

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business
Minutes 5/12/2013

present: Sally Campbell, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Patricia Chernoff, Joyce Richardson, Charlotte Ehrmann, Nancy Britton, Jerry Reisig, Bart Dominus, Ernie Buscemi, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

Meeting starts at 1:07 with a message from the clerk and a quote: "It is a constant quest remembering to take time to sink down into the silence and actively love one another." (Kathy Wood)

20130512.1 Charlene Ray reports for the Nominating Committee. Deborah Dahl is recommended for newsletter editor, to be added to the communications committee. John Slater is recommended to represent Morningside on the New York Quarterly Meeting (NYQM) Nominating Committee. The Child Care Committee asks to be renamed the Committee for Meeting with Children. Friends accept the report.

201305 12.2 Friends approve appointing Deborah Dahl to be newsletter editor and to be on the Communications Committee.

20130512.3 Friends approve renaming the Child Care Committee to the Committee for Meeting with Children.

20130512.4 Friends approve John Slater to represent Morningside Meeting on the NYQM Nominating Committee, to be forwarded to the NYQM for consideration in July.

20130512.5 Nancy Britton reports for Ministry and Counsel. The next meeting is on May 30 at the home of Vince and Ernie Buscemi. The next welcoming breakfast I scheduled for 5/26 at 9:30 in the Riverside Church Cafe. M&C reports receiving a request for membership from Charlene Ray, and recommends her for membership. M&C reports receiving a letter from Beacon Hill Monthly Meeting requesting transfer of Membership of Elizabeth Horstmann from Beacon Hill Monthly Meeting to Morningside Monthly Meeting. M&C is preparing programs for the fall. There are currently 11 support committees. Friends approve the report, which is attached.

20130512.6 The clerk provides a first reading of Charlene Ray's letter requesting membership in Morningside Meeting. The request will be given a second reading next month.

20130512.7 The clerk reads the letter requesting transfer of membership of Elizabeth Horstmann from Beacon Hill Meeting in Boston to Morningside Meeting. Friends approve accepting the transfer of membership of Elizabeth Horstmann into Morningside Meeting. Ernie Buscemi, Joyce Richardson and Naomi Paz Greenberg will be her welcoming committee.

20130512.8 Naomi Paz Greenberg presents the Peace and Social Concerns report. The committee met 4/14. Neena Das brought a request for support to address the problem of Guantanamo Bay prison detainees by writing letters to the President and other politicians. Naomi reported on Flushing Interfaith Council's project to develop a second Flushing

Remonstrance. Naomi reported on the International Conference on War Tax Resistance and Peace Tax Campaigns in Columbia. Thank-you letters from organizations to which we have donated are being compiled into a binder for Friends to see. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20130512.9 Sally Campbell reports for Meeting with Children. The Meeting with Children is flourishing with children attending during 16 of the past 18 First Days. The Meeting with Children continues to gather on the 8th floor with two adults staying with the children, often going outside as weather permits. Attendance and notes of each Meeting are maintained. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20130512.10 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. Our year to date income is \$4,477, only 13% of our annual budget and only 69% of last year's income at this time. There was \$1351 received in April and \$605 disbursed. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20130512.11 Ernie Buscemi announces that Friends are invited to attend Meeting for Worship at the United Nations Quaker House on 6/12. Friends are reminded to bring food for our Meeting for Worship hosting formerly incarcerated people from prison worship groups on 6/9.

Meeting ends at 1:50 with silent Worship.

In Friendship,
Dave Britton

Report from Meeting with Children - May 2013

The Meeting with Children is flourishing. Children have come every First Day this year with the exception of Easter and when we had the retreat. Usually only one or two have come, but twice we had three and once there were four. There were adults available every week. Last year from January through May we had only had one time that children came as opposed to 16 times so far this year. It confirms that advice "Build it and they will come".

We continue to gather on the 8th floor a little while before 11:00 having brought down the colorful striped rug and the two bean bag chairs, blocks, books, crayons, and other toys ready for whatever children may come. The coat rack is still a favorite toy as well. If too many adults appear we decide which two will stay. If no children appear by 11:15 the two can go up to meeting but are ready in case any children do come later.

Now that the weather is better we've been able to go out into the park twice. On the first visit Alicia found an abandoned pickaxe and thanks to Patricia we were able to get it back to the Riverside Park volunteers who sent Alicia a thank you note. On the second trip the water fountain was the focus of attention which was quite different from the one we've played with on the 8th floor. From those experiences we came up with a phrase to describe what we are doing, "Exploring together as friends".

Anyone who might be interested is welcome to come see the 8th floor with its delightful balcony overlooking the Hudson and to watch younger and older folks having a peaceful, joyful time just being together.

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns
April 7, 2013**

The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at 7:15 PM, at the home of Ernie and Vince Buscemi. 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. Our next breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 am in the Riverside Café, on the first floor. Pam Wood and Nancy Britton will host.

Ministry & Counsel forwards the membership application of Charlene Ray with a recommendation for approval.

Ministry & Counsel forwards the request for a transfer of membership from Elizabeth Horstmann from Beacon Hill Meeting in Boston to Morningside Monthly Meeting with a recommendation for approval. [Transfers have only one reading.]

Ministry & Counsel is beginning to think about programs for the fall. We welcome input from the Meeting.

We currently have 10 support committees.

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Peace and Social Concerns Committee Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2013

In attendance:

Sally Campbell, Neena Das, Patricia Chernoff, Naomi Paz Greenberg (recording, clerking)

Agenda:

1. Postcards regarding mistreatment of detainees at Guantanamo (Neena)
2. Report on Flushing Interfaith Council (Naomi)
3. Report on Colombia Conference (Naomi)

Meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. with a few moments of settling worship.

1. Neena provides information regarding Guantanamo detainees and the postcard campaign:
As many as 100 detainees are on hunger strike.
Some are being force fed through thick and painful tubes.
While 80 have been cleared for release, no funding is available for their transport because of the reduction in the military budget.
The mistreatment of Korans during searches continues.
Friends approve organizing postcard signing for the following week.
Sally agrees to print up postcards and bring stamps for the following week at Morningside Meeting.
Naomi agrees to print up postcards to make them available during Quarterly Meeting at 15th St.
Further information is available below.
2. Naomi reports that the Flushing Interfaith Council is proceeding with A Second Flushing Remonstrance, but that the final text has not yet been discerned.
3. Naomi reports briefly on the International Conference on War Tax Resistance and Peace Tax Campaigns in Colombia, explaining that a full report is currently being edited.

Meeting ends with a few moments of open worship.

NRCAT: http://www.nrcat.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=392&Itemid=297

Round up of all Gitmo news: <http://www.gitmojustice.com/news>

Center for Constitutional Rigths: <http://ccrjustice.org/closegtmo>

Amnesty: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/issues/security-and-human-rights/guantanamo>
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/15/opinion/hunger-striking-at-guantanamo-bay.html?_r=0

Dear President Obama:

I am grateful for your efforts to restore U.S. leadership on human rights issues and in particular your executive order halting U.S. torture of detainees. I am also grateful that you committed to closing the prison at Guantanamo Bay and that you reiterated that commitment shortly before you were re-elected.

You have suggested that Congress is to blame for putting in place restrictions that make it difficult to close Guantanamo. I agree with your understanding about the role of Congress, but I note that late last year, you signed the FY 2013 National Defense Authorization Act – legislation that extends those restrictions for another year.

I know that there were probably other important programs in this legislation, but I urge you now to either figure out how to work within the restrictions put in place by Congress to close Guantanamo, or to veto any legislation containing those restrictions in the future. If you do not, then Guantanamo will outlast your presidency. That would be a terrible legacy.

Thank you again for your commitment to human rights and to closing Guantanamo.

SIGNATURE: _____
PRINTED NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Morningside Monthly Meeting

April 2013 Treasurer's Report

Our year to date income of \$4,477 is 13% of our total budget and is just 69% of the year to date income last year. At 4/30/13, we have disbursed \$1,210 more than we have received.

The financial report for April records \$1,351 in receipts and \$605 in disbursements for the month (\$400 P&SC allocation to The Catholic Worker, plus Scholarship relief and plus charges for the newsletter and breakfast, flowing through to \$746 in excess of receipts over disbursements). An appeal letter is being prepared for distribution in early May.

A reminder: Contributions to the work of the meeting may be made directly from your bank; for information, please contact Charlene Ray, moneycoach@earthlink.net or leave a message at 212-757-3504.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray

Treasurer

May 2, 2013

Morningside Monthly Meeting**Treasurer's Report: 2013**

	2013 Budget	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	April Actual	YTD Actual
Disbursements						
Fixed NY Yearly Meeting	13,611.00			3,402.75		3,402.75
Total Fixed	13,611.00			3,402.75		3,402.75
Outreach P&SC/FUN	11,000.00		600.00	500.00	400.00	1,500.00
& Suppor Misc. Contrib.	300.00					0.00
Scholarship/Relief	2,000.00	40.00	5.00	120.00	80.00	245.00
Total Outreach	13,300.00	40.00	605.00	620.00	480.00	1,745.00
Operating Communications	2,000.00			95.18	70.50	165.68
Expenses 1st Day/Childcare	800.00			61.94		61.94
Hospitality	500.00	34.01		44.95		78.96
Breakfast	750.00	31.00	36.75		54.50	122.25
Clerk/ M & C	150.00		16.50			16.50
Finance	300.00	35.15				35.15
Literature	300.00			58.00		58.00
Total Operating	4,800.00	100.16	53.25	260.07	125.00	538.48
Total Disbursements	31,711.00	140.16	658.25	4,282.82	605.00	5,686.23
Income						
Contributions		1,329.20	785.00	902.00	1,349.00	4,465.20
Books		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest		3.04	3.14	2.80	2.45	11.43
Total Income	34,000.00	1,332.24	788.14	904.80	1,351.45	4,476.63
Net Income	2,289.00	1,192.08	129.89	(3,378.02)	746.45	(1,209.60)
Assets						
Ending Bank Balance	35,674.85	36,923.89	37,055.52	28,210.42	28,745.53	
Cash Pam	161.00	121.00	85.25	117.25	62.75	
Hospitality Petty Cash	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Cash at Schwab	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Liabilities						
Crumlish Bequest	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	
Hope Lives for Lifers	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	
Huntington House	(1,029.72)	(1,029.72)	(1,029.72)	(948.80)	(948.80)	
From 2012	(9,481.46)	(9,031.46)	(5,546.08)	0.00	0.00	
Net Worth	24,855.58	26,514.62	30,095.88	26,909.78	27,390.39	

*Actual annual paid by NYQM is \$11,000 , 1/1/13 through 12/31/15

YTD Contributions in 2012 : 356.28 2,207.20 4528.30 6496.03
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**% Spent
or Raised**

25.0%

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