

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business Morningside Monthly Meeting February 7, 2010

Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Clerk Sally Campbell reads the following: "Our life is love and peace and tenderness and forbearing and forgiving one another and not laying accusations one against another but praying for one another and helping one another up with a tender hand." – Isaac Pennington, 1667

2010.02.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved as amended.

2010.02.02 On February 21st the reunion of the prison ministry group will take place here in room 12T. A large number of people will be at meeting for worship and friends are asked to bring food to share and to be mindful of arriving early to welcome these Friends and help with logistics.

2010.02.03 Pamela Wood reports for Ministry & Counsel. Friends accept the report. (See Attached.)

- The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place at the home of Ernie and Vince Buscemi on Thursday, at 7:15 pm. Members and attenders are welcome to attend the first, non-confidential part of the meeting. M&C requests that concerns be forwarded in writing if they are not to be presented in person. We ask the Meeting to hold our work in the Light.
- Ministry & Counsel's next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 28th at 9:30 am in the Riverside Café. Nancy and Liberty Britton will host.
- Pamela Wood and Ralph Zito will serve as co-clerks of Ministry & Council for 2010.
- M&C is working on materials for spiritual nurture groups and will be forming them shortly.
- Work continues on the May 7th Powell House retreat on testimony of integrity. A group planning sessions with those leading activities and members of Ministry & Counsel will be held in March. Accessibility issues will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The welcome brochure is now accessible on the web site and the State of Society Report is posted on the public part of the website.
- After meeting discussions:
 - February 21st: "Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business" led by Nancy Britton (note date change from January minutes.)
 - March 21st: A discussion about how we as Quakers relate to money. The previously slated topic was on spiritual nurture.
 - Because of Quarterly Meeting and the meeting's retreat, after meeting discussions will not be held in April and May.
- Currently ten support committees are under Ministry & Counsel's care.

- 2010.02.04 Bart Dominus gives the 2009 year-end financial report. We took in \$800 less than we spent mostly due to extra rent for events scheduled after the budget was made. We take note of this but feel we did very well in the financial support of the meeting. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 2010.02.05 Bart Dominus gives the January treasurer's report. Friends accept the report. (See attached.)
- 2010.02.06 Bart Dominus presents the first reading of the budget. We have allocated adequate money for retreat scholarships while keeping the budget flat (\$80 above the 2009 budget.) By changing the timing of the first reading from January to February, we are moving closer to making a budget that reflects our past history of expenses. We note that any newsletter expenses would be in the communications line. We discussed the lack of a newsletter and will put the idea of having an electronic newsletter on next month's agenda.
- 2010.02.07 Mason Jenkins reports for Peace and Social Concerns. Friends accept the report. (See attached.)
- On January 17th, Jeremiah Kyle Drake, an artist and activist from Riverside Church shared with us about "Tanks into Plowshares. He conceived this project of turning a tank into farm tools in order to demonstrate a transformation from a war ideology to a growth mindset. PSC offered our moral and spiritual support. He will keep us update.
 - We discussed the devastation from the recent earthquake in Haiti and determined that the Good Samaritan Hospital Haitian Relief Team, a Haitian-Dominican group based in La Romana, DR and recommended to us by Anne Wright and Bob Lohaus, meets our criteria for financial support (see attached report.)
 - We forward our recommendation that Morningside contribute as a meeting to the Good Samaritan Hospital Haitian Relief Team, amount and source of the funds to be determined by meeting.
- 2010.02.08 Meeting approves taking \$300 from the miscellaneous contributions budget line and \$500 from the Sheridan Crumlish fund as an initial contribution to the Good Samaritan Hospital Haitian Relief Team.
- 2010.02.09 Meeting requests the clerk to send an email appeal for individual contributions to the Good Samaritan Hospital Haitian Relief Team. The email will include the address and how to make out the checks. We are committed to continuing our work in Haiti and refer this to Peace & Social Concerns.
- 2010.02.10 We request our clerk ask the clerk of NYQM to put aid to Haiti on the agenda at the April meeting.
- 2010.02.11 The clerk is requested to draft a letter to the NYYM clerk of World Ministries and to the clerk of the Witness Coordinating Committee concerning donating to Good Samaritan Hospital Haitian Relief Team and bring it to next business meeting.
- 2010.02.12 A letter from NYYM Earth Care Working Group will be posted on the public part of our website (see attached.) It invites us to participate with them as the group reorganizes. "May we join together to meet the

environmental crisis of our precious planet and to respond in unity in new directions for our Earth.”

- 2010.02.13 Meeting for Discernment takes place at Purchase Meeting on February 20th. Friends are invited to attend and to consider in their individual worship concerns that we might share with the larger body. Please hold Kathy Wood, our representative, and speak to her about what rises out of your worship.
- 2010.02.14 Next meeting for worship with a concern for business is scheduled to take place on March 7th.
- 2010.02.15 After a period of silence, meeting closes 3:21 pm.

The clerk requests that committee reports be forwarded in writing to her and the recording clerk prior to the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please also discuss agenda items with the clerk or present them to her in writing as far in advance as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wood
Recording Clerk

Attendance: Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, Barton Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Jean Ferris, Mason Jenkins, Jason McGill, John Slater, Helen Garay Toppins, John Tweddle, Susan Wells, Sandra Winter, Pamela Wood, Kathy Wood

Morningside Meeting Full Year 2009 Budget vs Actual and proposed 2010 budget

		2009	Actual		2010	
		Budget	2009	Variance	Proposed	
EXPENSE						
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	12970.00	12970.00	0.00	13100.00	Committed to 1% increase
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>10438.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>	<u>10038.00</u>	Assumes 1 qtrly meeting/No AVP
		22858.00	23408.00	550.00	23138.00	
Outreach	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00	9750.00	0.00	9750.00	Got blessing
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
	Retreat		500.00	500.00	700.00	Assumes 3 vans(\$100/day each) + gas/tolls
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-1500.00</u>	<u>2000.00</u>	Avail. for retreat (12.1212 etc @ 100% each)
		12050.00	11050.00	-1000.00	12750.00	
Operating	Newsletter	1000.00	214.48	-785.52	500.00	Got blessing - note name change: Communications
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	1000.00	545.00	-455.00	750.00	Got blessing
	Hospitality	900.00	451.12	-448.88	750.00	Got blessing
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00		-350.00	350.00	
	Finance	450.00	229.96	-220.04	450.00	Cost of 2 mailings
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>421.70</u>	<u>221.70</u>	<u>200.00</u>	Got blessing
		3900.00	1862.26	-2037.74	3000.00	
Total Exp		38808.00	36320.26	-2487.74	38888.00	

Morningside Meeting January 2010 Treasurer's report

	2010 Proposed	Jan Actual
EXPENSE		
Fixed NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	
Overhead NYQM (Rent)	<u>10038.00</u>	
	23138.00	
Outreach Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00	
& Support Misc. Contrib.	300.00	
Retreat	700.00	
Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	
	12750.00	
Operating Communications	500.00	
Expense 1st Day/Childcare	750.00	60.00
Hospitality	750.00	
Clerk/ M & C	350.00	
Finance	450.00	
<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	
	3000.00	
Total Exp	38888.00	60.00
INCOME		
Contributions		1,404.00
Books		
Assets Bank Balance		39,083.60
Cash		210.10
Liabilities Crumlish Bequest		(2,500.00)
Hope Lives for Lifers		(326.16)
Incarcerated Girls		(1,354.83)
Net Worth		35,112.71

PSC report for February business meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns met on January 17th. We were joined by Jeremiah Drake of Riverside Church. He is an artist and activist and he shared with us about his project Tanks into Plowshares, which will turn a tank into farm tools in order to demonstrate a transformation from a war ideology to a growth mindset. PSC offered our moral and spiritual support and Jeremiah will keep us up to date with the project and any other way that we can help.

We then talked about the situation in Haiti and how we can help. Specifically we discussed the Good Samaritan Mission & Hospital, a Haitian-Dominican organization based in La Romana, DR and recommended to us by Anne Wright. She and Bob Lohaus, longtime Morningsiders, now members of Scarsdale Meeting, volunteered in La Romana over a period of four years and maintain close ties. The hospital's Haitian relief team has mobilized quickly, bringing food, supplies, medicine and loving medical care to Haitians in dire need. Because of our direct ties, the grass roots, on the ground nature of their support and the fact that their extensive volunteer network multiplies the impact of small contributions, we felt the organization meets our criteria for financial support. We forward our recommendation that Morningside contribute as a meeting to the Good Samaritan Hospital Haitian Relief Team, amount and source of the funds to be determined by meeting.

Earthcare Working Group Outreach

Patricia Chernoff & Vitalah Simon, Earthcare Working Group

As we move into a new decade, the Earthcare Working Group, now under the care of Witness Coordinating Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, invites you to participate with us as we reorganize this working group. May we join together to meet the environmental crisis of our precious planet and to respond in unity in new directions for our Earth.

We know that you, as individuals and monthly meetings, are involved in this important work. What have you done recently? What are you currently doing? What's working? How can we combine our resources to support and encourage one another? We want to share your ideas, your successes and trials, your stories with other Friends. We know that together we can accomplish more.

We were inspired by the participation of the leaders of many nations, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and private citizens at the Copenhagen Climate Summit, particularly the small island nations whose survival is already threatened by climate change. The unwillingness of the political leaders of industrialized nations to make deep commitments to emission targets only underscores the importance of our contribution as people of faith in building an Earth Community.

As Friends, we have a rich history of bringing about deeply needed social change. Let us rise to the call of our heritage.

All are invited to join this committee. Let us know what your vision might be for our work together.

We eagerly welcome your responses.

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