

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
9/9/2012

present: Joyce Richardson, Corona Macheimer, Naomi Paz-Greenberg, Helen Garay Thomas, Charlene Ray, Patricia Chernoff, Greg Batista, Lee Rada, Pamela Wood, Charlotte Ehrman, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk).

The Meeting begins at 1:00 pm with Silent Worship. The clerk reads from William Shettler: ["When I came into the silent assemblies of God's people] I felt a secret power among them, [which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up;] and so I came thus knit and united unto them, [hungering more and more after this power and life] Robert Barclay Apology 1676.

The distinct power that Robert Barclay felt on his first encounter with Friends was a corporate one, the shared light activated by their being together. We are faithful only when we are being faithful together--we are a community of persons on a common journey. In meeting for worship or worshipful business we are constructing a listening space together where each can speak from personal experience. The Light in the corporate life of the meeting is deep listening to each other. Really listening in this way is a competence that--if my own experience is any indication--takes a lifetime to grow into.

Some Thoughts on becoming Eighty-five by William Z. Shetter p. 22 Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 418

The agenda is reviewed and approved.

20120909.1 Pamela Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel Committee report. The next meeting will be on 10/4/2012 at 7:00 at Pam Wood's house. The next newcomers' breakfast will be on 9/23/2012 at 9:30 in the Riverside cafeteria. M&C brings forth the application of Katherine Alford for membership with a recommendation for approval. Greymoor has tentatively agreed to reserving the weekend of May 5 2013 for our retreat. Pam asks Friends to email her titles of readings and activities they recommend for spiritual nurture groups being formed in mid-October. The next after-Meeting discussion will be on 9/24/2012 on membership in Meeting. The State of the Meeting discussion and cookie swap is proposed for 12/16/2012 instead of 12/23, with a celebration on 12/30 including a potluck, music, etc. Currently there are 11 support committees. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20120909.2 Katherine Alford's request for membership is given a first reading for Friends' consideration at the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.

20120909.3 The clerk proposes that a memorial minute for Susan Wells be prepared for submission to Friends Journal, New York Quarterly Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting. Pamela Wood volunteers to prepare it and welcomes assistance from others.

20120909.4 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. Our year to date income is \$13,284 which covers year to date disbursements of \$11,624. Forty-eight people have contributed so far this year, some from Friends too far away to attend. Our contributions are at 39% of our annual budget, while still needing at least \$9,000 for planned disbursements. Three Friends now make contributions electronically. Friends may do this by authorizing an ACH transfer from their bank accounts using this information:

ABA number (aka Routing Number): 026013673 (TD Bank)

Account Name: Morningside Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

Account Number: 4261233658

The Kind of Account is Business Direct Checking.

If there are any questions about it, please feel free to call Charlene Ray, at 212-757-2504 or email her at moneycoach@earthlink.net. It will be helpful to know if you plan to use this feature.

The Finance Committee asks approval to open a brokerage account with Charles Schwab to handle gifts of stock, with each of Charlene Ray, Treasurer, and Barton Dominus and Pamela Wood as Assistant Treasurers authorized to make all transactions. The Finance Committee recommends that the Meeting support the 3.9% increase in our support of Yearly Meeting with a \$511 increase in our covenant contribution. This should be able to be presented at the Budget Saturday meeting in Purchase on 10/13/2012 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The Committee seeks someone to attend the meeting representing Morningside. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20120909.5 Friends discuss opening the Schwab account as proposed. Friends approve using Charles Schwab for a brokerage account. Friends approve that each of Charlene Ray, as Treasurer, or Barton Dominus or Pamela Wood as Assistant Treasurers, is authorized to make all transactions, including deposits, withdrawals, and sales and transfers of stock. Meeting approval is required to close the account.

20120909.6 Friends approve adding \$511 to our New York Yearly Meeting covenant contribution for 2013, for a total of \$13,611.

20120909.7 Naomi Paz-Greenberg agrees to go to budget Saturday, and is willing to have someone go with her or instead of her.

20120909.8 Corona Macheimer presents an informal report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee activities. The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) questionnaire about local Meeting concerns was reviewed and readily answerable questions were answered, but additional discussion is needed for the more complex questions. Friends discuss how to respond to AFSC's inquiry. Friends agree to hold a special session on AFSC on the fifth Firstday of this month, 9/30/2012, with Peace and Social Concerns preparing information for this discussion.

Peace and Social Concerns has chosen the Lambi Fund to be the beneficiary of the 1-1 matching fund campaign to support development efforts in Haiti, matched by up to \$500 of the Crumlish Fund as previously approved by the Meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns approved using 12/9/2012 to participate in the Amnesty International write-a-thon, in the spiritual context of a Human Rights Sabbath, as inspired by Rabbis for Human Rights. Amnesty will be notified to add this to their public calendar so non-Friends will know they can participate as well.

Friends accept the report and approve the actions and recommendations.

20120909.9 The clerk notes that child care needs are increasing and that we now have renovated space on the 8th floor. We can use contributions of appropriate materials that can be stored in the library to be brought downstairs weekly, since there is no storage in the 8th floor space.

The clerk notes that World Communion Day of Riverside Church, in which all religious tenants of the facilities are invited to participate, is to be held on 10/7/2012, the first Sunday in October. The clerk has asked Ernie Buscemi to be our representative. All Morningsiders are encouraged to attend the service

downstairs on that day.

The clerk reports that the website work is still in progress. She asks for assistance in contacting other clerks of Meetings in the Quarter to develop content and find website contact people for their Meetings.

The Meeting ends at 2:25 PM with Worship .

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recording clerk

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns
September 9, 2012**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, October 4, 2012, 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, September 23, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Lee Rada and Pamela Wood will host.
3. The Ministry and Counsel Committee forwards the application for membership of Katharine Alford to Meeting for Business with a recommendation for approval.
4. For our retreat on the weekend of May 5, Greymoor has tentatively agreed to the date but has not yet confirmed. We need to remember that we changed our May Business Meeting to May 12.
5. Pam Wood is revising the spiritual nurture materials to incorporate suggestions made at Meeting for Business and Ministry & Council. She would appreciate it if people would email her any titles of reading material people in spiritual nurture groups have found helpful beyond what was in the syllabus. Also we would like to include activities beyond the ones already in the material that people have found to be nourishing. We hope to begin the groups in mid October.
6. Our next after Meeting discussion will take place on Sunday, September 24 on the topic of membership. We will not have after Meeting discussions in October and November because of NY Quarterly Meeting and the Thanksgiving holiday. We would like to propose having our State of the Meeting discussion and cookie swap on December 16 rather than December 23 because of it's closeness to the holiday. We propose a celebration on Sunday, December 30 with a potluck, music and other entertainment.
7. We currently have 11 support committees.

**NYYM -- 2013 Draft Budget
Sent to Meetings August 2012**

	Draft Budget 2013	Approved Budget 2012	Change from 2012 to 2013	Actual 2011
Total Expenses	543,682	524,087	19,595	509,637
Total Revenues	43,050	524,087		509,814
Difference	-500,632	0		177
% Inc in Expenses	3.74%	1.80%		-1.01%
EXPENSES				
General Services	397,177	380,720	16,457	378,248
Ministry	4,850	4,700	150	3,330
Nurture	130,205	127,511	2,694	114,352
Witness	7,200	7,057	143	4,598
Meeting for Discernment	750	600	150	108
Priorities Working Group	3,500	3,500	0	0
Total Expenses	543,682	524,088	19,595	509,637
INCOME				
Income from Endowment	11,500	11,500	0	11,223
Other Revenue	7,550	47,326	-39,776	17,350
Registration fees	24,000	24,000	0	23,668
Income Subtotal	43,050	82,826	-39,776	52,241
Covenant Donations				
All Friends		51,700	-51,700	56,963
Buttermuts		6,100	-6,100	6,060
Farmington-Scipio		65,226	-65,226	71,960
Long Island		50,850	-50,850	34,674
New York		71,300	-71,300	80,325
Nine Partners		31,573	-31,573	37,573
Northeastern		29,464	-29,464	29,644
Purchase		88,048	-88,048	90,450
Shrewsbury & Plainfield		47,000	-47,000	49,924
Covenant Subtotal	0	441,261	-441,261	457,573
Total Revenues	43,050	524,087	-481,037	509,814

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GENERAL SERVICES SECTION				
Section expenses:				
Audit	3,550	3,050	500	3,050
General expense & travel	2,000	2,000	0	171
Provision for Equalization Fund / Sessions Attendance	3,000	3,000	0	3,795
NYYM officers' expenses	2,600	2,600	0	2,756
Total section expenses	11,150	10,650	500	9,772
Committee expenses:				
Communications Committee	12,300	18,420	-6,120	21,428
Nominating Committee	200	200	0	
Records Committee - Donation	2,500	2,500	0	2,500
Sessions Committee	9,800	9,500	300	9,295
Total committee expenses	24,800	30,620	-5,820	33,224
Office operations:				
Administrative expenses	12,900	12,900	0	13,480
Computer consultation	700	700	0	110
Office Equipment	1,200	950	250	3,004
Insurance	4,850	4,950	-100	4,787
Rent & Utilities	26,241	25,835	406	29,734
Office Staff travel	8,500	8,500	0	7,142
Total office operations expenses	54,391	53,835	556	58,257
Personnel expenses:				
Hourly staff compensation	24,891	24,891	0	24,450
Staff Employees Salaries	170,000	181,570	-11,570	173,526
Salary and Wage-related expenses	78,845	46,054	32,791	46,842
Staff development	1,500	1,500	0	669
Volunteer support	400	400	0	309
Total personnel expenses	275,636	254,415	21,221	245,796
Accounting & Bookkeeping Services	31,200	31,200	0	31,200
TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES	397,177	380,720	16,457	378,248

NYYM was advised of this increase

More work to be done inhouse, see salary note

The increase in salaries is partially offset by a reduction in the Communications line item as some work will be done in house by the new Communications Director. There is an increase of \$5,000 toward some of the Young Adult Friends Field Secretary salary.

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MINISTRY SECTION				
Committee and task group expenses:				
Advancement	250	250	0	
Conflict Transformation Committee	700	400	300	369
Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee	200	200	0	100
Section expense & travel	500	500	0	85
Spiritual Nurture Working Group	800	800	0	675
Task Group on Racism	500	600	-100	351
Worship at YM Sessions	50	100	-50	
Total committee expenses	3,000	2,850	150	1,580
Program expenses:				
Bible study leader Summer Sessions Work Grant	600	600	0	500
Pastors Conference	1,250	1,250	0	1,250
Total program expenses	1,850	1,850	0	1,750
TOTAL MINISTRY	4,850	4,700	150	3,330

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NURTURE SECTION				
Committee expenses:				
Committee on Aging Concerns	250	211	39	
Junior Yearly Meeting	19,850	18,350	1,500	19,067
Young Adult Concerns	650	800	-150	800
Young Friends in Residence	50	0	50	0
Youth Committee	250	253	-3	109
Total committee expenses	21,050	19,614	1,436	19,976
YM appointee expenses:				
FGC Central Committee -- reps to board	1,400	700	700	1,092
FUM -- reps to board	3,500	3,500	0	538
Provision, FUM reps to Triennial	550	422	128	500
Provision, FWCC -- Section of the Americas meetings	1,435	0	1,435	195
Provision, FWCC World Gathering (Triennial/Quadrennial)	900	1,759	-859	900
Total YM appointees expenses	7,785	6,381	1,404	3,376
Allocations & donations:				
Friends LGBTQ Concerns	150	127	23	150
Friends General Conference (FGC)	6,310	6,310	0	6,106
Friends Council on Education	150	127	23	150
Friends United Meeting (FUM)	6,310	6,310	0	6,106
FUM -- Third World attendance to Triennial	150	422	-272	500
FUM Triennial -- Third World Board reps	150	127	23	150
FWCC (Friends World Comm Consult.)	3,000	2,871	129	3,105
FWCC Section of the Americas -- Third World reps	150	127	23	150
Oakwood Friends School	8,000	7,599	401	8,500
Powell House	65,000	65,000	0	65,795
Young Friends in Residence	10,000	10,470	-470	0
Quaker EarthCare Witness			0	
Total allocations & donations	99,370	99,490	-120	90,712
Section expense & travel	1,700	1,773	-73	162
NYYM Resource Library	300	253	47	127
TOTAL NURTURE SECTION	130,205	127,511	2,694	114,352

Even with these budgeted amounts, there is concern that Friends appointed for service on behalf of NYYM need to cover a substantial portion of their expenses out-of-pocket.

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WITNESS SECTION				
Committee expenses:				
Barrington Dunbar				
Black Concerns				
COPW: Conscientious Objection to Paying for War				
Indian Affairs				
Meeting the Minimum Needs of All				
Peace Concerns Coordinator				
Prisons				
EAQWER: European American Q to End Racism				
Torture Awareness Working Group				
World Ministries				
Witness CC Section Expense	1,550	2,091	-541	
Total committee expenses				
YM appointee expenses				
AFSC - 9 Representatives				
FCNL - 6 Representatives				
Friends Peace Teams - 2 Representatives				
National Campaign for Peace Tax Fund				
NYS Council of Churches				
Quaker Earthcare Witness				
William Penn House Representative				
Additional funding for Reps to Quaker Orgs				
Total YM appointee expenses	1,000	923	77	
Donations				
American Friends Service Committee		143	-143	
Alternatives to Violence Project		143	-143	
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund		143	-143	
Friends Committee on National Legislation		143	-143	
Friends Peace Teams		143	-143	
National Campaign for Peace Tax Fund		143	-143	
National Religious Campaign Against Torture		143	-143	
Quaker Earthcare Witness		143	-143	
Right Sharing of World Resources		143	-143	
Rural and Migrant Ministries		143	-143	
William Penn House		143	-143	
N.J. Council of Churches		143	-143	
N.Y. Council of Churches		143	-143	
Total donations	2,250	1,859	391	2,294
Sharing Fund Campaign Expense	2,400	2,184	216	2,305
TOTAL WITNESS SECTION	7,200	7,057	143	4,598

Dear Meeting Clerks and Treasurers,

We ask that your Meeting advise us by Monday October 8th as to your Meeting's likely covenant donation for 2013. See below for requested information. The draft budget is attached. In order to carry out the ministries of Yearly Meeting, the coordinating committees have asked for a combined total of \$544,682 for the 2013 budget, an increase from the 2012 budget of 3.9%.

Draft Budget 2013	Approved Budget 2012	Difference	% Increase
\$ 544,682	\$ 524,087	\$ 20,595	3.9%

In order to have an average of 3.9% increase, some meetings, if able, will need to give more than that percentage increase, as some will not be able to do so.

NYYM's Budget Saturday will take place this year on October 13th

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Purchase Meetinghouse

4455 Purchase Street (Rt. 120) at Lake Street, Purchase, NY 10577.

At Budget Saturday, those present will consider the draft 2013 budget, considering the proposed expenses and anticipated revenues, including covenant donations. This is why it is so important to hear from your meeting by the Monday preceding this meeting.

	Draft Budget 2013	Approved Budget 2012	Difference	% Increase
General Services Coordinating Committee	398,177	380,720	17,457	4.6%
Ministry Coordinating Committee	4,850	4,700	150	3.2%
Nurture Coordinating Committee	130,205	127,511	2,694	2.1%
Witness Coordinating Committee	7,200	7,057	143	2.0%
Meeting for Discernment	750	600	150	25.0%
Priorities Working Group	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
Total Expenses	\$ 544,682	\$ 524,088	\$ 20,595	3.9%

Discerning the priorities of New York Yearly Meeting's as expressed in the budget, the hope is that at Budget Saturday proposed 2013 budget can be finalized for consideration at Fall Sessions.

Given the importance of this discernment process, it is important to have as many people physically present as feasible. **If possible, please plan on having a representative from your Meeting / Worship Group participate that day.** The Financial Services Committee continues to hold the following goals as it carries out its work: 1) To assist Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in making informed covenant donation decisions. 2) To assist Meetings in communicating their discernment as to what the priorities of the Yearly Meeting should be for the upcoming budget year. 3) To assist the Yearly Meeting in basing its budget and programming on the level of covenant donations from Meetings and the priorities the Meetings have articulated. These goals depend on each other. In order to make informed covenant donation decisions, Meetings need some sense of how the Yearly Meeting spends money.

The Yearly Meeting needs to know the level of meetings' covenant donations in order to frame a reasonable budget and needs to understand what the priorities are that should be shaping the budget.

Members of the Financial Services Committee are available to speak with you by phone about the Yearly Meeting's proposed programs and expenses. Please contact Sandra Beer at beer@igc.org / 518-392-1971 if you have any questions. It would be most helpful if you could notify Sandra Beer and your Quarterly/Regional Treasurer of your Meeting's 2012 covenant donation by Oct 8th.

Yours in the Light,

The NYYM Financial Services Committee

Sandra Beer - (Old Chatham), Laura Cisar (New Brunswick), John Loza (Brooklyn). Jim Ralston (Saratoga). Mike Scanlon

(Scarsdale)

Ex-Officio: *NYYM Treasurer, Assistant Treasurers, General Secretary, Treasurers of Regional/Half Yearly /Quarterly Meetings*

Morningside Monthly Meeting Treasurer's Report: 2012

		2012 Budget	May Actual	June Actual	July Actual	August Actual	YTD Actual	% Spent or Raised
Disbursements								
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,100.00		3,275.00			6,550.00	50.0%
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	10,000.00	650.00	2,150.00	900.00	200.00	3,900.00	39.0%
	Misc. Contrib.	300.00				45.00	45.00	15.0%
	Contribution In Lieu Of Rent*	6,000.00					0.00	0.0%
	Scholarship/Relief	2,000.00			200.00		550.00	27.5%
Total Outreach		18,300.00	650.00	2,150.00	1,100.00	245.00	4,495.00	24.6%
Operating Expenses	Communications	1,450.00					0.00	0.0%
	1st Day/Childcare	400.00					0.00	0.0%
	Hospitality	500.00	16.43				92.82	18.6%
	Breakfast	750.00	36.00	50.00	45.00	34.25	286.25	38.2%
	Clerk/ M & C	150.00					60.00	40.0%
	Finance	250.00		72.37			118.54	47.4%
	Literature	200.00	21.49				21.49	10.7%
Total Operating		2,950.00	73.92	122.37	45.00	34.25	579.10	19.6%
Total Disbursements		34,350.00	723.92	5,547.37	1,145.00	279.25	11,624.10	33.8%
Income								
	Contributions		480.00	2,962.37	499.75	2,839.26	13,265.02	
	Books		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	
	Interest		0.82	1.91	2.26	2.40	9.78	
Total Income		34,350.00	480.82	2,964.28	502.01	2,841.66	13,284.80	38.7%
Net Income		0.00	(243.10)	(2,583.09)	(642.99)	2,562.41	1,660.70	
Assets								
	Ending Bank Balance	27,960.59	30,312.50	28,761.09	26,859.67	29,023.07		
	Cash		279.00	269.00	269.00	289.00		
	Petty Cash for Hospitality		200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Liabilities								
	Crumlish Bequest		(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)		
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		
	Huntington House		(666.10)	(666.10)	(666.10)	(666.10)		
Net Worth			28,213.21	24,311.81	24,350.49	29,739.29		

*Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is \$9,888

2011 Contributions totaled \$32,308, at 8/31/11 \$18,201 in contributions had been received representing 51% of the annual budget

2011 Book sale and other proceeds were \$260

Morningside Monthly Meeting

Summer 2012 Treasurer's Report

YTD income of \$13,284.80 covered YTD disbursements of \$11,624.10 with a \$1,160.70 net gain. For the months of June, July and August, we received \$6,307.96 (\$6,301.38 in contributions and \$6.57 in interest from TD Bank). We sent \$3,275 to NYYM, disbursed \$3,250 in planned P&SC contributions, \$245 in scholarships and miscellaneous reimbursements, \$201.62 was spent for breakfasts and expenses associated with mailing the June appeal letter. We have received contributions from 48 people so far this year. Following the appeal letter, we received support from several who are too far away to be able to attend including Ralph Zito who also sent a lovely note with greetings for the meeting. While we are at just 39% of our budget target (vs. 51% at Aug 2011), we have been able to keep pace with our planned disbursements but with our commitment to NYYM and allocated P&SC expenses we still have nearly \$9000 in upcoming disbursements. The Chase account was closed the end of May and balances are now consolidated at TD Bank.

There are currently three members making contributions electronically. If you wish to do likewise, you can authorize an ACH (automated clearing house; it is the system banks use to clear funds electronically) transfer. Bank also offer wire transfers but they usually have fees. You will need to know:

- ABA number (aka Routing Number): 026013673 (TD Bank)
- Account Name: Morningside Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends
- Account Number: 4261233658
- The Kind of Account is Business Direct Checking.

If there are any questions about it, please feel free to call me, Charlene Ray, at 212-757-2504 or email me at moneycoach@earthlink.net. It will be helpful to know if you plan to use this feature.

The Finance Committee is seeking approval to open a brokerage account with Charles Schwab to facilitate the receipt of gifts of stock. This request is prompted by a member inquiry. The Finance Committee does not currently expect to hold stock but seeks approval to use discretion in the timing of any sale of gifted stock. It also seeks approval that each of Charlene Ray, as Treasurer, or Bart Dominus or Pam Wood, as Finance Committee Members, be authorized to authorize all transactions. The Schwab checking account is FDIC insured, costs to execute the sale of stock are currently somewhat less than \$9/transaction (both Bart and Charlene have Schwab accounts). We plan to keep a \$500 balance for the foreseeable future.

The Finance Committee is recommending that Morningside Meeting support the proposed 3.9% increase in the NYYM budget, with a \$511 increase in our covenant commitment for 2013. The call is for us, if we can, to give more as many meetings will be unable to meet the 3.9% increase. It appears that the proposed increase is concentrated in salary costs. Budget Saturday is 10/13/12, 9:30am-3pm in Purchase and we are looking for someone who can attend so that we might better understand the issues and the needs. Budget materials are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray, Treasurer, September 8, 2012