

Morningside Monthly Meeting for Business Minutes
6/7/15

1. Meeting opens with a reading from -Church Government, London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. 1968 #713. If we sometimes think things are wrong with our meetings for church affairs; it would help us to look at the situation in perspective if we could realize how many troubles arise not from the system, but from our human imperfections and the variety of our temperaments and viewpoints. These meetings are in fact occasions not merely for transacting with proper efficiency the affairs of the church but also opportunities when we can learn to bear and forbear, to practice to one another that love which suffereth long and is kind. Christianity is not only a faith but a community and in our meetings for church affairs we learn what membership of that community involves.
2. Meeting receives a report from Ministry & Counsel. They propose that the next Meeting for Business would take place on Sunday, September 13 instead of Labor Day Weekend. Ministry & Counsel will meet on Thursday, September 10. The 4th Sunday welcome breakfasts will continue throughout the summer. David Fletcher will host the breakfast in Sept. Bible study will resume on Sunday, September 13. On August 23, there will be a break especially especially for college students and visitors, but all are welcome. It will be hosted by Charlene Ray There will be alterations to red book procedure. The old book will continue to be used but we hope to have a page on the website that visitors can access to register as well. Our retreat is scheduled for Friday evening, Oct 2 to Sunday, October 4, at the Stonypoint Conference Center. The theme will be simplicity. A memorial meeting for Edd Fenner is scheduled for Sunday, July 12 at Morningside after Meeting for Worship, at 1 pm. An Oversight committee is needed. Mary Owen would like to come to speak to us on Sunday, June 21 about the cemetery. Karen Tabor's application for membership is forwarded by Ministry & Counsel with a recommendation for approval. Her letter is given a first reading.
3. Meeting approves moving Meeting for Concerns to September 13, the second Sunday from Sunday, September 6.
4. Meeting approves Charlotte Ehrman and Stephen McDonnell to be the Oversight Committee for Edd Fenner's Memorial.
5. The Nominating Committee forwards the name of Charlene Ray to serve on Ministry & Counsel as of September. The Meeting approves.
6. The Meeting receives the report from the Treasurer. The Meeting took in \$5,902 in May, inclusive of \$450 of rummage sale

proceeds and \$1.63 in interest; we expensed \$1,932 flowing through to \$3,970 net income for the month; April disbursements included an \$1,100 deposit for our fall retreat, \$212 in scholarship money, \$255 for website development, \$160 for childcare through mid-May, \$26 in YTD hospitality expenses in addition to \$15 in contributed goods, \$164 in contributed expense for the spring appeal mailing. We have received \$13,680 to date, disbursed \$9,391 and realized in \$4,281 net proceeds. Please note that the unbudgeted \$1,100 retreat deposit is offset as an asset in the balance sheet below.

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The Treasurer is pleased to report that we have successfully opened a new account with TD Bank prompted by a 4/22/15 rogue debit for \$290.86 (a Target purchase has compromised our bank account) and which was subsequently reimbursed by the bank. The compromised account will be closed when the one remaining outstanding check is paid.

Please note that Treasurer duties will be assumed by Naomi Paz Greenberg as of August 1, 2015; her contact information is naomipaz@nyc.rr.com, 6910 108th Street, #5D, Forest Hills, NY 11375 or by phone (718) 261-9382. The finance committee requests a minute from

7. The New York Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends doing business as Morningside Monthly Meeting states that in accordance with our bylaws, Naomi Paz Greenberg has been duly elected and is authorized to assume the duties of Treasurer as of August 1, 2015; Charlene Ray, the former Treasurer, will continue as a member of the Finance Committee,

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8. Charlotte reports that she has been in communication with Riverside Church about 8T for the children. They said we could continue to use the room, but the desk does not know this, and today, the alternate room was locked and the hall was dark. In the room there were desks, filing cabinets, etc. which make the space unsuitable for children. We need to communicate these difficulties to the Church. Also a shopping cart was stolen, indicating that we need secure storage space. Lee Rada will be in touch with Ahmet Bayadur about the problems. We may need to ask for a meeting with the property person at Riverside.
9. A report from Peace and Social Concerns is received and attached. Naomi Paz Greenberg is stepping aside as Co-Clerk of Peace & Social Concerns as she will be taking over as Treasurer. David Fletcher will be the new Co-Clerk. David Fletcher reported on the Transformative Practices and Restorative Justice Conference held at Lehman College on May 8. We look forward to the possibility of being more involved and will explore having the NYYM take up the issue. Pam reported on the Lobby Day for Solitary Confinement Bill. Senator Espaiat, who is from this district has not yet signed on as a co-sponsor and we may want to encourage him to co-sponsor the bill. Larry White will consult Sheila Rule to see when video interviews with returning citizens, entitled, "I Am Not My Past." Carl Dukes, Angel Ramos and Larry White would participate.
10. The Meeting approves taking \$450 from the Crumlish Fund to match the \$450 from the rummage sale to go to Friends Peace Teams (for Nepal).
11. The next meeting of NYQM is on Saturday, July 18, in the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park, beginning with Meeting for Worship at 11am.
12. Morningside will be hosting NYQM on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Present: Lee Rada, Nancy Britton, Corona Macheimer, Larry White, David Evans, Deborah Dahl, Lucille Adinolf, Calvin Ramsey, Karen Tabor, Joyce Richardson, Robert Leuze, Ernie

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Bryan Oettel, Charlene Ray, Richard Schmidt, Robert Schwab,
Pamela Wood

Morningside Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, June 7 2015

Report for Peace & Social Concerns

Peace & Social Concerns meets on May 10, 2015 at 1:00 pm, following Meeting for Worship.

Attending are: Patricia Chernoff, David Fletcher, Dave Britton, Naomi Paz-Greenberg, Lucille Adinolf, Corona Machermer (clerk)

The meeting begins with a few minutes of silent worship.

Since Naomi Paz-Greenberg will be taking over as the Meeting's treasurer in June, she is stepping aside as co-clerk of Peace & Social Concerns. David Fletcher volunteers to become co-clerk.

1. David Fletcher reports on the Transformative Practices & Restorative Justice Conference held at Lehman College on May 8. There were 250 participants, including 40 high school students. A full report will be forthcoming. One outcome is the intention to create a not-for-profit team to "connect the silos," that is, to make sure those in all the institutions and entities involved in the school to prison pipeline are in touch with one another, and to put together a model for action at all levels. If this is not done, the desired transformation won't occur. In response to the question of where the Meeting is in all this, it is suggested that:
 - a. We look for ways to increase involvement of other faith groups;
 - b. Explore having the Yearly Meeting take up the issue, perhaps at Fall Sessions, after consultation with Helen Garay Toppins;
 - c. Find ways to volunteer.
2. Pam Wood reports on the April 22nd lobbying in Albany in support of the HALT Solitary Confinement Act organized by the New York Campaign to Halt Isolated Confinement (nycaic.org). The lobbying was "incredibly" well organized. Of special note is the informative nature of lobbying: many legislators, with a two-inch-thick book of pending legislation, on their desks, do not know anything about the bill. Proposed actions going forward include having the Yearly Meeting organizing state-wide letter writing campaigns to legislators. Our own letter writing should focus on State Senator Adriano Espaillat, who is one of only a few local legislators who is not a co-sponsor of the bill.
3. Larry White has proposed that we explore having a presentation in which Sheila Rule, who is from Riverside, and who is putting together a series of video interviews with returning citizens titled "I Am Not My Past" would be invited to do a group interview with Larry, Carl Dukes and Angel Ramos. The committee approves. Pam Wood will follow up with Larry.
4. Proposal for Business Meeting: The Asia West Pacific initiative of Friends Peace Teams is operating in Nepal and has appealed for funds, which are desperately needed in the wake of the recent earthquake(s). It is suggested that, if Business Meeting agrees, we send the \$300 in the Meeting Fund. [Another possibility is that we send the \$450 which Peace & Social Concerns received as our share of the proceeds of the rummage sale at 15th Street on May 3.] The possibility of setting up a matching fund is also discussed. We will also solicit individual contributions. Go to fpt-awp.org for information on how to contribute.

Respectfully submitted,

Corona Macheimer (clerk)

Treasurer's Report for May 2015

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A reminder: Contributions to the work of the meeting may be made directly from your bank; for information, please contact Charlene Ray, moneycoach@earthlink.net or leave a message at 212-757-3504, until July 31; subsequently please contact Naomi Paz Greenberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray, Treasurer

October 5, 2015