

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting for Worship With a Concern For Business
2/5/2012

present: Jerry Reisig, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Stephen McDonald, Peter Beck, Dave Evans, Pamela Wood, Corona Machermer, Bart Dominus, Robert Renfrew, Charlotte Ehrman, Tom Goodridge, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:00 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads from "Being a Quaker, A Guide for Newcomers" by Geoffrey Durham:

"I remember a time when a matter was presented to the meeting and I had an immediate sense that the action proposed was wrong. I was gratified when others stood to say they found it unacceptable and after a short while the clerk prepared to write a minute. Then one person rose and spoke with thoughtful, stumbling words, suggest that the proposed action was one that we were being invited to take in a spirit of openness and inclusiveness; and one that would enrich our community if we embraced it. The silence deepened. Words were voiced: 'I hope that we can accept this proposal'. There was a clear sense that we had been taken up by the scruff of our necks and put down in a different place from our sensible selves. And the outcome seemed right."

2012.2.5.1 Friends review and approve the agenda.

2012.2.5.2 Dave Evans presents the Nominating Committee report. Jerry Reisig is suggested for Ministry and Counsel for a full term ending in 2014, and is also suggested for the Communications Committee. Friends approve the appointments.

2012.2.5.3 Pam Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel report. The next meeting will be on 3/1 at 7:15 PM at her home. The next newcomers' breakfast will be on 2/26. Planned after meeting discussions include ARCH on 2/26 and on 3/25 a discussion of spiritual nurture groups. M&C continues working on reviewing the address list and on preparing for a retreat in the Fall. The report is attached.

2012.2.5.4 Corona Machermer reports on Peace and Social Concerns. Amounts were allocated for outreach contributions to groups for 2011. Amounts are not assigned for 2012 yet. Vince presents the criteria for selecting groups we support for the Meeting's review, as attached. The role of this Meeting's Friends involvement in the selected organizations is important. Sometimes the concern may be identified prior to deciding which specific organization should be funded. Sometimes concerns may arise from either concerns of the whole Meeting or may be brought forward by individual Friends. Friends ask P&SC to consolidate and rewrite the criteria to bring them up to date to reflect current practice.

2012.2.5.5 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's report, which includes the 2011 final statement as of 1/30/2012. That statement is attached. We used approximately \$1600 of our reserves to cover expenses this year, in contrast to about \$8,000 last year.

2012.2.5.6 Bart presents the preliminary proposed budget for 2012. The line item for P&SC outreach disbursements is blank because the total amount is not established yet. The line item of "contributions in lieu of rent" is proposed at \$10,000, actual use of which would depend on what funds remain without using our reserves, and on what decision the Meeting makes in January 2013. Friends discuss the concern of matching the budget to our expectations of what the Meeting can raise. Friends request the committee to return next month with a proposed budget that includes P&SC and a realistic assessment of projected income that reflects the Meeting's ability to meet the budget's revenue targets.

2012.2.5.7 The State of the Meeting Report is read again, and some suggestions are made. Friends approve the statement. The clerk will forward it to Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting ends at 2:40 PM with silent Worship.

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recorder