

# **Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

## **Morningside Monthly Meeting**

### **March 1, 2009**

- 1.1 Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Acting clerk, Ed Elder, reads a passage from a Pendle Hill pamphlet, "Expectant Living: Finding God's Thread of Guidance," by Michael Wajda, p.17.
- 1.2 The agenda is reviewed and approved.
- 1.3 Pamela reports for Ministry & Counsel. Friends accept the report.
  - The next meeting of M&C will take place at the home of Ralph Zito at 7:15pm on Thursday, April 2. 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, March 22 at 9:30am in the Riverside Café. Susan Hannigan and Jason McGill will host. All are welcome, especially newcomers.
  - M&C discussed starting up some new spiritual nurture groups in the Fall.
  - M&C also discussed preparing an offline address book
- 1.4 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's Report. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 1.5 An ad hoc committee to recommend the disbursement of the Sheridan Crumlish bequest of \$5,000 is formed consisting of Bart Dominus (convener), Sally Campbell and Mason Jenkins, with the suggestion of Vicki Staph as an additional member. The committee is asked to brainstorm on possible uses of the money, taking into considering some of Sheridan's interests. If possible they will report back next month. Friends approve.
- 1.6 Mason Jenkins reports for Peace & Social Concerns. Friends accept the report.
  - P&SC considered the budget and timing of contributions according to needs of the organizations.
  - Annie Soriano, Executive Director of Friends House of Rosehill, a Quaker sponsored community of people living with AIDS, spoke on February 22.
- 1.7 Pamela Wood requests a donation for ANERA (American Near East Refuge AID) for relief in Gaza. The situation in Gaza is disastrous and this group, operating since 1948, has been successful in getting supplies through. Friends approve sending \$300 to ANERA from the meeting's miscellaneous contributions line.
- 1.8 Corona Macherer reports for the Communications Committee. They met, with the addition of Sandra Winter, on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - They discussed the nuts and bolts of revising and maintaining the online address list with considerable attention paid to confidentiality. They hope to be ready to produce a new printed address list by April.

- They also brainstormed enhancements to the design of the website such as a newsletter, blog, posting pictures, and other community related uses of the website. They ask for input especially websites that are easy to navigate and serve other communities well.
- 1.9 Ministry & Counsel and the Communications Committee are asked to discuss the possibility of moving the minutes to the public part of the website. This will be on the agenda at the next business meeting.
- 1.10 Friends approve Sandra Winter as Keeper of the Address List, releasing Duncan Foley from his responsibilities.
- 1.11 Charlotte Ehrman is approved as Morningside's nominee for Quarterly Meeting Nominations Committee.
- 1.12 Sally Campbell requests presenting a free concert after meeting at 1pm in 12T on the fifth Sunday of March. Meeting approves.
- 1.13 Bernard Winter brings forward the possibility of financially helping a friend who suffers from many ailments and needs help with \$35 weekly rent and medical co-payments. Bernard will approach the hospital's social work department. Helen Garay Toppins will explore with Mark Graham and Angel Ramos government help and also applying for independent funds. In the interim a donation box will be set up.
- 1.14 We took some time to reflect on the condition and life of our meeting, and how our meeting experiences Spirit moving in the community. Our representative, Kathy Wood, will bring these concerns to the meeting for discernment taking place in Poughkeepsie on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.15 After this period of reflection, meeting ends at 2:37pm.

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 Ralph Zito, acting clerk for April, and Kathy Wood, recording clerk.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wood  
Recording Clerk

Attendance: Liberty Britton, Nancy Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, Bart Dominus, Ed Elder, Jean Ferris, Tom Goodridge, Mason Jenkins, Corona Machermer, Joyce Richardson, John Slater, Elizabeth Stone, Helen Garay Toppins, John Tweddle, Susan Wells, Bernard Winter, Kathy Wood, Pamela Wood, Ralph Zito

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**Treasurer's Report for February 2009**

		<b>Approved Budget 2009.00</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	12970.00		3242.50
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	12360.00		2472.00
Outreach	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00		
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00		
	Scholarship/Relief	2000.00		
	FUN.	0.00		
Operating	Newsletter	1000.00		
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	1000.00		75.00
	Hospitality	900.00		45.05
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00		
	Finance	450.00		
	Literature	<u>200.00</u>		
<b>Total Meeting Expense</b>		<b>41280.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5834.55</b>
Contributions			2275.00	3170.00
Books			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>			2275.00	3170.00
<b>Assets</b>	WaMu Balance		38643.63	37106.29
	Cash		302.30	227.30
Liabilities	Crumlish Fund		5000.00	5000.00
	Incarcerated Girls		<u>450.22</u>	<u>450.22</u>
<b>Net Worth</b>			<b>33495.71</b>	<b>31883.37</b>