

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
11/4/2012

present: Jerry Reisig, Lee Rada, Stephen McDonnell, Patricia Chernoff, Charlene Ray, Dot Savage, Bernard Winter, Greg Batista, Dave Evans, Chris Whipf, Elizabeth Horstmann, Pamela Wood, Nancy Britton, Charlotte Ehrman, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:08 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads from George Gorman "Quakerism as a way of life" as found in Friends Seminary faith and practice p. 3.

"The Quaker experience is that , in the silence, as we are open to one another in love, we help each other by sharing our strengths and weaknesses. The Quaker conviction is that as we go deeper into ourselves we shall eventually reach a still, quiet centre. At this point two things happen simultaneously. Each of us is aware of our unique value as an individual human being, and each of us is aware of our utter interdependence on the one another."

The agenda is reviewed and approved.

20121104.1 Bernard Winter brings a request for a support letter from the Meeting in support of a grant application for funding of \$500 from Norther Manhattan Arts Alliance, to support his work preparing a series of 12 paintings inspired by the Psalms. Friends hear a proposed letter of support. Friends approve sending the support letter to NMAA.

20121104.2 Pam Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel report. The next meeting is 11/29/2012 at 7:30 PM at Pam Wood's home. The next welcoming breakfast will be on 11/25/2012 in the Riverside Church cafe. Friends have signed up for spiritual nurture groups. Ministry and Counsel has approved bringing forward a letter requesting membership from Greg Batista. Bernard Winter has asked for a support letter. Greymoor has confirmed our reservation for our retreat on the weekend of 5/3/2013. Some Friends have expressed concerns about the food service hygiene in the Riverside Church cafe; a letter will be sent to the service cc'd to Reverend Phelps. Ministry and Counsel reminds Friends to be quiet as Meeting for Worship settles into silence before 11:00 AM, and notes that Friends help with setting up is welcome. Currently there are 10 support committees under M&C's care. Friends accept the report.

20121104.3 The letter from Greg Batista requesting membership in Morningside Monthly Meeting is given a first reading.

20121104.4 Pamela Wood, on behalf of Treasurer Charlene Ray, presents the Treasurer's report. We have received \$18,234 in income and disbursed \$15,874 year to date. During October we received \$1,776.41 in contributions, including \$200 for the Lambe Fund matching program for Haiti. We have received contributions from 52 people so far this year. We are at 52% of our budgeted contributions, and we still have \$3,467 in planned disbursements and an additional \$4,500 of Peace and Social Concerns donations that have been identified but not disbursed. The Schwab account is now established to enable us to receive donations of stock. Funds received for the Lambe Fund were matched by the Crumlish Fund and \$480 have been sent to Haiti so far, which will show in next month's accounting. An appeal letter is planned for next week. Friends accept the report.

20121104.5 The clerk notes that there is no Peace and Social Concerns report this month, but she has

spoken with Riverside Church and received approval for their supporting and publicizing our planned program for 12/9 for International Human Rights day.

20121104.6 Dave Evans reports for the Nominating committee. There is difficulty maintaining the newsletter, so Friends need to rethink our communications processes Friends ask questions and discuss possible options. We can encourage Vonn New to put the new website online as soon as possible. Friends consider the need for some people to get information on paper by mail. We need to consider the communication needs of the Meeting.

20121104.7 Friends consider whether to continue the advertisement listing Morningside in the Friends United Meeting (FUM) magazine Quaker Life for \$31 for 2013. Friends approve continuing the ad for another year.

The Meeting ends at 2:05 PM with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns November 5, 2012

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, November 29, 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, November 25, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Pam Wood and Nancy Britton will host.
3. People have signed up for the Spiritual Nurture groups. We weren't able to assign people to groups at our Ministry & Counsel meeting on November 1 because of Hurricane Sandy, but we will do so shortly.
4. Ministry & Counsel forwards the application for membership of Greg Batista with a recommendation for approval.
5. Bernard Winter has come to Ministry & Counsel asking for support from the Meeting for a grant NOMAA (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance) to support his leading to do a series of art works based on the Psalms. Ministry & Counsel forwards this request with a recommendation for approval.
6. We have a confirmation from Greymoor for our reservation for a retreat on the weekend of May 3, 2013. They have alerted us to the fact that while double rooms continue to cost \$130, single rooms have been raised to \$200. The theme for the retreat will be "Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys."
7. A number of people, especially some in our Meeting with food service training, have raised concerns about the hygiene of the food service that currently rents the space and the Riverside Café. After some discussion, we have decided to write a letter to the food service expressing our concerns. We will also send a copy to Rev. Phelps.
8. Ministry and Counsel would like to remind the Meeting that we like to move into Meeting for Worship with a minimum of chatter before 11 am. Also, it would be wonderful if several people could help with getting the room ready for Meeting before 11 am to help us minimize the rustling around that time. In addition to setting out chairs and preparing for refreshments, it would be helpful to have several people putting out the guest book, red book, pamphlets and other information on the tables so that people can access it after Meeting.
9. We currently have 10 support committees with one in formation.

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For October 2012 Treasurer's Report

YTD income of \$18,234 covered YTD disbursements of \$15,875 with a \$2,341 net excess. For the month of October we received \$1,776.41 (contributions of \$1,774.00 including \$200 earmarked for Lambi Fund; \$2.41 interest was earned from our bank account). In October, we disbursed \$918.00, sending \$550 to the NYQM African Education Committee and \$350 to the Catholic Worker and disbursing \$18 for breakfast. We have received contributions from 52 people so far this year. While we are at just 53% of our budget target (vs. 58% at Oct 2011), we have been able to keep pace with our planned disbursements but with our commitment to NYYM we still have \$3,467 in upcoming planned disbursements, \$3,275 to NYYM and \$190 for books to support our upcoming Spiritual Nurture expansion. This is in addition to the \$4,500 of P&SC donations that have been identified but are waiting funding and budgeting website development expenses that have not been billed.

During the month we opened a brokerage account at Schwab; if you have interest in contributing stock, please contact Charlene Ray, Treasurer, or Pam Wood or Bart Dominus of the Finance Committee.

Also during the month there was an opportunity to support the Lambi Fund in a matching situation through Global Giving. We sent \$480, representing MMM contributions of \$240 at the time and the Crumlish match. These transactions have NOT been reflected in the October; they will be reflected in the November report

We are planning to send an appeal letter next week. The plan is to ask folks to pick up their letters and to ask for some help stuffing the remaining envelopes after meeting next week, before the P&SC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray,

Treasurer,

November 3, 2012

Morningside Monthly Meeting Treasurer's Report: 2012

		2012 Budget	August Actual	Sept Actual	Oct Actual	YTD Actual	% Spent or Raised
Disbursements							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,100.00		3,275.00		9,825.00	75.0%
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	10,000.00	200.00		900.00	4,800.00	48.0%
	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				550.00	27.5%
Total Outreach		18,300.00	245.00	0.00	900.00	5,395.00	29.5%
Operating Expenses	Communications	1,450.00				0.00	0.0%
	1st Day/Childcare	400.00				0.00	0.0%
	Hospitality	500.00	10.00	52.83		155.65	31.1%
	Breakfast	750.00	34.25	10.00	18.00	314.25	41.9%
	Clerk/ M & C	150.00	3.00			63.00	42.0%
	Finance	250.00				118.54	47.4%
	Literature	200.00				21.49	10.7%
Total Operating		2,950.00	47.25	62.83	18.00	672.93	22.8%
Total Disbursements		34,350.00	292.25	3,337.83	918.00	15,892.93	46.3%
Income							
	Contributions		2,839.25	3,120.00	1,774.00	18,209.01	
	Books		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	
	Interest		2.40	2.55	2.41	14.74	
Total Income		34,350.00	2,839.25	3,120.00	1,776.41	18,233.75	53.1%
Net Income		0.00	2,547.00	(217.83)	858.41	2,340.82	
Assets							
	Ending Bank Balance	27,960.59	29,023.07	28,704.43	29,980.01		
	Cash		289.00	289.00	289.00		
	Petty Cash for Hospitality		200.00	147.17	200.00		
	Cash at Schwab				500.00		
Liabilities							
	Crumlish Bequest		(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)		
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		
	Huntington House		(1,066.10)	(872.91)	(679.72)		
	Lambi Fund In Haiti Contributions			(90.00)	(200.00)		
Net Worth			29,323.88	26,290.77	29,278.61		

*Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is \$9,888, moves to \$11,000 , 1/1/13 through 12/31/15

2011 Contributions totaled \$32,308, at 9/31/11 \$19,627 in contributions had been received representing 51% of the annual budget

2011 Book sale and other proceeds were \$260