

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Minutes 9/7/2014

present: Patricia Chernoff, Sally Campbell, Joyce Richardson, Ernie Buscemi, Charlene Ray, John Slater, Bart Dominus, Kathy Stackhouse, David Fletcher, Vince Buscemi, Pam Wood, Charlotte Ehrmann, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:00 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads "The Appropriate Word" (p. 5) from "Waiting for the Spirit" by Jerry Reisig.

The clerk reviews the agenda, noting items of business that were laid over from our last Meeting in June.

20140907.1 Pamela Wood presents an update on our work toward prison reform of solitary confinement practices. The Meeting's minute on Solitary Confinement was forwarded to Quarterly Meeting and endorsed by Quarterly Meeting, which then forwarded the minute onward to Yearly Meeting, hopefully to be acted on during Fall Sessions in November.

20140907.2 Pamela Wood reports on efforts to prepare for hosting the Yearly Meeting Fall Sessions during Nov 14-16. Helen Garay Toppins is the registrar for the event, which will be held at Friends Seminary.

20140907.3 Charlene Ray presents the treasurer's report. As of 9/2 we have received \$14,329, which is 42% of our annual goal. We have disbursed \$16,195, which is \$1,866 more than our receipts. Details of specific disbursements are itemized. Disbursements from the surplus funds are listed, including the full \$3,000 to Breathing Space, consisting of \$1500 from the surplus and \$1500 from matching funds. Friends delegate authority for determining the specific wording and making the arrangements for the planned Fall advertising in the Columbia Spectator and Amsterdam News to be paid for with funds from the surplus. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20140907.4 Charlene Ray announces that Yearly Meeting's "budget Saturday" is scheduled for Saturday, 10/20/2014. She notes that Yearly Meeting is asking for another 3.7% increase and that our contributions to Yearly Meeting are 42% of our annual budget. She asks for volunteers to go with her to budget Saturday. The clerk reviews elements of the letter from Yearly Meeting and Friends discuss the process for setting the Yearly Meeting budget. A full discussion of the Yearly Meeting budgeting process is scheduled for the fourth Sunday in September as an after-Meeting discussion. A copy of the letter from Yearly Meeting is attached.

20140907.5 Sally Campbell presents a report from the library committee. She notes that the literature budget line is overspent. She notes that books are becoming more expensive. She notes that she has acquired many new Pendle Hill pamphlets for the library. She plans to ask for a budget increase for the coming year. The overage is in-kind contributions, however, so net of contributions the fiscal budget is unaffected.

20140907.6 Vince Buscemi presents the Ministry and Counsel committee report. The next meeting is at Steve McDonnell's office at 352 7th Ave suite 1604 room A. Friends are invited to attend the first, non-confidential, part of the meeting. The next welcoming breakfast is scheduled for 9/28 in the Riverside Church cafe at 9:30 AM. The next 4th Sunday after-Meeting discussion on 9/28 is planned

for worship sharing on the Yearly Meeting budget process. Bible study with Jerry Reisig continues on 2nd Sundays, starting 9/14 at 9:45 to 10:45 in room 12T before Meeting. Let Jerry know if you will be coming so that he can email the notes to you. Spiritual nurture groups are being formed and expanded. Friends are invited to sign up for these on the list. Ministry and Counsel congratulates Chad Gilmartin on his appointment by Adult Young Friends to the long range planning committee of Friends General Conference. Friends accept the report which is attached. Friends discuss the planned after-Meeting session on the Yearly Meeting budget.

The Meeting ends at 1:58 PM with silent Worship.

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recording clerk