

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business
9/13/2015
Minutes

Meeting begins at 12:10 pm transitioning from silent Worship. The clerk encourages Friends to continue with Worship, now with a concern for business.

Present: Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, David Fletcher, Charlene Ray, Joyce Richardson, Sally Campbell, Kathy Stackhouse, Bryan Oettel, Karen Taborn, Charlotte Ehrman, Catherine Alford, Richard Schmidt, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi, Tom Goodridge, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

The clerk reads a paragraph "Truth in Love" from the "Book of Jerry."

1. Next First Sunday will be the Meeting retreat, so Friends schedule October Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business for October 11, 2015.
2. The clerk reviews the agenda.
3. Quarterly Meeting will have a called Meeting on 9/27/2015 at 3:15 pm at the 15th St. Meetinghouse, on the issue of Friends Seminary separate incorporation. Catherine Alford describes the background of the process and concerns. She notes the value of Morningside's perspective as a Meeting without property. She describes considerations, including the school's construction plans and a lawsuit filed by the neighborhood against the Landmark Commissions approval process of the school's planned exterior appearance changes.
4. Morningside will host Quarterly Meeting on 10/25/2015. We will need to provide childcare and potluck lunch, and will need to arrange with Riverside Church for extended hours in 12T.
5. Jerry Reisig presents the Communications Committee report. The website email problems were discussed. The newsletter design is making progress. Robert Leuze will be maintaining the database. The login process is being reviewed to support Friends' posting new materials. The email server was stopped for a few days due to a spam attack, but it is back online now. Friends accept the report, which is attached.
6. Lee Rada presents the Ministry and Counsel report. M&C plans to meet regularly at Stephen McDonnell's office on the last Wednesday before each business meeting at 7:00 pm. There are currently 9 clearness and support committees. Stewart Walker asks for release from Morningside membership to transfer to the Boulder, CO Meeting. Karen Taborn's letter requesting membership is given its second reading.
7. Friends approve the membership of Karen Taborn in Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Sally Campbell, Dave Fletcher and Ernie Buscemi will serve as her welcoming committee.
8. Liberty Britton is applying for the position as Governance Coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee. Her support committee met with her and asks that we hold her in the light as she does her second interview in Philadelphia Monday 9/14 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. The Meeting discerns that we support Liberty Britton in this application process.
9. Charlene Ray informs Friends that M&C is proposing to establish a Meeting list of emergency contact people.
10. Friends discuss the transfer of Stewart Walker's membership to Boulder, CO. We will review the records of his membership since Friends are uncertain of his current membership status.
11. Sally Campbell reports on discussions with Riverside Church on getting a consistent space in the Tower for Meeting for Children. Following her meeting with church pastors we have been approved for to be permanently assigned the space in 13T as of 9/27/2015.
12. The clerk will communicate with Quarterly Meeting and Flushing Meeting to arrange another visitation to Flushing Meeting in November.
13. The clerk reports receiving a letter from New York Yearly Meeting about the YM's program costs, asking us to increase our covenant contribution by 3.75%. Friends will consider this while preparing our next budget for 2016.

Meeting ends at 1:30 pm with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk

Communications Committee Report
September 13, 2015

Members: Jerry Reisig (Convener), Robert Leuze, Corona Machaner, Bryan Oettel, Kathy Stackhouse

The Communications Committee met on Wednesday, August 26, in the apartment of Robert Leuze. The immediate concern was the Morningside website posting system. Jerry Reisig presented an outline of the problem and committee members discussed alternatives and future changes to the purpose and administration of the system that might mitigate a future outage of service, or provide alternative paths of communications. The committee is working at establishing guidelines.

Kathy presented an example of the newsletter she is designing for the Meeting, which was positively received. The Committee discussed how the newsletter will be sent out and in what media. Kathy and Corona will continue work on the newsletter.

Robert will become the person who maintains the database, and Jerry will train him on that function.

The Committee had a considerable discussion on registration from the outside and the ability to post information. Ideas were presented about adding a page of Redbook information that could be sent to Ministry and Counsel. One of the confusions may be placing the login block on the Contact screen. Jerry will ask Vonn to remove the block from that page.

In Friendship,



Jerry Reisig