

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Minutes 10/5/2014

present: Sally Campbell, Joyce Richardson, Ernie Buscemi, David Fletcher, Vince Buscemi, Pam Wood, Charlotte Ehrmann, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:00 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads a passage "Patience" from "Waiting for the Spirit" by Jerry Reisig, p.5. The agenda is reviewed.

20141005.1 Naomi Paz Greenberg presents a report on the Flushing Interfaith Council. Member organizations, of which Morningside is one, may cast one vote apiece for Board positions through their designated representatives. There are no contested Board positions out of 11 seats presently as the organization is still new. Friends appoint Naomi as our designated representative to support the slate.

20141005.2 Jerry Reisig present the communications committee report. The committee did not meet during the summer although work continued. Committee members are writing the initial information for the basic website structure. The committee ask approval of using "Morningside Friends Meeting" as the site name. Friends accept the report, which is attached. Friends approve the use of "Morningside Quaker Meeting" as the site name, using the formal designation of "Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends" in smaller type below.

20141005.3 Pam Wood presents the treasurer's report. The Meeting has received \$15,235 so far this year, 44.8% of our annual goal. About \$21,203 has been expensed so far, which is \$5,968 more than we have received. In September we received \$906 and disbursed \$5,008 for a \$4,102 deficit. The first reading of the 2015 budget is proposed for the first week in November. The finance committee and treasurer ask the Meeting to approve the requested \$540 increase in New York Yearly Meeting's covenant contribution for 2015. The committee asks Friends for a minute to take to budget Saturday. Friends are reminded that they may arrange to have contributions made directly from their bank accounts; for information contact the treasurer Charlene Ray. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20141005.4 Friends approve the following statement to be brought to the "Budget Saturday" deliberations of New York Yearly Meeting:

"Morningside Monthly Meeting asks the Meeting representatives to Budget Saturday to indicate that, in the event that 2015 receipts are below budget or are otherwise more limited than initially envisioned, our priorities as a Meeting would be to support young adult programs and increases in salaries/compensation for existing staff."

20141005.5 Friends approve increasing the Meeting's covenant contribution to New York Yearly Meeting by the amount of \$540 for 2015.

20141005.6 Charlotte Ehrmann presents for the Nominating Committee, the current 2014 roster of Meeting positions. A Friend asks if we need the designated liaison positions, and if so, what does the Meeting specifically ask of these Friends, i.e. what does it mean to be a liaison to another organization? Friends discuss the functions of liaison positions.

Some positions are to have someone designated to attend organization meetings, others are to be information resources about the organization. Friends ask, should liaisons be making regular reports to Meeting?

Friends clarify various roles and agree to separate official representative liaisons from informational contact people:

- New York Quarterly Meeting liaison and New York Yearly Meeting liaison positions are removed from the list.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation, American Friends Service Committee, and Right Sharing of World Resources continue as liaisons.
- Powell House, Pendle Hill and Friends General Conference liaisons are identified as informational.
- Friends rename “space committee” to “Riverside Church committee.”
- Young Adult Friends is shifted from liaison to become a full Meeting committee, with more Friends to be added.

Friends clarify the Ministry and Counsel committee terms. The year-end appointments are corrected. They should be shown as “ending in January” of the given year. The line now stating “ending in 2014” should be “ending January 2016.” The line now titled 2016 should be “ending January, 2017.” The line now titled 2015 should be “ending January 2015.” The roster is attached.

20141005.7 Lee Rada announces that she is resigning from her recently appointed position as a New York Quarterly Meeting Trustee, due to a conflict of interest because her current employer is receiving a contract to work on a Friends Seminary construction project.

20141005.8 Nancy Britton presents the ministry and counsel committee report. The next meeting is on Thursday 10/15/2014 at 7:30 at Stephen McDonnell's office. Friends are invited to attend the first, non-confidential part. The next welcoming breakfast is 10/26/2014 in the Riverside Church cafe. Bible Study continues with Jerry Reisig before Meeting for Worship from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, next held on 10/12/2014. The committee has received two requests for spiritual nurture groups. There are currently 8 support and clearness committees. The report is accepted and attached.

20141005.9 Naomi Paz Greenberg reports that Mario Cardoza will be coming to New York. He is the first recognized conscientious objector in Colombia, and needs lodging for eight days from 10/15 to 10/25. She has received two letters from Bolivian students in response to our funding of the Bolivian Quaker Education Program. She is preparing a letter in response.

The Meeting ends at 2:55 PM with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk