

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business
12/1/2013

Meeting begins at 1:00 pm with silent Worship.

present: Jerry Reisig, Ernie Buscemi, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Joyce Richardson, Patricia Chernoff, Charlene Ray, Vince Buscemi, Kathy Wood, Charlotte Ehrmann, Pam Wood, Chris Wipf, Emily Eckstut, Elizabeth Horstman, Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

The clerk reads from Annie Nouwen "Life of the Beloved", from Spiritual Living in a Secular World.

The agenda is reviewed and accepted.

20131201.1 Naomi Paz Greenberg reports on the Interfaith Council community organization emerging in Flushing, which is preparing the Second Flushing Remonstrance. She asks Friends to consider having the Meeting apply for membership in the Flushing Interfaith Council. The clerk reads the commitment statement associated with Interfaith Council membership. Friends discuss the membership and participation of other faith groups. The council is in the process of becoming officially organized. Friends agree to lay over the concern and revisit it in January.

20131201.2 Corona Macherer reports for the Peace and Social Concerns committee. The committee met on 11/10. Disbursements totalling the full budgeted \$11,000 have been approved for 2013. Friends will create brief descriptions of the organizations we support for the Meeting. Liberty Britton will be asked if she can be the liaison to Right Sharing of World Resources to contact the Nominating committee. The Write-a-thon and Worship-sharing on prisoners of conscience will be held 12/8. Pam Wood describes the support of Riversides prison Ministry legislative pressure in support of parole reform. The 2/2014 third Sunday is scheduled for a program on restorative practices. Larry White is scheduled to testify on parole matters to the State Assembly. The Second Flushing REmonstrance is set for signing on Saturday 12/7 at 7:00 pm at St. George's Episcopal Church in Flushing. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20131201.3 Peace and Social Concerns brings a request for the Meeting to contribute in support of relief for Friends in the Phillipines, victims of the recent typhoon. Friends suggest using the funds from the \$1450 remaining in "miscellaneous contributions". Friends agree to give \$750 from the misc. contributions budget line to the FWCC fund for Phillipines relief work.

20131201.4 Jerry Reisig reports for the Communications committee. The master list of names and addresses has been given to Ministry and Counsel. The committee reviewed features of other web sites and continues its research, asking Vonn New for additional examples. The committee plans to meet twice each month. The next meeting will be at 9:30 am on 12/7 in the Riverside Cafe. Friends interested in the website are invited to join them, The report is attached.

20131201.5 Charlotte Ehrman presents the Nominating committee roster for Meeting positions for its first reading. The report is attached. Friends with concerns or suggestions should contact Charlotte. The nominations will be reviewed for acceptance next month.

20131201.6 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. The recent appeal was relatively successful. Our year to date income is \$26,285, which is 77% of our annual budget. We need another \$7,715 to reach our contributions target. Friends are encouraged to comment on any budget additions or reductions they would like the Meeting to consider. The report is accepted and attached.

20131201.7 Pamela Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel committee report. The next meeting will be on 1/7 at 7:15 at Pam Wood's home. Newly appointed members of M&C are encouraged to come to this meeting. The next newcomers breakfast is 12/22 at 9:30 in the Riverside Cafe. On 12/26 M&C sponsors an after meeting worship sharing on budget and Meeting expenditures. Charlotte Ehrman agrees to take notes with Pam Wood on the State of the Meeting discussion. On 12/22 Jerry REisig will lead an after-Meeting Worship on the Nativity story in the Bible. The committee continues to work on the address list. There are 9 support committees presently. The report is accepted and attached.

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recording clerk