

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Minutes 12/7/2014

present: Pam Wood, Charlotte Ehrmann, Nancy Britton, Katherine Alford, Jerry Reisig, Naomi Paz Greenberg, David Fletcher, Richard Schmidt, Charlene Ray, Corona Machermer, Sally Campbell, Tom Goodridge, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

The clerk describes a plan put forth by the ministry and counsel committee to hold Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business at the immediate rise of silent Meeting for Worship beginning in January and February. After these two months ministry and counsel will review how well this is working.

Meeting begins at 1:00 PM with silent Worship.

20141207.1 Corona Machermer presents the peace and social concerns committee report, for two meetings held in November. On 11/19 David Evans gave a presentation on the healthcare project he has worked on in Idjwi, an island in Lake Kivu in the democratic Republic of the Congo. We have contributed to Dave's project in the past. Friends held a preliminary budget discussion after the presentation. On 11/16 the committee discussed the outreach budget and decided to add two organizations to make contributions to: Occupy Wall St. Puppet Guild and the Seven Trains Baking Collective. Friends note concerns about the Seven Trains project, and a support committee has been established by ministry and counsel. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20141207.2 Dave Fletcher reports on Morningsiders' intervisitation to Flushing Monthly Meeting. At the suggestion of Quarterly ministry and counsel several Morningside Friends visited Flushing Meeting on 11/16. He described the Meetinghouse as "sacred and ancient." After the Meeting some Friends visited the Fox Oaks memorial across the street from the John Bowne house, where Fox preached in the late 1600's. Flushing Friends were very warm and welcoming. Pam Wood notes that the clerk of NYYM has a website for recording visitations. Friends describe the visitation as very moving and historically interesting. Friends will send thanks and an invitation to Flushing Friends to come to Morningside.

20141207.3 Jerry Reisig reports for the communications committee on the new website. The committee thanks Friends for their comments and suggestions. The committee needs the updated database from ministry and counsel to give to Vonn New so she can install the full email system. Due to the increased work we have needed, the committee will increase her compensation. An additional \$1500 will be added to the 2015 budget request for the committee's budget line. Jerry will serve as Friends' contact person for web site user support. Friends express support for making the new web site go live with our own URL as [morningsidemeeting.org](http://morningsidemeeting.org). Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20141207.4 Charlene Ray presents the treasurers report. We have received \$23,265 so far this year, 68% of our annual budget. We have expensed \$23,069 so far this year. We also have \$7,175 budgetted for disbursements in December, for which we will need at least \$6579 in additional receipts, and we are still below where we were at this time last year. The second reading of the 2015 proposed budget is reviewed. Friends approve the proposed budget of \$35,430 for both income and expenses. The report is accepted and attached.

20141207.5 Pamela Wood presents a preliminary version of the roster of nominations for Meeting

positions. She notes that we need two more people for nominating and two more for ministry and counsel, and additional people for Meeting with Children. The committee is searching for a non-prison visiting member for prison ministry. The committee asks for guidance about adult young friends. Friends ask questions and get clarifications about various positions. The roster is expected to be completed in January. Friends accept the report.

20141207.6 Nancy Britton presents the ministry and counsel committee report. The next meeting is Thursday 1/29/2015 at Stephen McDonnell's office. Bible Study on second Sundays continues with the next session 1/11/2015. The after meeting discussion on 1/25/2015 is planned to be Evolving Spiritual Challenges. Ministry and counsel has reviewed the directory listing for accuracy. The committee has 8 clearness and support committees under its care. Richard Schmidt's request for membership is given its first reading. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20141207.7 Ernie Buscemi notes Mornignsiders' considerable and valued contribution to the Yearly Meeting Sessions hospitality.

Meeting ends at 2:30 with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk