

Sunday, June 5, 2011

The meeting opened in silence.

David Britton read a quote from Beyond Majority Rule by Michael J. Sheehan. "best of all, the members did not feel that a weak compromise had been made, but rather that the very best plan had been followed." A point about Quaker decisions is that they occasion the emergence of such a higher synthesis of individual ideas. "The final result," comments S.B. Laughlin, "is not a compromise of conflicting views but a synthesis of the best thought of all – a case where two and two make five."

The agenda was reviewed.

Pamela Wood read the ministry and counsel report. Friends accept the report as read. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Friends accept the report as read. The next Ministry and Counsel meeting will be Thursday September 8 at Pamela Wood's home. Approximately 20 people attended the retreat yesterday, Saturday, June 4, 2011. The retreat included a meeting for worship, a walking meditation and a Council of All Beings. Several people from our meeting will be going to the Friends Cemetery on a weekday to look at possible plot locations. Those interested in going to the cemetery as a part of this group should contact Pamela Wood.

The meeting approves Ministry and Counsel to set up a registry of emergency contacts for members and attenders of the meeting who wish to share this information.

Bart Dominus made the Treasurer's report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Friends accept the report as read. Contributions this quarter have been very small. The finance committee met today and decided that they will be going out with a solicitation letter this month. Friends request the finance committee give the approximate number of individuals who have made contributions as of the September business meeting.

There was no formal report from Peace and Social Concerns. The topic of the next Peace and Social Concerns meeting will be Contributions. It would be helpful if people who are involved with a particular group that receives financial support from the committee attend the June 12 meeting after the meeting for worship. The Michelle Alexander program at Morningside on May 21, 2011 was a great success and well attended, including many from our meeting.

As a follow up to the minute previously sent by the meeting, Dave Britton told us that his daughter Liberty did not get a position with AFSC.

The Quarterly Ministry and Counsel has decided to help provide a website presence to monthly meetings who do not currently have websites following our suggestion to arrange this with Vonn New. This would also make Morningside's website more economical.

Liz Stone's brother has donated bookshelves and rug to the Morningside library. The meeting will express their appreciation for the gifts with a thank-you letter to Dan and Kay Stone sent by the clerk of the meeting.

Friends are encouraged to bring books for a future book sale. They will be stored in the library or pantry until the time of the sale.

Our next business meeting will be Sunday, September 11, 2011.

The meeting ended in worship.

Attendees: Pamela Wood, Barton Dominus, Jack Patterson, Robert Rewick, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Joyce Richardson, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, David Britton, Charlotte Ehrman, Lee Rada

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Rada, Recording Clerk Pro Tem

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns
June 5, 2011**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, September 8, 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, June 26, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Vince and Ernie Buscemi will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe. We will also host breakfasts on Sunday, July 24 and Sunday, August 28, at the same place, and same time.
3. We held our retreat yesterday. 19 people signed up to attend.
4. We met with three of the ARCH visitors to plan some after-Meeting discussions. The first discussion is planned for Sunday, September 25. At that time members of ARCH will distribute the File of Life and the Personal Planning Record, documents developed by ARCH. We will begin to fill these out together, having an opportunity to ask questions and raise issues that might need discussion. On February 26, ARCH will host a discussion of such topics as living wills, health care proxies, palliative care and hospice care. We strongly encourage all members, no matter how old they are to participate.
5. We discuss the possibility of creating a list of emergency contacts for people in the Meeting who so desire that would be held by the Clerk of the Meeting and the co-clerks of Ministry & Counsel. We will be investigating whether the NY Quarterly Meeting might hold some records. In addition, there may be ways the Meeting can support single people with no immediate family in times of emergency.
6. We currently have nine support committees under our care, not all are actively meeting. There is one in formation.

**Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report
May 2011 Results**

		2011 Budget	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	1st Qtr Actual	Apr Actual	May Actual
EXPENSE								
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00		3275.00		3275.00		3275.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>
		22988.00		5747.00		5747.00		5747.00
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	9850.00			0.00	0.00		150.00
	Misc. Contrib.	400.00			200.00	200.00		0.00
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>1500.00</u>			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
		11750.00			200.00	200.00		150.00
Operating Expense	Communications	500.00						
	1st Day/Childcare	750.00						70.00
	Hospitality	750.00	167.40		139.50	306.90	50.50	0.00
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00				0.00	0.00	69.68
	Finance	450.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>57.50</u>	<u>57.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		3000.00	167.40		197.00	364.40	50.50	139.68
Total Exp		37738.00	167.40	5747.00	397.00	6311.40	50.50	6036.68
INCOME								
	Contributions		3293.29	500.00	2995.00	6788.29	2085.00	1478.18
	Books		<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
			3298.29	500.00	3000.00	6798.29	2090.00	1478.18
Assets	Bank Balance		32162.49	27865.49	30663.49	32299.99	32339.99	27572.99
	Cash		250.60	250.60	419.00	419.00	418.50	427.00
(1500.00)	Crumlish Bequest		(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)
	Incarcerated Girls		(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)
Net Worth			29977.90	25680.90	28647.30		30323.30	25564.80