

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
12/2/2012

present: Nancy Britton, Dot Savage, Helen Garay Thomas, Lee Rada, Patricia Chernoff, Charlene Ray, Peter Beck, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Pam Wood, Elizabeth Horstmann, Elaine Ruscetta, Chad Gilmartin, Dave Evans, Greg Batista, Jerry Reisig, Kathy Wood, Charlotte Ehrman, John Tweddle, Joyce Richardson, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:12 PM with silent Worship.

The clerk reads a quote from Patricia Williams “Quakerism: A Theology for Our Times”, p. 41: “Perhaps the most outstanding aspect of Meeting for Business is its atmosphere, which one word describes, respect....In part, their respect for each other arises because of their common belief that everyone has the Light within. In part, it comes because Quakers are wary of claiming truth for themselves, although they are willing to acknowledge their small piece of it. Moreover, they enter Meeting for Business with the belief that all are seeking the best solution to whatever problems confront them and that the group can arrive at a best solution through worshipping and working together....Meeting for Business is like an orchestra. All have their notes to contribute. If one person fails to contribute, the piece is incomplete, but if one person tries to be the whole, the harmony is destroyed. And always there is an atmosphere of respect. “

The agenda is reviewed and approved.

20121202.1 Pamela Wood reports for Ministry and Counsel. The next meeting will be 1/3/2013 at 7:15 at Pam's home. The next welcoming breakfast is on 12/23/2012 in Riverside Church cafe. M&C asks Friends to consider the State of the Meeting on 12/16/2012. Two new spiritual nurture groups have been formed. M&C forwards the membership request letter from Dorothy Savage with their recommendation for approval. Helen Garay Thomas asks Morningside to take Woodbourne Correctional Facility Quaker Worship Group under its care; M&C supports the request. A letter expressing concerns about food preparation hygiene of the Riverside Church cafe is prepared and will be sent to the food service company and copied to Reverend Phelps. Upcoming M&C after-meeting discussions include on 1/27/2013 Quakerism: The Elevator Speech, on 2/24/2013 Concerns and leadings, How do we respond to them? on 3/24/2-13 What people do in Meeting for Worship. There are currently 10 support committees. Friends note that on 12/30/2012 an after-meeting celebration is planned. The report is accepted and attached.

20121202.2 Friends discuss preparation for the state of the Meeting report to be held on 12/16/2012. Pam Wood, Charlene Ray and Sally Campbell agree to take notes. Kathy Wood agrees to draft the report with Charlotte Ehrman. Joyce Richardson agrees to clerk the meeting.

20121202.3 A letter from Dorothy Savage requesting membership is given its first reading.

20121202.4 Friends hear Greg Batista's letter requesting membership for its second reading. Friends approve Greg Batista's membership in Morningside Monthly Meeting.

20121202.5 Patricia Chernoff, Dave Evans and Kathy Wood will serve as the welcoming committee for Greg.

20121202.6 Friends discuss taking Woodbourne Prison Quaker Worship Group under the care of Morningside Meeting. Three Morningside Friends are already regular attenders of the group. Helen Garay Toppins describes the role of a Meeting that undertakes this responsibility. Pam Wood describes the value and meaning of the relationship for the Worship Group members. Ernie Buscemi describes what the experience of attending the Worship Group is like. At present Morningsiders take responsibility for third Sundays, while other Friends handle first Sundays. Friends suggest creating a formal committee of the Meeting to oversee this ministry. Friends ask questions about the Worship Group experience, activities and structure. Friends approve taking Woodbourne Prison Quaker Worship Group under the care of Morningside Monthly Meeting. We notify Nominating Committee of the need to add this committee to their roster.

20121202.7 The clerk brings the matter of Friends participating in a documentary film about Ed Fenner. The filmmaker asks to film during Meeting for Worship, with Friends privacy being respected. Some Friends express discomfort with being filmed during Meeting for Worship. Friends discuss a staged Meeting-like group could be used instead, with volunteers. The motivation to film during Worship arises because Ed has expressed the importance to him of Friends Meeting. Friends suggest meeting with the filmmaker to discuss options.

20121202.8 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. We have received another \$8,800 as of the end of November. The Lambe Fund contribution has been raised, with \$565 from Friends and \$500 matching from the Crumlish Fund. Our income year-to-date is \$27,054 and our disbursements are \$22,506. Sixty-eight people have contributed so far this year, and we are at 79% of our budget target. The Treasurer requests approval to cover a literature expense that will bring it to \$211.45, slightly over budget. Friends approve the expenditure. The full report is attached.

20121202.9 Naomi Paz Greenberg presents the Peace and Social Concerns committee report. There is no further news on the Bayard Rustin event. The International Human Rights program is underway as planned. The latest outreach contributions approved for disbursement are highlighted in the financial report from the committee. Disbursements of \$9,050 have been approved overall for 2012 so far. The full report is attached.

20121202.10 The Nominating Committee recommendations are distributed to Friends for a first reading, to be considered in January. The report is attached.

Meeting ends at 2:55 PM with silent Worship.

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recording clerk

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns December 2, 2012

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, January 3, 2013, 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, December 23, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Sally Campbell will host.
3. Ministry & Council requests that we consider the state of the Meeting together on Sunday, December 16. We will need Meeting for Business to appoint one or two writers and several note takers to prepare the report.
4. We have created two new spiritual nurture groups of six people each. We are in the process of letting people know and distributing the materials.
5. Ministry & Counsel forwards the application for membership of Dorothy Savage with a recommendation for approval.
6. Helen Garay Toppins brought to Ministry & Counsel the request that Morningside Monthly Meeting take the Woodbourne Correctional Facility Worship Group under its care. NYYM asks that all worship groups be under the care of a Monthly or Quarterly Meeting. The Worship Group was formerly under the care of another Meeting, which has not been active and has requested to be released from this responsibility. For a Meeting to take a worship group under its care, a least one person needs to be attending the worship group. Currently three members from Morningside attend the worship group regularly. It would be helpful if one or two people from the Meeting who do not plan to attend the Worship Group were willing to send birthday and Christmas cards, often the only mail some prisoners receive. The Meeting needs to be sure that the worship group considers its State of the Meeting and the Monthly Meeting needs to report to the NY Yearly Meeting once a year. Ministry & Counsel forwards this request with a recommendation for approval.
7. We have prepared a letter to the food service of the Riverside Café with a copy to be sent to Rev. Stephen Phelps expressing our concerns about the failure to follow good food service practices when serving food. The letter will be signed by Sally Campbell, our Clerk.
8. Ministry and Counsel is planning several workshops in the coming months. On Sunday, January 27, we will share our ideas on "Quakerism: The Elevator Speech." On Sunday, February 24, the

topic will be “What do People Do in Meeting?” and on Sunday, March 24 we will discuss “Concerns and Leadings: How do We Respond to Them?” In April, we hope to have another workshop on aging concerns sponsored by ARCH.

9. We currently have 10 support committees.

Morningside Monthly Meeting

For November 2012 Treasurer's Report

We have had a busy November. The response to our fall appeal was heartwarming; we have received over \$8,800 in contributions this month. We have also written checks to complete our NYYM covenant, \$3,100 in PS&C disbursements spread among 10 organizations and completed our contribution to the Lambi Fund in Haiti, which comprised \$565 from meeting members and \$500 from the Crumlish Bequest. There is a pending expense of \$189.96 for books in behalf of Spiritual Nurture groups that will bring the Literature expense to \$211.45, slightly over its \$200 budget; we are seeking approval to pay this bill.

YTD income of \$27,054 covered YTD disbursements of \$22,506 with a \$4,548 net excess. For the month of October we received \$8,821 (contributions of \$8,818 including \$275 earmarked for Lambi Fund; \$2.50 interest was earned from our bank account). In October, we disbursed \$6,294 which in addition to our NYYM covenant payment and the PS&C donations included \$40 transportation reimbursements, \$50 for our breakfast and \$97.06 associated with the appeal letter (copies, stamps, envelopes). We have received contributions from 68 people so far this year. While we are at nearly 79% of our budget target (vs. 65% at Nov 2011), we have been able to keep pace with our planned disbursements. There are \$500 in authorized PS&C disbursements likely to be made before yearend.

Also, for those committees with budget lines, it is a good time to let me know if you anticipate more or less in funding next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray,

Treasurer,

December 2, 2012

Morningside Monthly Meeting Treasurer's Report: 2012

		2012	Sept	Oct	Nov	YTD	% Spent
		Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	or Raised
Disbursements							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,100.00	3,275.00		3,275.00	13,100.00	100.0%
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	10,000.00		900.00	3,100.00	7,900.00	79.0%
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00				0.00	0.0%
	Contribution In Lieu Of Rent'	6,000.00				0.00	0.0%
	Scholarship/Relief	2,000.00			40.00	635.00	31.8%
Total Outreach		18,300.00	0.00	900.00	3,140.00	8,535.00	46.6%
Operating	Communications	1,450.00			31.50	31.50	2.2%
Expenses	1st Day/Childcare	400.00				0.00	0.0%
	Hospitality	500.00	52.83			175.65	35.1%
	Breakfast	750.00	10.00	18.00	50.00	364.25	48.6%
	Clerk/ M & C	150.00				63.00	42.0%
	Finance	250.00			97.06	215.60	86.2%
	Literature	200.00				21.49	10.7%
Total Operating		2,950.00	62.83	18.00	178.56	871.49	29.5%
Total Disbursements		34,350.00	3,337.83	918.00	6,593.56	22,506.49	65.5%
Income							
	Contributions		3,120.00	1,774.00	8,818.06	27,027.07	
	Books		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	
	Interest		2.55	2.41	2.50	17.24	
Total Income		34,350.00	3,120.00	1,776.41	8,820.56	27,054.31	78.8%
Net Income		0.00	(217.83)	858.41	2,227.00	4,547.82	
Assets							
	Ending Bank Balance	27,960.59	28,704.43	29,475.01	30,725.01		
	Cash		249.00	249.00	161.00		
	Petty Cash for Hospitality		147.17	200.00	200.00		
	Cash at Schwab			500.00	500.00		
Liabilities							
	Crumlish Bequest		(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,000.00)		
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		
	Huntington House		(872.91)	(679.72)	(679.72)		
	Lambi Fund In Haiti Contributions		(90.00)	(200.00)	290.00		
Net Worth			26,250.77	28,733.61	32,254.20		

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

2011 Contributions totaled \$37,738, at 11/30/11 representing 65% of the annual budget

2011 Book sale and other proceeds were \$260