

Morningside Monthly Meeting

Minutes of Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

September 11, 2016

1. The Clerk read the following passage: “We are called upon to love the loveless and the unlovable, to reach out to racists and the torturers, to all those who hurt or damage, cripple and kill...God, through us, and in many other ways, offers them healing love and divine pity and takes their hurts away.
“We are called to that obedience which freely gives up self, possessions, life, beliefs, in following that vision, that greater love in which alone is life and peace. This does not mean that we lie down like doormats to be trampled on, or that we give up our freedom or our grasp of truth—it means that we join ourselves to the risk of creation, to the venture of authentic human being, that we ‘stand in the Light,’ reveal that measure of truth that is revealed to us...that we face the pain of the world, and match it with forgiveness.” (2014)
What Canst Thou Say by Janet Scott, pp. 49-50 in NYYM Faith & Practice
2. The Clerk has received the following request for release from service:
“I keep avoiding writing this email in the hopes that I will see you in meeting, but I have missed you there for the last two weeks. We are leaving NYC on August 1st, so I need to resign my position as Recording Clerk from Morningside Meeting. (BIG sniff!!)” Susan Carmody”
3. The Meeting approves the release of Susan Carmody from her position of Recording Clerk of Morningside Monthly Meeting.
4. The Clerk read parts of the letter she sent to the Trustees of the NY Quarterly Meeting in her position as the Clerk of the Healing and Restorative Justice Program Committee of NY Office of the AFSC. (The complete letter is attached.) Katharine Alford as a trustee reports that the Trustees received the request for space in June, and the program was scheduled to begin in July, which did not give them much time to respond. Additionally, the trustees were still working on the separation agreement with the school, and no summer plans for programs for children were planned by the school because of the construction. The rate of \$80 an hour for space is not, in fact, market rate. The Meeting approves the minute.
5. The Clerk presented the request of the NYYM Financial Services Committee for an increase of 3.75% for our covenant donation. The Meeting will make a decision at our October Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business after the Finance Committee has had a chance to consider it. The report to the Meeting from the Yearly Meeting Financial Services Committee is attached. The Meeting approves the minute.
6. Charlene Ray gave an oral report for Ministry & Counsel. The written report is attached.

Attendance: Bryan Oetell, Barton Dominus, Richard Schmidt, Calvin Alexander Ramsey, Kathy Stackhouse, Katharine Alford, Corona Macheimer, Charlotte Ehrman, Sally Campbell, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Charlene Ray, David Fletcher, Charles Sirey, Pamela Wood

Addendum

Minutes of Morningside Monthly Meeting July 3, 2016

1. The Clerk reads query 16, from the New York Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice: Are we engaged in nurturing and deepening our relationship with all creation? Do we make time to open to the Spirit through our contact with nature? Do we strive to live in harmony with the earth? How can we transform our lives in witness to our right relationship to the Earth, and join with others in active stewardship, realizing that we share one planet, now and in the future?
2. The Meeting approves taking the marriage of Thomas Goodridge and Daniel Seeger under its care. The marriage is planned for Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the Stony Point Retreat Center.
3. The Meeting approves the appointments of Nancy Britton, Kathy Hinton, Mason Jenkins and Dorothy Savage to the Marriage Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Wood, Clerk

Present: Bryan Oettel, Joyce Richardson, Stephen McDonnell, June Tano, Nancy Britton, Artis Klavins, Ed Elder, Dorothy Savage, Daniel A. Seeger, Tom Goodridge, Ernie Buscemi, David Evans, Charlene Ray, Kathy Stackhouse, David Fletcher, Bernard Winter, Vince Buscemi, Charlotte Ehrman, Richard Schmidt, Lupe Family, Naomi Paz Greenberg, J.M Margolis, Angela Margolis, Peter Beck, Pamela Wood