

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

April 3, 2016

The clerk opened with a reading from Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting by Barry Morley

“Through the process by which Quakers attain a sense of the Meeting, transformation occurs. We are changed. We feel, in a literal way, the loving Presence, which hovers over us. It manifests in the love we have for one another. We form invisible bonds among ourselves which transcend the petty and make the next sense of the Meeting more desirable and more readily attainable. We are participants in each other’s well being. Later we may stop to wonder whose idea evolved into a sense of the Meeting. But we can’t remember.”

1. The report of Ministry & Counsel is given by Charlene Ray. The report is accepted and attached.
2. Robert Stevens’ letter requesting membership in Morningside Meeting is read a second time. The Meeting approves welcoming him into membership. Sally Campbell, Nancy Britton and Charlene Ray volunteer for his welcoming committee.
3. The report of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee is read by Corona Macheimer. The report is accepted and attached.
4. Clerk’s Report
 - a. The NY Yearly Meeting Office has decided that the best way to solve the problem of the tax exempt number is to have their lawyer contact the Google legal office to explain that the NYYM number was used by mistake and needs to be changed.
 - b. Anne Wright-Lohaus of the Purchase Quarter contacted us to find out if we would like to host another reunion of people who have attended prison worship groups on Sunday, May 22.
 - c. Margaret Lew of the 15th Street Meeting writes: Would Morningside Meeting or a specific committee or committees like to participate again in the rummage sale? This year it will be held on Mother’s Day (May 8th or possibly May 15th) –like last year. Any help-whether rummage donations, collecting, sorting, helping out on sale day-is greatly appreciated. I would also like to have some tables set out featuring any of our peace and social justice work. Let me know if you are interested. Margaret.
 - d. The Quaker Party is planned for June 17 to 19 at 15th Street. What is our response to the request for Morningside providing supper at 15th Street?
5. The Clerk’s report is accepted.
6. The Meeting approves hosting a reunion of people who have attended Prison Worship groups on Sunday, May 22. We will work to publicize the event and moderate the quantity of food we offer.
7. The meeting approves our participation in the rummage sale at 15th Street. We need to know the final date when the rummage sale will be held, the definition of rummage and the logistics of getting rummage to the Meetinghouse, the dates when rummage is to be sorted. Peace and Social Concerns will take this under its care. [It will be May 15.]
8. The Meeting approves providing the supper for the Quaker Party on Friday, June 17. The place of the supper has not yet been determined. Nancy Britton will be a point person for this endeavor. Pam Wood volunteers to find out who might be able to provide overnight hospitality over that weekend.

Attendance: Sally Campbell, David Fletcher, Artis Klavins, Liz Amberly, Stephen McDonnell, Charlene Ray, Kathy Stackhouse, Corona Macheimer, Vince Buscemi, Calvin Ramsey, Richard Schmidt, Joyce Richardson, Nancy Britton, Pamela Wood

Ministry and Counsel Report April 3, 2016

- M & C met on March 3^{1st} at the home of Dave Evans
- Our next meeting will be on April 28th.
- Pam Wood will host the fourth Sunday breakfast on April 24th at 9:30 am in the Riverside Cafe. Anyone is welcome to attend and Morningside will pick up the tab. If you are interested in helping to host a breakfast please see a member of M & C.
- Mason will lead the fourth Sunday discussion on April 24th entitled Moving from Fear to Love. We will consider the question "What do Friends have to say in response to the current political climate?" Friends are encouraged to consider "What makes you angry? And What do you Fear?"
- Bible Study will be held on April 10th.
- M & C currently has five support committees and one clearness committees under its care.
- Regarding the issue with the NYYM tax ID number, there has been no notable progress. Friends are encouraged to consider whether you may have a contact at Google. We need to speak to a human.
- M & C forwards a membership request from Rob Stevens to the meeting for its second reading.

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Report from Peace & Social Concerns

Peace & Social Concerns meets on March 13, 2016, at 1:00 pm, following Meeting for Worship. Attending are Robert Renwick, Karen Tabor, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Sally Campbell, and Corona Machemer (clerk)

The meeting begins with a few minutes of silent worship.

1. Friends discuss the launch of the Matching Fund Campaign in response to the appeal from the Friends Peace Teams African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI), which was approved at Business Meeting on March 6. In addition to the launch of the appeal to Morningsiders with an article in the Newsletter for March, it is suggested that the appeal be extended to other meetings in the Quarter through their Peace and Social Concerns committees and to the Yearly Meeting.
2. In connection with the Campaign, Friends decide explore the possibility of a presentation to interested members of the Quarter by Elie Nahamana, who is Administrative Coordinator of AGLI's Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) program in Burundi, on "The Crisis in Burundi." Mr. Nahamana is on a tour of the US in April and May sponsored by AGLI.
3. The second annual Transformative Practices & Restorative Justice Conference is to be held on May 6 at Lehman College. David Fletcher asks Morningsiders to "hold the conference in the Light, to attend if possible, and to spread the news." To find out more and to register, Google May 6, 2016 Transformative Practices & Restorative Justice Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Corona Machemer, Clerk