibility of working with Vonn New to create a new website. Her fee for this would be approximately \$1500. The report suggests contacting Quarterly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel Committee, asking if they would be interested in sharing the costs and technology. Friends agree that we should pursue this option with Quarterly Meeting, and the clerk agrees to carry the inquiry to Quarterly M&C. The report is accepted and attached.

20110306.4 The clerk reads the Peace and Social Concerns Committee report written by Buddha Pettiford: after much discussion of needs for more fund raising the committee decides to let the concern season. The report is accepted and attached.

20110306.5 The clerk asks about Friends prison ministry paperwork. Helen Garay Toppins

has forms prepared for one-time visits and encourages Friends to participate.

20110306.6 Sally Campbell describes the New York Yearly Meeting Discernment Meeting, to which she brought our Meetings concerns and ideas as collected last month. There were many activities described and challenges shared, showing Meetings' vitality. Overall it was an exciting and rich experience. She recommends participation.

The Meeting ends at 2:15 with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton (recording clerk)

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns

March 4, 2011

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, March 31, 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, March 27, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Jason McGill and Lee Rada will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Café.
3. In response to the interest in our discussion last month, "Varieties of Quaker Theology at Morningside," we are planning a continuation tentatively entitled, "What Canst Thou Say? More on Varieties of Quaker Theology at Morningside," for Sunday, March 20. There will be no discussion on the third Sunday in April as that is the day for Quarterly Meeting.
4. We have reserved the volunteer space in Riverside Park for our day retreat, 10 AM to 3 PM, Saturday, June 4. We will be thinking about our relationship with nature, celebrating our community and will plan a number of activities in addition to a discussion. Hold the date.
5. We continue to review our address list and to contact absent members.
6. We currently have seven support committees under our care, not all are actively meeting.

**Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report
Proposed 2011 Budget and January 2011 Results**

		Draft Budget	Jan Actual	Feb Actual
EXPENSE				
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00		3275.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>
		22988.00		5747.00
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	9850.00		
	Misc. Contrib.	400.00		
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>1500.00</u>		
		11750.00		
Operating Expense	Communications	500.00		
	1st Day/Childcare	750.00		
	Hospitality	750.00	167.40	
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00		
	Finance	450.00		
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>		<u>57.50</u>
		3000.00	167.40	57.50
Total Exp		37738.00	167.40	5804.50
INCOME				
	Contributions		3293.29	500.00
	Books		<u>5.00</u>	
			3298.29	500.00
Assets	Bank Balance		32162.49	27807.99
	Cash		250.60	250.60
Liabilities	Crumlish Bequest		(1500.00)	(1500.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)
	Incarcerated Girls		(766.10)	(766.10)
Net Worth			29977.90	25623.40

Morningside Monthly Meeting Communications Committee Report to Meeting 3/6/2011

The committee has contacted Vonn New as a possible consultant to redesign our web site. Dave Britton discussed technical issues and processes with her extensively, and recommends that we consider her for this project. Vonn has considerable experience developing Meeting web sites (e.g. Washington D.C. Monthly Meeting); she comes well recommended and offers a substantial discount for Friends.

Vonn's fee would be \$1500. This would provide for creating a new web site that would permit (and require) Friends to routinely add or edit and maintain text appearing on the site to keep it current, using a content management web-based system named Drupal. Specific features of the new site, including calendar scheduling, email communications and the structure and topics presented would need to be decided by the Meeting in consultation with Vonn. Vonn would provide the graphical design, appearance and style based on the Meeting's review of her suggestions for the site's visual look and feel.

The first step in this process is for the Meeting to hold a 2 hour workshop with Vonn to discuss Friends' ideas, expectations, hopes and suggestions. On the basis of that meeting she would present a specific design proposal (possibly with options) for our consideration.

She would coordinate technical implementation of the site with Dave, as it would continue to be served from the Quarterly Meeting's server at no cost to Morningside, as it is now. Dave suggests that we should consider opening the process to Quarterly Ministry and Counsel, because Quarterly Meeting could benefit from this type of site, and it would be relatively easy to use this same software infrastructure on the same server to deliver an updated Quarterly site. If Quarterly desired to take advantage of this, then the costs could be split, providing some financial relief for Morningside, although the total cost might rise somewhat.

After the site is developed she would provide the Meeting with training to maintain and manage it.

Do Friends wish to commit these funds and begin this

process? In Friendship,
Dave Britton, for the committee

Peace and Social Concerns Meeting 2/27/11

Notes by Buddha Pettiford

These words reflect an afterthought, days after the meeting. In future Peace and Social Concerns meetings it would be helpful if Friends keep in mind the tradition of someone present recording the minutes or at least taking notes.

Corona and I worked on several prison bills or proposals for a minute which will probably be submitted for April's business meeting

Because of the budgeting issue, Buddha's response is that P & SC should develop a way for the committee to generate the funds it needs to operate as needed.

After much discussion, the consensus resulted in, for me, the curious phrase "we will let this season".