

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Riverside Church 12T  
December 7, 2008

The meeting begins with a period of silent worship at 1 p.m.

The Clerk reads a portion of Isaac Penington's letter to Bridget Atley quoted in Quaker Spirituality, Douglas Steere, editor.

12.8.1 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's Report. Friends are encouraged to make contributions as soon as possible. The Meeting has received contributions equaling \$26, 749.09 to date. The 2008 budget is \$38, 648.00

12.8.2 Pamela Wood reports for Ministry and Counsel (M&C)

1. The next meeting of M&C will take place in the home of Pamela Wood at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday January 8, 2009. All Meeting members/attenders are welcome to attend the first, non-confidential, part of the meeting. In the event that concerns will not be presented in person, M&C continues to request that concerns be forwarded in writing to the clerks of M&C, Susan Hannigan and Pamela Wood.
2. The next Morningside Meeting Breakfast will take place in the Riverside Church Café at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome-especially newcomers. The date is December 28<sup>th</sup>. John Tweddle will host this event.
3. The discussion in preparation for the State of the Meeting report to be sent to N.Y. Yearly Meeting will take place on December 21.
4. The Alternatives to Violence workshop will take place Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a fee of \$15 for meals and snacks. Scholarships are available.
5. M&C forwards the request of Ralph Zito for membership in Morningside Monthly Meeting.
6. M&C is considering concerns expressed by Friends re: afterwords and announcements.

12.8.3 Friends hear the letter from Ralph Zito requesting membership in Morningside Monthly Meeting.

12.8.4 Charlotte Ehrman presents the nominations from the Nominating Committee for 2009. Nominees are still being sought for: Clerk, Ministry and Counsel (2) and the Finance Committee.

12.8.5 Helen Garay Toppins agrees to temporarily function as email coordinator for the Meeting.

12.8.6 Friends request that members of the Communications and Website Committee be available at the January 2009 Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business to discuss:

1. whether Minutes will continue to be placed in the log-in section of the Website
2. detailed instructions for using the Website log-in section
3. other unresolved issues.

12.8.7 Ellyse Vitiello reports for Peace and Social Concerns (&SC).

Friends are encouraged to attend meetings scheduled for the second Sunday of the month. Speakers from organizations the Meeting supports discuss their work on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Recently, Angel Ramos spoke of the work of the Fortune Society and Andra Indarmattie spoke of Redemption Center.

- 12.8.8 Susan Wells reports for the Space Committee. The committee awaits the lease from Riverside Church for 2009.
- 12.8.9 Friends approve the Space Committee proposal to seek consultation re: the 2009 lease from Riverside Church, if needed.
- 12.8.10 Friends agree to bring small gifts for the Incarcerated Girls on December 21.

The Clerk requests that committee reports be forwarded in writing prior to the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on January 11, 2009  
Meeting ends at 2:00 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Richardson

Recording Clerk

Attendance: Nancy Britton, Clerk, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Jean Ferris, Helen Garay Toppins, Mason Jenkins, Sarah Leuze, Joyce Richardson, John Tweddle, Ellyse Vitiello, Susan Wells, Pamela Wood.