

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Minutes 5/1/2011

present: Nancy Britton, Corona Macheimer, Jerry Reisig, Ed Elder, Peter Beck, Charlene Ray, Vince Buscemi, Charlotte Ehrman, Pamela Wood, Sally Campbell, Dave Britton

Meeting begins at 1:10 pm with silent Worship.
The clerk reads a quote from Isaac Pennington.

The agenda is reviewed and approved.

2011.05.01.1. The clerk reads a letter she sent to New York Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice about Earthcare Witness. The letter is attached. The letter expresses our gratitude that Yearly Meeting is turning its attention to this matter.

2011.05.01.2. Corona Macheimer presents a report from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee meeting of 4/10/2011 following up on the parole legislation minutes approved 4/3/2011. Morningside has been added to the the list of supporting organizations for the SAFE Parole Act. Quarterly Meeting could not address the minute we presented to them in April, so we need to forward the minute to all Monthly Meetings in the Quarter, and then resubmit it to the Quarterly Meeting in July, so if it is approved there it can go to the Yearly Meeting Fall Session. Friends raise a concern about restrictions on religious organizations conducting lobbying. Pam Wood agrees to investigate lobbying restrictions so we may stay clear on our relation to these laws. Friends discuss the action and discussion at the April Quarterly Meeting where our minute was "endorsed" but not "discerned and approved", preventing Yearly Meeting's consideration according to Helen Garay Toppins in conversation with Corona. The NAACP is beginning a campaign to "educate, don't incarcerate" and faith communities will be following up.

Friends approved sending the minute to Meetings of the Quarter and resubmitting it to the Quarterly Meeting in July. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

2011.05.01.3. The clerk reports that the recommendation of Mason Jenkins application to become a Veterans Administration chaplain was approved by Quarterly Meeting, and is being sent to Yearly Meeting.

2011.05.01.4. The clerk reads a note from Helen Garay Toppins reporting on submission of Friends' volunteer forms to Sing Sing prison. We are waiting for Dept. of Corrections approval. The note is attached.

2011.05.01.5. The clerk reads a letter from Larry White requesting release from being co-clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns committee. Friends approve the release.

2011.05.01.6. The Nominating Committee nominates Corona Macheimer as assistant clerk of Peace and Social Concerns and Joseph deDominicis to replace Liz Stone as assistant librarian. Friends approve the appointments.

2011.05.01.7. Pam Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel report. The next meeting is scheduled for 6/2 at 7:15 pm at Pam's house. The next welcoming breakfast is scheduled for 5/22. The Memorial Meeting for Liz Stone is scheduled for 5/22 at 1:00 pm with a potluck to follow. Ministry and Counsel proposes switching the 3rd Firstday for after-Meeting programming by Peace and Social Concerns and the 4th Firstday to be scheduled by Ministry and Counsel, due to the schedules of people involved who have conflicts with Riverside Church's prison ministry group and

Woodlawn Prison Meeting. 6/4 is scheduled for the retreat at Riverside Park. Ministry and Counsel recommends the release of Ben and Sarah Nordstrom from membership in the Meeting because of not getting any response from them following many attempts at communication. The address list is still under review. There are 9 support committees currently. Friends accept the report.

2011.05.01.8. Friends approve the switch of 3rd and 4th Firstdays as proposed.

2011.05.01.9. Friends approve the release of Ben and Sarah Nordstrom from membership in the Meeting.

2011.05.01.10. Pam Wood presents the Treasurers report. Expenditures in April were minimal. Total contributions received in the first quarter of this year were \$6788, with additional contributions of \$2,085 in April, for a year to date total of \$8873. Expenditures overall are less than contributions received so far due to low expenditures on Peace and Social Concerns outreach. Pam describes the asset and unrestricted funds balances. Friends note the absence of the number of contributions. Charlene reports that about 15 people have contributed so far this year.

The Meeting ends at 2:05 with silent Worship.

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recorder