

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business  
5/4/2014

## Minutes

present: Jerry Reisig, Elizabeth Horstman, Chris Whipf, Joyce Richardson, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, Dot Savage, Charlene Ray, Ernie Buscemi, Corona Macheimer, Artis Klavens, Vince Buscemi, Charlotte Ehrman, David Fletcher, Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:05 pm with silent Worship.  
The clerk reviews the agenda.

20140504.01 Corona Macheimer presents the Peace and Social Concerns committee report. The committee recommends that we allocate \$200 to the Nicaragua Section of the Center for Development in Central America, by increasing the P&SC budget or using the Crumlish Fund. The Friends Committee on National Legislation priorities process leads us to organize a program on FCNL next fall, reaching out to other Friends Meetings in New York City, including Quarterly and Yearly Meetings and Riverside Church. Friends accept the report.

20140504.02 Friends approve the allocation of a \$200 increase in the P&SC budget from \$12,150 to \$12,350 for a contribution to the Nicaragua Section of the Center for Development in Central America.

20140504.03 Jerry Reisig presents the Communications committee report. The committee continues to meet approximately every two weeks, and to work with Vonn New to implement the new website. An updated list is available from the database to use for the printed address book. Friends are reminded they can review and update their information in the database at any time by using the <http://www.morningsidemeeting.org> website. Corona will be assisting Borys in preparing the printed version. The report is accepted and attached.

20140504.04 Corona Macheimer presents the ad hoc surplus committee report, reading from the report written by Pam Wood. The committee took into account the principles used by P&SC, including a) the funds making a difference, b) members' interests and concerns are reflected, and including additional concerns expressed to the committee, as well as concerns expressed in our State of the Meeting report. The recommendations for spending the \$8,465 are as follows:

\$2,800 - to support of a Bolivian student through 4 years of college  
\$1,500 - Breathing Space with the suggestion of creating a matching fund opportunity to which members of the Meeting could contribute  
\$1,365 - to advertise the Meeting in The Columbia Spectator and The Amsterdam News in the fall/winter  
\$1,200 - in support of Larry White's work at the AFSC on programs for sentencing planning for recently convicted people and programs for aging prisoners  
\$600 - to the Sisters of Assumption for relief of people affected by the Con Ed Explosion  
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\$500-to The Harlem School of the Arts

Total = \$8465

Friends discuss the report, deciding to lay over discussion of the process for matching the Breathing

Space contributions and preparing the advertising. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20140504.05 Friends approve spending the funds as recommended by the surplus committee. Corona Machemer, Sally Campbell and David Fletcher will work as an ad hoc committee on the matching fund process. The committee has completed its charge and is laid down.

20140504.06 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. The Meeting has taken in \$4,848, 14% of our annual budget year to date, slightly ahead of last year at this time. We have disbursed \$7,620 so far, which is \$2,772 more than we have received, so we are presently running a deficit. The committee is developing an appeal letter to be assembled for mailing on 5/25 at the rise of Meeting. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20140504.07 Elizabeth Horstman presents the Ministry and Counsel committee report. The next meeting is scheduled for 5/29 at 7:15 pm at Stephen McDonnell's office. This will be the last meeting until after 9/14/2014. The next welcoming breakfast is scheduled for 5/25 in the Riverside cafe at 9:30 am. The next fourth Sunday after-Meeting topic will be "Witness" facilitated by Jerry Reisig and Ernie Buscemi. The fourth Sunday in June is scheduled for an outside picnic. Bible Study meets for the third time on 5/12/2014. The committee recommends Burr Ekstut for membership and brings his letter requesting membership for a second reading. Morningside will host the Prison Working Group Reunion on 5/18/2014. Quarterly Meeting scheduled for 10/19/2014 may be moved to Morningside instead of Flushing if Flushing is not available. There are ten support and clearness committees ongoing. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20140504.08 Burr Eckstut's letter requesting membership is given a second reading. Friends approve Samuel Burr Ekstut as a member of Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Elizabeth Horstman, Naomi Paz-Greenberg and Charlene Ray will serve as the welcoming committee.

Meeting ends at 2:00 pm with silent Worship.

In Friendship,  
Dave Britton, recording clerk

Re: Any report communications committee ?

**Subject:** Re: Any report communications committee ?

**From:** Jerry Reisig <jreisig@nyts.edu>

**Date:** 05/04/2014 08:51 AM

**To:** Lee Rada <leerada@aol.com>, Borys Harmaty <bharmaty@gmail.com>, Corona Machaner <coronamach@aol.com>, Dave Britton <dave@davebritton.com>, Deborah Dahl <getdeborah@gmail.com>, Jerry Reisig <jreisig@nyts.edu>, Stephen McDonnell <stephen.mcdonnell@me.com>

Lee,

The following is the report

Communication Committee Report May 4, 2014

We continue meeting as a committee approximately once every two weeks in the cafeteria area.

A first draft of the new website has been completed and we continue working with Vonn New to add features to it. Among the recent features is a calendar in which upcoming events can be entered and viewed. Members of the committee can now look at the site and make comments for change. David has been in regular conversation with Vonn New both through email and video conference. Since the basic structure of the website has been established, we will be able to focus on static information to be contained in it. We will have the ability to make changes to the site on our own; the future question will be how to obtain the necessary content for the site. This is just an initial version, with a lot left to do, particularly the email blast and database, as well as the static content.

Borys has created a self-generating mailing list from the database that can be pulled regularly with each mailing, in order to reflect the changes that occur. The list was presented to M&C and they asked that it be checked against the earlier list that members and attenders signed. In any case, all members and attenders are asked to check the information that they have in the database on our current website. Please make sure that you have address information as well as e-mail are correct, and ideally phone as well, so that other members may contact you.

Re: Any report communications committee ?

Our next meeting will be May 18.

On Sat, May 3, 2014 at 12:12 PM, Lee Rada <[leerada@aol.com](mailto:leerada@aol.com)> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

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## Morningside Meeting

M&C report

May 4, 2014

1. The next M&C meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29th, at 7:15pm. The first part of the meeting is open to all who wish to attend. 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. After this May meeting, the next M&C meeting will be after the summer on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. The next M&C-sponsored Welcome Breakfast is on the fourth First Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by Jack Patterson. We are in the Riverside Cafe at 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. as usual and M&C picks up the tab. Let the cashier know you are with the Quakers.
3. Our next fourth Sunday topic will be a continuation of our April discussion on "Witness". On May 25th, Jerry Reisig and Ernie Buscemi will facilitate a group discussion where we will share our own stories of our witness. We will meet from 1-2pm in 12T. On our fourth Sunday June 22nd, we will be having a picnic outside organized by Ernie Buscemi with food and games. We are asking all to bring a dish to share with a list of ingredients. More details will follow.
4. Bible Study, led by Jerry Reisig, meets for the 3rd time next week on May 12th. This on-going series meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10am in 12T through June. If you intend to come and haven't given Jerry your email, please do so as he sends out materials ahead.
5. M&C is recommending Burr Eckstut for membership. His letter was read for the first time at the April business meeting and will be read for the second time by our clerk today.
6. Morningside will host the Prison Worship Groups Reunion on May 18th, with a welcoming potluck. Everyone is being asked to contribute a dish and sign-ups are being circulated. Arrangements are being made to use 8T until 3pm for further space. Suggestions are welcome.

7. Quarterly Meeting is scheduled to be held at Flushing on October 19th. Flushing may not be able to host that meeting and has asked Morningside to be available should Flushing not be able to host the meeting.
8. M&C is coordinating 10 Support and Clearness groups.

### Report of the Surplus Committee

In forwarding the suggestions below for the Meeting to consider, we took into account the general guideline from Peace & Social Concerns that the smaller sums money we are able to contribute would make a difference. In addition, we sought to recommend expenditures, which would reflect the interests and concerns of members of the Meeting, both historically and in response to suggestions made to us. Many suggestions followed certain themes such as disaster relief and scholarship assistance for students. In addition, in making the suggestion that we spend money on advertising in The Columbia Spectator, we are responding to concerns expressed in our reflections on the State of the Meeting. We also felt that advertising in The Amsterdam News would expand our presence in the neighborhood.

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Treasurer's Report for April 2014

The Meeting has taken in \$4,848 this year, 14% of our annual goal and slightly ahead of the income for the same period last year. However we have disbursed \$7,620 for the year, or \$2,772 less than what has been received. For the month of April, we received \$1,383 and expensed \$866, inclusive \$400 for Peace & Social Concerns (Catholic Worker) and \$486 in regular disbursements, leaving a \$497 surplus of receipts over disbursements for the month.

We are scheduled to send \$250 to East New York Farms in May. Additionally, disbursements from our 2013 surplus are pending discernment. The Finance Committee is developing a spring appeal letter; we are planning to assemble the mailing at the rise of meeting on May 25 and invite the participation of all, for a time session of 'letter folding/envelop stuffing' and perhaps a giggle or two!

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](mailto:moneycoach@earthlink.net) or leave a message at 212-757-3504.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray

Treasurer

August 2, 2014

<b>Treasurer's Report: 2014</b>		<b>Actual</b>						<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2013</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% Spent</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>								
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,611.00		3,612.50		3,612.50	25.3%	14,300.00
<b>Total Fixed</b>		<b>13,611.00</b>		<b>3,612.50</b>		<b>3,612.50</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>14,300.00</b>
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	10,850.00	100.00	2,600.00	400.00	3,100.00	25.5%	12,150.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	0.00				0.00	0.0%	300.00
	Scholarship/Relief	1,305.00			400.00	400.00	20.0%	2,000.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>		<b>12,155.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>14,450.00</b>
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	124.92			324.92	46.4%	700.00
	Breakfast	354.80	31.57	16.00	41.00	88.57	11.8%	750.00
	Clerk/ M & C	106.50			45.00	45.00	30.0%	150.00
	Finance	211.95				31.77	10.6%	300.00
	Literature	152.15	17.00			17.00	5.7%	300.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>1,866.54</b>	<b>173.49</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>507.26</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>5,050.00</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>27,632.54</b>	<b>273.49</b>	<b>6,228.50</b>	<b>886.00</b>	<b>7,619.76</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>33,800.00</b>
	In Kind Contribtuions/Disbursements		72.49	16.00		120.26		
<b>Income</b>								
	Contributions	37,483.90	631.49	2,381.00	1,381.00	4,841.26		34,000.00
	Interest	25.48	1.73	1.52	1.56	6.47		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>37,509.38</b>	<b>633.22</b>	<b>2,382.52</b>	<b>1,382.56</b>	<b>4,847.73</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>9,876.85</b>	<b>359.73</b>	<b>(3,845.98)</b>	<b>496.56</b>	<b>(2,772.03)</b>		<b>200.00</b>
<b>Assets</b>								
	Ending Bank Balance	<b>39,898.14</b>	<b>40,524.29</b>	<b>37,043.31</b>	<b>37,239.87</b>			
	Cash Pam	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00			
	Hospitality Petty Cash	2.52	202.52	202.52	202.52			
	Cash at Schwab	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00			
	Cash Charlene	0.00	0.00	0.00	(21.00)			
<b>Liabilities</b>								
	Crumlish Bequest	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)			
	Hope Lives for Lifers	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)			
	Huntington House	(775.88)	(672.64)	(672.64)	(672.64)			
	From 2013	(8,465.65)	(8,465.65)	(8,465.65)	(8,465.65)			
<b>Net Worth</b>		<b>30,005.04</b>	<b>30,934.43</b>	<b>27,453.45</b>	<b>27,629.01</b>			

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