

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business
3/2/2014

Meeting begins at 1:00 PM with silent Worship.

present: Robert Renwick, Charlotte Ehrman, Charlene Ray, Tom Goodridge, David Fletcher, Joyce Richardson, Vince Buscni, Corona Machermer, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

20140302.1 The clerk brings a request from the New York Yearly Meeting Priorities Working Group, which asks our permission to publicly print our concerns, as discussed in our meeting with Friends from that group, which were originally expected to be held as confidential. Friends are unclear as to the specific ideas or words of ours which the Priorities group would use and are unwilling to give such permission without more clarity. Ministry and Counsel committee agrees to contact the Priorities group to get the wording that is being requested for publication.

20140302.2 Corona Machermer presents the Peace and Social Concerns committee report. David Fletcher's program on restorative practices is scheduled for 3/9, with leaders from two Bronx-based organizations invited to present. The 2014 P&SC outreach contributions budget is finalized and attached with the report. P&SC notes that we have no outreach to organizations focused on domestic violence, and hope to review that next year. The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) priorities recommendations will be discussed on the 5th Sunday in March. The committee discussed its recommendations for spending the overall budget surplus, with suggestions to be brought to the ad hoc budget surplus committee by the three members of that committee present at the P&SC meeting. The committee discussed changing the regularly scheduled P&SC presentations to the 4th Sunday of the month so as not to conflict with visitations to Woodbrooke Prison. The committee continues to compile descriptions of the organizations to which we contribute. Friends review the P&SC contributions schedule. Friends accept the report which is attached.

20140302.3 Pamela Wood presents the ad hoc budget surplus committee's recommendations. The committee recommends spending \$2,800 for 4 years of college tuition for a Bolivian Quaker student through the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, and \$1,200 to support Larry White's work designing a curriculum for long term prisoners preparing for release, re-entry and community re-integration. The committee notes that since its creation in December, the overall budget surplus has been recalculated, going from \$7,865 to \$8,465.65, and shares that it does not see the additional amount of \$600.65 as being under its original purview, and suggests that Friends use this difference of \$600.65 for a line item allocated to disaster relief to be held for support of victims of natural disasters. The ad hoc committee expects to continue to discern recommendations for the remaining funds of \$3,865.

20140302.4 Friends discuss the ad hoc budget surplus committee recommendations. Friends express concern about the process of a small group discerning such specific recommendations in the manner of the committee of the whole of Peace and Social Concerns. Friends note that these recommendations are for one-time and larger contributions rather than P&SC-like continuing smaller contributions. Friends note that there is room for Friends to suggest options for other one-time contributions.

20140302.5 Friends approve the ad-hoc committee moving forward to discern recommendations for disbursing the funds.

20140302.6 Friends agree to set aside until next month the decision to spend surplus budget funds as recommended by the committee so far. Friends note the need for a meeting for discernment about how to spend funds for making contributions. Friends agree to use the 3rd Sunday this month for a meeting to gather seasoned suggestions for spending the current surplus.

20140302.7 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. Our year to date receipts are \$1,083 (only 51% of last year's contributions at this time) with \$503 disbursed so far. Friends are reminded that we are scheduled to disburse \$3,575 to Yearly Meeting and \$2,100 in P&SC contributions in March. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20140302.8 The Treasurer requests that last year's unspent \$150 funds for the Woodbourne Prison Worship Group be carried forward to this year's budget, for accounting clarity. Friends approve the request.

20140302.9 Jerry Reisig presents the Communications Committee report. The address book database has been cleaned. The committee is using the Washington, D.C. Friends website as a model (<http://quakersdc.org>). The committee continues to decide on categories for the site organization and is addressing the process for updating and managing new content such as an online calendar and contributions from Friends. We are searching for a good central image for our web site to replace the picture of the Riverside Church tower. The committee notes that the website is our face to the world and will need editorial control as such. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/16 in the Riverside cafe at 9:30 am.

20140302.10 Nancy Britton presents the Ministry and Counsel committee report. The next meeting will be 3/27 at Stephen McDonnell's office at 7:15 pm. The next welcoming breakfast is on 3/23 at 9:30 in the Riverside cafe. The 4th Sunday after Meeting discussion topic is "Simplicity." The 3rd Sunday in April is Quarterly Meeting. The 4th Sunday in June will be a celebration picnic outside. Bible Study begins for 2nd Sundays at 10:00 am in 12T, 3/9 - June. M&C has received a request for membership from David Fletcher and brings it forward with approval for a first reading. Morningside hosts the Prison Worship

Group Reunion on 5/18. The mailing list update is completed and a hard copy edition is to be printed by late spring. M&C continues to support the spiritual nurture groups. Jerry Reisig is now the committee's co-clerk with Nancy Britton. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20140302.11 David Fletcher's letter requesting membership in Morningside Meeting is given its first reading.

20140302.12 Friends discuss how to respond to the Yearly Meeting Ministry Coordinating Committee queries on the Apology to Afro-Descendants, deciding to forward the queries to all on the email list each week as they are received, including a link to the Apology text on the NYYM.org web site.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk

Interim Report form the Surplus Committee

The Surplus Committee has now met twice to discern possible recipients for the \$7,865 from our surplus. We have been guided in part by the guidelines developed by Peace & Social Concerns. We are trying to discern our way forward by discussing the different proposals that have been given to us and by following up with requests for information from possible recipients.

While we do not have recommendations for an expenditure of all of the money at this time, we would like to forward two proposals for the Meeting's consideration and approval:

1. \$2,800 would cover the college tuition for a Bolivian Quaker student for four years through the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund. We felt that a relatively small amount of money would make a very large difference in a student's life and that we would be supporting the larger Quaker community.
2. \$1,200 to support Larry White in his work to develop a curriculum to help long term prisoners prepare for release with a focus on re-entry and reintegration into the community. We see this as supporting the work of someone who is part of the Meeting, something we try to do, and see some connection to the concept of a "Released Friend."

When the minute outlining our work was approved in January, we were asked to think about spending \$7,865. Subsequently we discovered that the surplus was larger. We haven't felt authorized to allocate that money, but we do have a suggestion that the surplus in excess of the above figure be allocated as money we could give in a time of natural disaster. Given our situation of "climate disruption," we feel that there will be more natural disasters to which we will want to respond. Several people made variations on this suggestion to the committee.

Report of Morningside Communications Committee Meeting,

The communications committee has been meeting every two weeks at the Riverside Cafeteria, 9:30 am to 10:45am. The last meeting was January 26, 2014.

The address book has been given to M&C and the Morningside database has been cleaned up. With that completion, the emphasis of the Communications Committee can be devoted to the Morningside Website, after which time, we can determine who what and how “relatively static” information can be added to the site. We already have much of this information. A number of documents, including the History of Morningside, the “Worship at Morningside” brochure, the History of Morningside Meeting, etc. should be part of this static content, which could still be updated as necessary

Although early suggestions had been made that Morningside not utilize language that was too “Quakerly,” it was agreed that the heading of the website should remain the same: Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), unless we decide to change the name of the Meeting.

In the past, our attention has been focused on the New York Yearly Meeting website format, but we have come to realize that a website like the one Vonn New designed for Washington, DC Friends Meeting, quakersdc.org, may be more in tune with the life of a small Meeting. It has basically the same format as the NYYM website—a heading with horizontal tabs, but as befits a meeting for worship, the text on worshipping is up front and highlighted on the home page with a link to the meeting’s complete “brochure.” It is very inviting, and makes it clear immediately to anyone, including non-Quakers, what this Quaker Meeting is about. We also liked the quick-link feature very much, especially the link to recent photographs.

It would be nice to have an image that could be associated with our meeting, and Friends agreed that the image of Riverside Church is confusing. In addition, the traditional image of the meeting house is not consistent with our meeting.

A discussion was held on the management of new information on the website and whether or not to have a webmaster (or webmasters) who is (are) responsible for all the postings to the website that are timely, like articles or minutes, and the events calendar.

Although we want to keep the site open for member contributions, we need to always be aware that it is the face of Meeting, and “how we are to the world,” and its content requires the same kind of editorial control as the content of a newsletter.

The next meeting will be March 16.

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Treasurer's Report for February 2014

The Meeting has taken in \$1,083 this year, 51% of the \$2,117 for the same period last year, but more than sufficient to cover the \$505 disbursed. For the month of February, we received \$559 and expensed \$273, inclusive of \$100 for the work of the Woodbourne Prison Group, available under last year's budget; the remaining \$173 is spread among hospitality, breakfast and literature, but also offset by \$72 in contributions.

The Meeting is reminded that we will be sending \$3,575 to NYYM in March as our quarterly covenant payment and \$2,600 will be disbursed under the Peace & Social Concerns budget.

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

March 2, 2014

Morningside's Peace and Social Concerns

	2013	Schedule		2014 Proposed	Schedule	Memo	Comments
Local Hands-on Organizations							
Alternatives to Violence (Pam Wood)	\$300.00	Aug	#185	\$300.00	Aug		
Breathing Space (David Fletcher)	\$250.00	Dec	#204	\$250.00	Dec		
Campaign to End the New Jim Crow (Pam Wood)	\$200.00	Nov	#193	\$200.00	Dec		
Catholic Worker (Vince)	\$400.00	April	#171	\$400.00	April		
Flushing Remonstrance (Naomi)	\$250.00	Aug	#186				Nothing more needed; remove from list
Friends House Rose Hill (Ed Elder)	\$200.00	Nov	#194				Board not seating new Friends from NYQM
Huntington House (Helen)				\$200.00	Dec		
Redemption Center (Helen)	\$600.00	June	#181	\$600.00	June		
Woodbourne Prison Worship Group (Pam & Helen)	\$100.00	Oct	#192	\$300.00			Make 2 payments of \$150 each
Woodbourne Prison Worship Group (Pam & Helen)	\$150.00	TBD					2 Payments listed in 1913 consolidated
Wider Quaker Fellowship							
AFSC: Healing & Justice NE Region (Pam)	\$500.00	Nov	#195	\$500.00	Nov		
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (Vince)	\$200.00	Nov	#196	\$400.00	March		Increase
FCNL (Jack)	\$600.00	June	#183	\$600.00	March		
FLGBTQC (R Renwick)	\$150.00	Dec	#205	\$200.00	Dec		Increase
Friends General Conference (Vince)	\$300.00	Dec	#206	\$400.00	March		Increase
Friends World Cttee (Ernie)	\$200.00	Dec	#207	\$400.00	Dec	Section of the Americas	Increase
NY Yearly Meeting Sharing Fund (Helen)	\$600.00	Nov	#197	\$600.00	Nov		
NY Yearly Meeting Young Adult Friends (Mason)	\$600.00	Dec	#208	\$600.00	June	Support Field Secretary	
NYQM African Education Committee (Corona)	\$600.00	Oct	#198	\$900.00	Sept		Increase
Quaker House of Fayetteville (David Britton)	\$200.00	Dec	#210	\$200.00	Dec		
Quaker UN Office (Ernie)	\$300.00	Nov	#199	\$300.00	Nov		
Ramallah Friends School (FUM) (Pam)	\$600.00	July	#184	\$600.00	July	Scholarship Fund	
Right Sharing of World Resources (Patricia)				\$300.00			NEW
National/ International Organizations							
AGLI (African Great Lakes International) (Pam)	\$500.00	March	#167	\$500.00			
Amani Global Works (Dave Evans)	\$500.00	Nov	#200	\$300.00	Nov		They received funding recently
Brooklyn for Peace (Pam)	\$50.00	Dec	#211	\$100.00	Dec		Increase
Center for Conscience and War (Pam)	\$100.00	Dec	#212	\$200.00	June		Increase
Christian Peacemaker Teams (Vince)	\$500.00	Dec	#214	\$500.00	July		
Clean Water for Haiti (Naomi)							NEW
Flushing Interfaith Council (Naomi)				\$50.00			Can be removed from list
Haiti Support La Romana (Sally)							Increase
Lambi Fund in Haiti	\$500.00	May	#175	\$600.00	March		
National Religious Campaign Against Torture (Dave Britton)	\$50.00	Nov		\$150.00	Dec		\$50 Membership; \$100 Contribution
Progresa Guatemala (Charlotte)	\$200.00	Dec	#215	\$200.00	Dec		
Friends in Unity with Nature (FUN)							
Argus(Pam)							
East New York Farms (Helen)	\$250.00	May	#176	\$250.00	May		
Quaker Earthcare Witness (Patricia)	\$300.00	Nov	#201	\$300.00	Dec		
The Urban Community Food Project (Bronx) (Pam)	\$600.00	Feb	#155	\$600.00	Feb/March		\$300 Contribution/\$300 Honorarium for Beresford McNeary
Two Row Wampum Campaign (Tom Goodridge)	\$150.00	Dec	#216				Campaign ended
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	TOTAL	\$11,000.00		\$12,000.00			
Budget		\$11,000.00		\$12,000.00			
Local		22.3%					
Wider Quaker Organizations		44.1%					
National/International		21.8%					
Friends in Unity with Nature (FUN)		11.8%					
Total Contributions		36,209					
Portion of Contributed Funds		30.4%					

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M&C report
March 2, 2014

1. We began our meeting with a few minutes of silence to hold Edd Fenner in the light.
2. The next M&C meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, at 7:15pm. The first part of the meeting is open to all who wish to attend. Please note that we are not meeting on our usual one week prior to our business meeting on April 6th, but 10 days prior due to scheduling conflicts. We will again meet at Stephen McDonnell's office at 352 7th Avenue, suite 1604, located between 29 & 30th Streets. The closest subway is the #1, 28th Street stop. The 34th Streets stops are also walkable.
3. The next M&C-sponsored Welcome Breakfast is on March 23rd, hosted by Nancy Britton, in the Riverside Cafe at 9:30 to 10:45. M&C picks up the tab, so let the cashier know you are with the Quakers.
4. Our fourth Sunday topic this month on March 23rd will be "Simplicity", facilitated by Jerry Reisig. We will meet from 1-2pm in 12T. The fourth Sunday in April is Quarterly Meeting and we will not meet. M&C is still considering topics for May. For our fourth Sunday in June, the 22nd, M&C will host a MMM celebration picnic outside. We are asking all to bring a dish to share with a list of ingredients. More details will follow.
5. Bible Study, led by Jerry Reisig, will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10am in 12T beginning on March 9th through June. Please be in touch with Jerry directly if you haven't signed up already.
6. M&C has received David Fletcher's letter requesting membership and his membership committee has met. M&C is recommending David Fletcher for membership and is submitting his letter for a first reading today by our clerk.
7. Morningside will host the Prison Worship Groups Reunion on May 11th, with a welcoming potluck. Arrangements are being made to use 8T until 3pm for further space. Suggestions are welcome and more details will follow.
8. M&C has submitted the corrected mailing list to the Communications Committee. Addresses will be updated and we have asked the committee to provide hard copies of the address book by late spring.
9. M&C is considering ways to support our Spiritual Nurturance Groups. Some outreach is currently being undertaken and further suggestions are welcome.
10. Jerry Reisig has agreed to co-clerk M&C.

Treasurer's Report: 2014		Actual					Budget
		2013	Jan	Feb	YTD	% Spent	2014
Disbursements							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,611.00			0.00	0.0%	14,300.00
Total Fixed		13,611.00			0.00	0.0%	14,300.00
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	10,850.00		100.00	100.00	0.8%	12,000.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	0.00			0.00	0.0%	300.00
	Scholarship/Relief	1,305.00			0.00	0.0%	2,000.00
Total Outreach		12,155.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.7%	14,300.00
Operating	Communications	295.29			0.00	0.0%	2,050.00
Expenses	1st Day/Childcare	61.94			0.00	0.0%	800.00
	Hospitality	683.91	200.00	124.92	324.92	46.4%	700.00
	Breakfast	354.80		31.57	31.57	4.2%	750.00
	Clerk/ M & C	106.50			0.00	0.0%	150.00
	Finance	211.95	31.77		31.77	10.6%	300.00
	Literature	152.15		17.00	17.00	5.7%	300.00
Total Operating Expenses		1,866.54	231.77	173.49	405.26	8.0%	5,050.00
Total Disbursements		27,632.54	231.77	273.49	505.26	1.5%	33,650.00
	In Kind Disbursements		31.77	72.49			
Income							
	Contributions	37,483.90	521.77	557.49	1,079.26		34,000.00
	Interest	25.48	1.66	1.73	3.39		
Total Income		37,509.38	523.43	559.22	1,082.65	3.2%	34,000.00
Net Income		9,876.85	291.66	285.73	577.39		350.00
Assets							
	Ending Bank Balance	39,898.14	40,129.56	40,489.29			
	Cash Pam	15.00	15.00	15.00			
	Hospitality Petty Cash	2.52	202.52	202.52			
	Cash at Schwab	500.00	500.00	500.00			
Liabilities							
	Crumlish Bequest	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)			
	Hope Lives for Lifers	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)			
	Huntington House	(775.88)	(672.64)	(672.64)			
	From 2013	(8,465.65)	(8,465.65)	(8,465.65)			
Net Worth		30,005.04	30,539.70	30,899.43			

As of 12/31/13

Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is \$11,000, 1/2013-12/2015