

Morningside Monthly Meeting October 6, 2013  
Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business

Present: Charlotte Ehrman, David Fletcher, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Corona Machermer, Bart Dominus, Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk), Jerry Reisig, Ernie Buscemi, Robert Renwick, Pamela Wood, Elizabeth Horstmann, Chris Wipf

Meeting begins at 1:00 pm with silent Worship. The clerk reads from Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting, 1968:

2013.10.1. Corona Machermer reports for the Peace and Social Concerns committee. A contribution of \$250 toward sponsorship of Woodbourne Prison Worship Group is planned. A list of previously approved expenditures have now been scheduled for disbursement. Some contributions made last year are not currently budgeted due to not having an involved Morningsider as an advocate. A contribution to Quaker House at Ft. Bragg, NC is being considered. David Fletcher presents information about "Restorative Practices" which include restorative justice. Information about this is available at <http://www.iirp.edu>. Given the congruence of Friends' practice with these practices it is proposed that we support development of a program to introduce the concept in cooperation with Riverside Church's Campaign to End the New Jim Crow. A contribution to "Breathing Space" a program for returning citizens, formerly incarcerated, is discussed. Right Sharing of World Resources is requesting the Meeting to provide a volunteer RSWR representative. [Since the meeting Liberty Britton has volunteered.] Another write-a-thon for Amnesty International is planned for 12/8, to extend beyond Amnesty's list to include other prisoners of conscience including those in opposition to war taxes. Friends accept the report which is attached.

2013.10.2. Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's report. Our year to date income as of 9/30 was \$16,249, which is 48% of our budget. Our receipts are 1% behind last year's at this time. During September we disbursed \$3,521. Friends accept the report which is attached.

2013.10.3. Charlotte Ehrmann reports for the Space committee. She has received replies to emails from Loleta Nicholson, director of rental management tenant services, about the petty theft of food and the guest book, and to notify Riverside Church about Quarterly Meeting being held here on 10/27, and to thank them for the new chairs. Ms. Nicholson asked if the thefts had continued and informed us that no further improvements are planned for the space.

2013.10.4. Friends discuss preparations for hosting Quarterly Meeting on 10/27. Joyce Richardson agrees to coordinate refreshments. Pam and Elizabeth will maintain a signup list for food and drinks. Nancy will get coffee from Dunkin Donuts. Pam agrees to call Brooklyn Meeting to recruit a childcare person for the Meeting.

2013.10.5. Nancy Britton presents the Ministry and Council Report. The next meeting will be at Pam Wood's home 10/31 at 7:30 pm. The next welcoming breakfast is 10/27. On 11/24 M&C will present a workshop on spiritual nurture. The State of the Meeting discussion and cookie swap is proposed for 12/15; Friends approve. The young adult Friends and attenders at Meeting have planned a meeting on 11/3 to see if there are programs and activities of common interest to them. We have 10 support committees currently.

2013.10.6. Friends approve holding Worship and a brown-bag lunch Meeting under the care of Morningside after the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) fall meeting. Ernie will coordinate with QUNO for the actual date.

Meeting ends at 2:00 pm with silent Worship. The clerk reads a passage:

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk