

Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

October 2, 2016

1. The Clerk reads the first query from New York Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice (Page 84): Are meetings for worship and business held in expectant waiting for divine guidance? Are we regular and punctual in attendance? Are we willing and faithful in the service of our meeting and in financial support of its activities?
2. Stephen McDonnell was approved to be Recording Clerk for this meeting.
3. Charlene Ray gave an oral report for Ministry and Counsel. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. The Committee needs more members. The Meeting accepts the report. The written report is attached.
4. Carona Macheimer gave oral highlights of the written report for Peace and Social Concerns. The Meeting accepts the report. The written report is attached.
5. The Clerk gives her report:
 - The next QM-wide meeting of the New York Quarterly Meeting Facilities Review process will be on October 8, from 10 am to 4 pm, at 15th Street Meeting. This will be followed by two mid-week evening meetings, on November 7th (15th Street) and November 17th (Brooklyn). Sarah Haga on the NYQM visioning process is scheduled to visit Morningside on Sunday, October 16.

We will shortly be posting the draft Overall Vision Statement, based our previous three meetings at 15th Street and Brooklyn and some other investigations, to provide a basis for a discussion. The draft will be posted at the Facilities Review web site, nyqmplaces.blogspot.com. You can now read the information about the process and transcriptions from the first meetings. Currently the transcripts from the previous sessions are posted there, and there is opportunity for comment.

- The Clerk has been leaving about 15 minutes from the end of Meeting for Worship until the beginning of Worship with a Concern for Business.
- I received the following from Naomi Paz Greenberg:
“Dear Pam, I hereby request release from service as Morningside Meeting Treasurer.”
- We do not have a Treasurer's report at this time. The Finance Committee was unable to meet to discuss the request of the NYYM Finance Committee for a 3.75% increase in our covenant donation. They have asked that we let them know by the

middle of October. Would the Meeting like to discuss this as a whole today or indicate to the committee that we are unable to let them know at this time?

The Meeting accepts the Clerk's report.

6. The Meeting approves having a short pause between the end of Meeting for Worship until the start of Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. One Friend suggested written announcements for those who do not attend Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.
7. The Meeting approves the release of Naomi Paz Greenburg from her position as Treasurer.
8. The Meeting discusses increasing its covenant donation to NYYM by \$580 for 2017. The Meeting approves this increase.
9. Stephen McDonnell gave an oral report for the Nominating Committee.
 - Nominating is beginning to solicit members and attenders for yearly service positions. We are asked how we want to serve the Meeting, and others whom we may suggest to serve in different capacities. Nominating may offer a 4th Sunday Discussion on spiritual gifts in the near future.
 - Nominating offers the appointment of Charlene Ray to serve as Interim Treasurer through the end of this year.

The Meeting accepts the report.

10. The Meeting approves the appointment of Charlene Ray to serve as Treasurer until the end of 2016.
11. Carona Machemer gave an oral report for the Communications Committee. The Meeting accepts the report. The written report is attached. A Friend expressed appreciation to the Communications Committee.

Announcements:

12. Retreat transportation was discussed. Transportation offers were made. Charlene Ray is coordinating. There may be room for those not registered.
13. Registration for FCLBTQC Midwinter Gathering is now open online.
14. There will be a meeting presenting information about the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement at 15th Street was announced as well as FCNL news.
15. Prisons Committee is looking for calendars and cards.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Nancy Britton, Corona Macheimer, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Constance Benson,
Brian D'Agostino, June Tano, David Fletcher, Kathy Stackhouse, Joyce Richardson,
Charlene Ray, Martin Wilkinson, Richard Schmidt, Pamela Wood, Vince Buscemi, Ernie
Buscemi, Robert Renwick, Stephen McDonnell