

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

Morningside Monthly Meeting

February 1, 2009

- 1.1 Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Acting clerk, Pamela Wood, reads a passage by Thomas R. Kelly from Readings from Quakers Ancient and Modern, edited by Linda Hill Renfer, page 1.
- 1.2 The agenda is reviewed and approved.
- 1.3 Meeting approves Pamela Wood as presiding clerk for the day.
- 1.4 Bart Dominus presents the 2009 budget. Friends approve the 2009 budget with the following changes (see attached):
- P&SC/FUN will stay at the 2008 level of \$9,750 (\$8,750 P&SC/\$1,000 FUN).
 - Scholarship/Relief is increased to 2000.
 - Childcare will remain as proposed at \$1,005 with the understanding that over the year the amount can be revisited.
- 1.5 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's Report. Friends accept the report as attached. Final 2008 figures have been amended to reflect the allocation of the remaining \$500 from Friends in Unity with Nature (see 2008 attachment). He urges that the Sheridan Crumlish fund, which is unrestricted in nature, be used in a timely manner. This will be revisited at a later date.
- 1.6 Susan Hannigan reports for Ministry & Counsel. Friends accept the report as attached.
- The next meeting of M&C will take place at the home of Susan Hannigan at 7:15pm on Thursday, February 26. All are welcome to attend the first non-confidential part of the meeting. M&C requests that concerns be submitted in writing if they cannot be presented in person.
 - Ministry & Counsel's next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 22 at 9:30am in the Riverside Café. Pamela Wood and John Twedde will host. All are welcome, especially newcomers.
 - Ministry and Counsel proposes a schedule of rotating clerks from March through November 2009. The attached M&C report outlines how this will work. See Minute 2010.01.03 below.
 - Schedule for Third Sunday after meeting workshops: February 15th Pamela Wood will present and lead a discussion on "Where We Come From: George Fox's Revolution." March 15th: Ernie Buscemi will lead a workshop on "Ministry in the Meeting: Speaking & Listening." April 19th: Sally Campbell will facilitate a discussion on "Nurturing Our Community: Clearness & Support Committees."
- 1.7 Meeting approves the following system of rotating clerks until a permanent presiding clerk is approved. (See further details in attached report)
- March: Ed Elder
 - April: Ralph Zito
 - May: Charlotte Ehrman

- June: Jason McGill
 - September: Nancy Britton
 - October: Sally Campbell
 - November: Jean Ferris
- 1.8 The welcoming for Ralph Zito took place on Sunday, January 25th at the home of Susan Wells and John Slater. In attendance were Rob Bundy, Robert Leuze, Sarah Leuze, Joyce Richardson, John Slater, Susan Wells, Pamela Wood, and Ralph Zito.
- 1.9 David Britton reports for the communications committee, updating us on the website that is currently in place and plans for the future. Friends accept the report. See attached.
- 1.10 The communications committee (Barbara Curd, Corona Macheimer & Dave Britton) agrees to present a concrete proposal for enhancements to the website, including a community oriented site at March business meeting.
- 1.11 Charlotte Ehrman reports for the Space Committee. The person in charge of rent was contacted again by email this month. We do not yet know what our rent will be. Friends accept the report.
- 1.12 Jean Ferris reports for Peace & Social Concerns. (see attached report)
- Allocation of the remaining \$500 Friends in Unity with Nature Budget: \$200 to the Healthy Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church; \$200 to help food pantries establish themselves in poorer neighborhoods in Bushwick & East New York; \$100 to Argus, which employs formerly incarcerated people growing plants for sale.
 - Morningsiders are encouraged to bring food for the Riverside Pantry on the first Sunday of each month.
 - Mason Jenkins spoke on his experiences with the Poverty Initiative of Union Theological Seminary. (see attached report for details)
 - The next meeting is Sunday, February 8 at 1pm
 - The Executive Director of Friends Home in Rosehill will speak after Meeting on Sunday, February 22
- 1.13 Meeting ends with silent worship at 2:25pm.

The clerk requests that committee reports be forwarded in writing to prior to the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Reports should be forwarded to Ed Elder, acting clerk for March, and Kathy Wood, recording clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wood
Recording Clerk

Attendance: Peter Beck, Dave Britton, Nancy Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Barbara Curd, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Jean Ferris, Tom Goodridge, Susan Hannigan, Sarah Leuze, Corona Macheimer, Jason McGill, Angel Ramos, Joyce Richardson, Liz Stone, Helen Garay Toppins, John Tweddle, Susan Wells, Kathy Wood, Pamela Wood