

# Morningside Matters

*The Newsletter for Morningside Monthly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)*

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October 2017

## Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible Study: resumes on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November	room 12T	9:30 am
		Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting: every-one welcome.	room 12T	1:00 pm
Fourth Sunday	Welcome Breakfast: An easy way of getting to know other members and attenders. Just tell the cashier you're with the Quakers. The tab is picked up by our hosts, the Ministry & Counsel Committee	Riverside Café	9:30 am	
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	Oct. 14	Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change	Brooklyn Meeting	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Oct. 15	NYQM Fall Sessions, following potluck lunch	Morningside Meeting	1:00 pm
	Oct. 16	Traditional Haudenosaunne and other Native social dances	Brooklyn Meeting	6:00 – 8:00 pm
	Nov. 10-12	New York Yearly Meeting Fall Sessions: <a href="https://www.nnym.org/session/fall-sessions-2017">https://www.nnym.org/session/fall-sessions-2017</a>	Chatham-Summit Meeting House/Caldwell University	
Events of interest	Oct. 23-24	The Scourge of Solitary Confinement: Two Evenings of Conversations <a href="http://www.nycaic.org">www.nycaic.org</a> Oct. 23 Oct. 24	Brooklyn Public Library NYU Bookstore, 726 Broadway	7:30 - 9:00 pm 6:00 – 7:30 pm
		Nov. 2-5	FCNL Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute: <a href="https://www.fcnl.org/updates/annual-meeting-quaker-public-policy-institute-2017-27">https://www.fcnl.org/updates/annual-meeting-quaker-public-policy-institute-2017-27</a>	Washington, DC

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*Newsletter Submission Guidelines: The purpose of the newsletter is to inform members, attenders and other interested people of Meeting news, including member interviews, news of Friends, other Quaker-related subjects, news of Quaker organizations, upcoming events, Meeting-sponsored projects, book reviews, etc. Articles and pictures are welcome. The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please e-mail your material in Word or text format to [morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com](mailto:morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com) by the end of that day. Past issues of the newsletter are archived at [www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org).*

## Reflection

*Not speaking and speaking are both human ways of being in the world, and there are kinds and grades of each. There is the dumb silence of slumber or apathy; the sober silence that goes with a solemn animal face; the fertile silence of awareness, pasturing the soul, whence emerge new thoughts; the alive silence of alert perception, ready to say, "This... this..."; the musical silence that accompanies absorbed activity; the silence of listening to another speak, catching the drift and helping him be clear; the noisy silence of resentment and self-recrimination, loud and subvocal speech but sullen to say it; baffled silence; the silence of peaceful accord with other persons or communion with the cosmos.*

*from Speaking and Language: Defence of Poetry by Paul Goodman*

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### Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business October 1, 2017

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:25 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from *Sixteen Quaker Leaders Speak*, edited by Leonard Kenworthy:  
"Writing of the reasons for establishing a Meeting for Business, [George Fox] said, "That so all the family of God, women as well as men, might know, possess, and discharge their offices in the house of God, whereby the poor might be better taken care of and looked after, and the younger instructed, informed and taught the way of God; the loose and disorderly re-proved and admonished in the fear of the Lord; the clearness of persons propounding marriage more closely and strictly inquired into, in the wisdom of God, and all the members of the spiritual body, the Church, might watch over each other and be helpful to each other in love."  
The reading was also followed by silent worship.
2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on October 30<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Friends approved the request from Greg Batista for a transfer of membership to Brooklyn Meeting.
4. Friends approved the release from membership of Laurel Maury.
5. Friends approved the release from membership of Charles Davey.
6. Friends approved the release of David Evans from his service to M&C.
7. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer's Report. After some discussion, Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
8. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk's Report:  
While this is the time for the Nominating Committee to begin asking people to consider their participation in the work of the Meeting, the personal circumstances of several members of the Nominating Committee do not permit them to work on this at this time. Charlotte Ehrman is recovering from hip surgery and is unable to come to Meeting. Emily and Burr Eckstut are now parents of a 3-week-old boy, Charles, and are preparing to move back to the city shortly. Emily has indicated that they are not able to do anything for the next two months, though they have not officially asked for release from service and do hope to be back at Meeting soon.  
The question is how should we move forward? One suggestion from Ernie has been to ask for a naming committee to find some additional members for Nominating who would be willing to serve either for the remainder of this year or who would be willing to take positions for the class of 2020. We would then need to call a special Meeting for Business. The best time for this, given the constraints of time, and NY Quarterly Meeting here on the third Sunday, would be during our retreat where we have 24 people planning to attend. Of course, this would only work if we had nominations. Another way we can move forward is to appoint two people to be interim members of the Nominating Committee until the end of the year. Sally Campbell and Stephen McDonnell are willing to serve if the Meeting approves.  
In the meantime, it would be helpful for people who wish to serve let Lee Rada and Peter Beck know that are interested in serving. Those who have one-year positions, which need to be approved each year, could also indicate whether they wish to continue to serve.

We need to decide if we want to have a naming committee, get volunteers and decide whether the Meeting agrees to a called Meeting for Business on Sunday, October 8 just after our Meeting for Worship at Stony-point if we have nominations or we can approve Sally and Stephen as interim members until January.

Another question I have for the Meeting is whether we wish to make a special contribution to relief work as a response to the hurricanes of the last weeks, especially Puerto Rico?

How is our planning for Quarterly Meeting in two weeks? Do we have childcare? Have we alerted Riverside to the extended day? How do we wish to handle food?

Friends accept the report.

9. Friends approve Sally Campbell and Stephen McDonnell to serve as interim members of the Nominating Committee.
10. Friends approved contribution of \$300 to Puerto Rico through the Hispanic Federation from our budget line Miscellaneous Contributions Fund in Peace and Social Concerns. Individual contributions from Friends to the Hispanic Federation are encouraged.
11. Friends discussed the Jones Act, in particular its impact on Puerto Rico, and a petition for its suspension for one year. Friends are encouraged to write to their

representatives directly; that this has more impact than signing a petition. We may have a letter writing campaign during October.

12. Morningside Monthly Meeting hosting of Quarterly Meeting October 15: Riverside Church has approved our use space until 5:00 p.m. We have childcare set for the morning. We are searching for childcare workers for the afternoon. Friends are encouraged to bring food. Kathy Stackhouse will send an announcement out to our mailing list. On the morning of Quarterly Meeting, Joyce Richardson will call security for 60 chairs, and Sally Campbell will call about our regularly needed chairs (50), but not on that day.
13. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:00 p.m.
14. Friends made announcements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Dot Savage, Sally Campbell, Charlene Ray, Peter Beck, David Fletcher, Charles Sirey, Jane Alexandre, Kathy Stackhouse, Bernard Winter, Joyce Richardson, Richard Schmidt, Lee Rada, Wallace B. Boyd, Tom Goodridge, Daniel A. Seeger, Robert Renwick, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

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## Ministry and Counsel Report

For October 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting

1. M&C met on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> at Pam Wood's. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> hosted by Charlene Ray in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Bible Study will not be held in October. It will resume in November
5. M&C currently has 5 support committees.
6. Our fall retreat at Stony Point Center will be next weekend, October 6-8. The topic will be Race Awareness. If you have concerns about travel speak to someone on M&C.
7. M&C is considering the meetings interest in Quaker sixes or in spiritual nurturance groups. If you have an interest in being a part of either of these groups sign up on the sheet on the counter or speak to someone from M&C.
8. Ministry and Counsel forwards a request from Greg Batista for a transfer of membership to Brooklyn Meeting with a recommendation for approval.
9. Ministry and Counsel recommends release from membership of Laurel Maury and Charles Davey both long absent from meeting.
10. At his request M&C requests that David Evans be released from his service to the committee

## Treasurer's Narrative Report, September 30, 2017

As of September 30, 2017, all bills have been paid up-to-date: child care, website maintenance, peace and social concerns disbursements, and the New York Yearly Meeting allocation.

Members have continued to contribute generously, either on a random basis or by means of monthly checks issued automatically by their banks.

As a result of this spending and income activity, at the end of the third quarter the Meeting had achieved 59% of its budgeted annual income (Page 3, Line 18, column 4) and had spent 63% of the annually budgeted amount (Page 3, Line 45, column 4) for its various activities. So, for the current year, so far, the Meeting's expenditures exceed its income by \$1,474.94 (Page 2, lower right).

The expense figures for the year-to-date include an \$1,100.00 allocation for the Retreat, which will be restored from retreat fees. But \$5,750.00 also remains to be distributed to charitable organizations during the rest of the year under the approved Peace and Social Concerns budget. So, for the Meeting to break even at the end of December will require an end-of-the-year outpouring by members and attenders.

Members' and attenders' faithful financial support for the Meeting is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report, June 30, 2017

### Income/Expense by Category

1/10/2017 through 9/30/2017 (Cash Basis)

Category	1/10/2017- 1/31/2017	2/1/2017- 2/28/2017	3/1/2017- 3/31/2017	4/1/2017- 4/30/2017	5/1/2017- 5/31/2017	6/1/2017- 6/30/2017	7/1/2017- 7/31/2017	8/1/2017- 8/31/2017	9/1/2017- 9/30/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>										
General Fund Contribution	1,350.00	1,617.00	2,105.61	4,055.00	424.65	6,518.00	1,891.30	2,929.12	1,175.25	22,065.93
Interest and Dividends	1.56	1.45	1.56	1.56	1.65	1.61	1.65	1.67	0.00	12.71
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,351.56</b>	<b>1,618.45</b>	<b>2,107.17</b>	<b>4,056.56</b>	<b>426.30</b>	<b>6,519.61</b>	<b>1,892.95</b>	<b>2,930.79</b>	<b>1,175.25</b>	<b>22,078.64</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>										
Huntington House	0.00	0.00	215.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215.68
MMM Oper. - Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	350.00
NYYM Allocation	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	11,982.00
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	42.00	27.50	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.50
Operations - Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.97
Operations - First Day										
Child Care	0.00	360.00	190.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	635.00	1,485.00
Operations - Literature	0.00	108.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.43
Operations - Ministry and Counsel	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	103.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	303.00
Operations, Comm. - Website	0.00	350.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	525.00	1,575.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
Outreach - Scholarships, Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Retreat	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>2,035.43</b>	<b>4,702.18</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>578.00</b>	<b>8,003.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,225.00</b>	<b>6,304.00</b>	<b>23,553.58</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,151.56</b>	<b>-416.98</b>	<b>-2,595.01</b>	<b>3,551.56</b>	<b>-151.70</b>	<b>-1,484.36</b>	<b>1,892.95</b>	<b>1,705.79</b>	<b>-5,128.75</b>	<b>-1,474.94</b>

### Balance Sheet

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to-date (Sept 30)	Percent of Budget
1 Balances at the Beginning of the Year				
2     Unrestricted Reserves		37,437	37,438	
3     Funds Restricted as to Use				
4         Huntington House		782	782	
5         Crumlish Bequest		500	500	
6                 SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:		38,720	38,720	

7	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits		(2,218)	(1,858)	
8	Unrestricted funds in Schwab		500	500	
9	Unrestricted funds in petty cash		144	144	
10			37,146	37,506	
11					
12	Income				
13	Contributions	31,254	37,686	22,066	59
14	Interest and Dividends	18		13	
15	Contributions earmarked for other organizations	(780.00)			
16					
17	Transfers from Reserves — General	1,665			
18	Transfers from Reserves — Restricted			216	
19	TOTAL:	32,157	37,686	22,294	59
20					
21	Expenses				
22	New York Yearly Meeting allocation	15,397	15,976	11,982	75
23	Outreach:				
24	Peace and Social Concerns/FUN	11,568	12,800	6,000	47
25	Miscellaneous Outreach	0	300	216	72
26	Scholarships/Relief	660	2,000	300	15
27	Operations				
28	Communications: Website	2,100	2,100	1,575	75
29	Communications: Member Directory		540		
30	Communications: Newsletter		300		
31	Communications: Advertising/Listings		50		
32	First Day: Child Care	1,460	2,320	1,485	64
33	First Day: Literature, etc.	0			
34	Hospitality	373	300	350	117
35	Breakfast	101	200	100	50
36	Clerk/Ministry and Counsel	25	200	303	152
37	Retreat			1,100	
38	Finance	177	300	35	
39	Literature	297	300	108	36
40	SUBTOTAL:	32,157	37,686	23,554	62
41	Transfers to General Reserves			270	
42	Transfers to Restricted Reserves				
43	Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality				
44	Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality				
45	TOTAL EXPENSES:	32,157	37,686	23,824	63
46					
47	Balances at the End of the Year:				
48	Unrestricted Reserves	37,438	35,219	34,541	
49	Funds Restricted as to Use				
50	Huntington House	782	782	566	
51	Crumlish Bequest	500	500	500	
52	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:	38,720	36,502	35,607	
53	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	(2,218)		0	
54	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500	
55	Petty cash for Hospitality	144	144	254	
56	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	37,146	37,146	36,361	

## Emergency Contacts Wanted!

You are encouraged to provide the meeting with your emergency contact information. Ministry & Counsel is collecting the name, relationship, telephone, and email information of your primary and secondary emergency contacts. Please send this information to Charlene Ray at [moneycoach@earthlink.net](mailto:moneycoach@earthlink.net) or see her at meeting.

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### Quaker Sixes

Morningsiders have amazing life stories but when do we take time to share them? Maybe we do a Quaker Six! What is a Quaker Six? It is a group of up to six people who gather for a couple of hours to get to know each other and to have some fun; the group decides the activity (many a potluck meal has resulted, or a sit-down in a coffee shop, but also a museum visit, walk in a park, ... whatever suits).

With an eye to the January doldrums when things slow down and we resolve to try new things, why not sign up for a Quaker Six. Let us know your interest by signing up after Meeting or you can email Charlene Ray at [moneycoach@earthlink.net](mailto:moneycoach@earthlink.net) (with your name, contact info, days (MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN) that are likely to be best for you AND times (10 am, noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm) and area (Upper West Side, Harlem, Bronx, Midtown, Village, Financial District, Other).

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### Spiritual Nurture Groups

Many of us gather in a Spiritual Nurture Group, typically meeting in a home, to consider our spiritual wellbeing. In these groups, the members listen to each other in the manner of Friends and explore themes of mutual concern as they are led. If you are not in one, would you like to be? M&C is interested in forming groups according to your interest. New groups Morningside developed along the lines of Patricia Loring's [Spiritual Listening](#) (see our library) and other Quaker sources. We have found this to be a good way to proceed until a group can find its own rhythm and style.

Morningsiders who are in small groups have found them meaningful; we are encouraging the formation of new

groups to spread the bounty! For prospective new members, we are asking a commitment of at least 6 once-a-month sessions typically about 2 hours long. If you are interested or have questions, please let us know by signing up below or contacting a member of Ministry & Counsel. Or sign up on the signup sheet at Meeting. Or you can send your name, contact info and list days (MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN) that are likely to be best for you and also times (10 am, noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm) and area (Upper West Side, Harlem, Bronx, Midtown, Village, Financial District, other) to Charlene Ray, [moneycoach@earthlink.net](mailto:moneycoach@earthlink.net).

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### Serve on Quarterly Meeting Committees?

The New York Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee encourages all members of the Monthly Meetings in the Quarter to seriously consider service to the larger fellowship as well. While some of the committees at the Quarterly level (such as Ministry and Council or Trustees) are better served by seasoned Friends, there are a number of other committees that require nothing more than a heart to do good, willing hands, and a sincere desire to see our Society flourish. To paraphrase the popular song: what our troubled world needs now is a Friendly message. Contact Charles Sirey at [chass435@gmail.com](mailto:chass435@gmail.com).