

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

Meeting opens at 1pm with a period of waiting worship. Clerk Sally Campbell reads a quote by Arthur Larabee on Friends decision-making process.

2010.03.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved.

2010.03.02 Helen Garay Toppins volunteers to do the content for a monthly electronic newsletter for the months of September through June. She requests that information be given to her in a continual stream rather than close to the deadline, to be determined in consultation with the communications committee. Corona Macheimer (convener) and Jerry Reisig volunteer to join Sandra Winter and Dave Britton on the committee. Friends approve.

2010.03.03 Joyce Richardson reports for nominating. The committee puts forward the name of Liz Stone for the vacancy on Ministry and Counsel a partial term through December of 2011. Jack Patterson is nominated for the New York Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee for a one year term through April of 2011. Friends approve.

2010.03.04 Charlotte Ehrman asks us to endorse a request for the use of Fifteenth Street Meeting House on Saturday, September 2010 for the annual New York City Sacred Harp Sing. Charlotte Ehrman, Nancy Britton, Susan Wells and Kathy Wood agree to serve on an ad hoc committee. Friends approve.

2010.03.05 Pamela Wood reports for Ministry and Counsel. Friends accept the report as attached. A summary follows.

- The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, March 25, at 7:15 PM, at the home of Pamela Wood.
- Next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 28, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Cafe. Pamela Wood and Jason McGill will host.
- The "Small Committee," the group to which applications for scholarship to Quaker events are made, consists of Ralph Zito, Vince Buscemi and Nancy Britton this year.
- Three spiritual nurture groups have been formed with conveners and suggested reading materials. See attached.
- Leaders of for our retreat, Ed Elder, Patricia Chernoff and Pamela Wood, plan the structure of the event. The retreat will be from the evening of Friday, May 7 to after lunch on Sunday at Powell House. The Meeting is underwriting the cost of two vans and scholarship aid is available.

2010.03.06 Ministry & Counsel requests that Liberty Britton serve as an ad hoc member of the committee through August of this year. Friends approve.

- 2010.03.07 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's report, summarizing expenditures for this month. Friends accept the report as attached.
- 2010.03.08 Bart Dominus presents the second reading of the 2010 budget. Friends approve. Rent has been returned to the previous year's amount as we have no added expenses for Quarterly Meeting and no expense to Fifteenth Street for the AVP workshop. As our rent has not been increased for some time, meeting requests that we consider on next month's agenda a donation to Riverside Church.
- 2010.03.09 Mason Jenkins reports for Peace & Social Concerns. The report is accepted. (See attached.)
- The committee is in discernment about ongoing ways we can support Haiti and is coming to clarity on a specific organization.
 - On March 28th at 1pm we will see a video directed by Amala Lane about HIV/AIDS in people over 50, followed by discussion.
- 2010.03.10 P&SC recommends setting aside for an as yet to be determined organization \$500 from the Crumlish Fund as a Morningside matching fund and \$500 from its own budget. Friends approve.
- 2010.03.11 The clerk presents a draft letter requested at last month's business meeting to be sent to NYYM Witness Coordinating Committee and World Ministries commending LaRomana (Good Samaritan Mission Council) Friends approve the letter with a suggested amendment.
- 2010.03.12 Kathy Wood reports on the NYYM Meeting for Discernment which took place at Purchase Meeting on February 20th. She speaks of messages from the heart bringing those who gathered closer. She also felt led to give a message on how our clearness and support committees have enriched and strengthened our meeting. Friends accept the report.
- 2010.03.13 Pamela speaks to us about her position as Quaker in Residence at Friends Seminary. Last the year among other things her focus was on Quaker decision-making. Her work with various committees and the care committee emphasizes both Quaker practice and process. In addition she works with individual faculty clearness committees and with the students on their meeting for worship. See attached for further information on the role she fills. Friends accept the report.
- 2010.03.14 The clerk speaks of a proposed a one-time visit to SingSing Worship Group. This will take a few months to set up. The clerk will keep us informed.
- 2010.03.15 Meeting closes at 2:45pm with worship.

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: Peter Beck, Liberty Britton, Nancy Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Mason Jenkins, Corona Machermer, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reising, Robert Renwick, Joyce Richardson, Elizabeth Stone, Helen Garay Toppins, John Tweddle, Susan Wells, Pamela Wood

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Business
March 7, 2010

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, March 25, at 7:15 PM, at the home of Pamela Wood. Meeting 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.
2. Ministry & Counsel's next welcoming breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 28, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Pamela Wood and Jason McGill will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. The "Small Committee," the group to which applications for scholarship to Quaker events are made, consists of Ralph Zito, Vince Buscemi and Nancy Britton this year.
4. Three spiritual nurture groups have been established. The conveners are arranging dates for them. People who have participated in earlier groups who would like to recycle some of their materials, particularly Listening Spirituality by Patricia Loring, are encouraged to donate them to the Library so that people in the new groups can borrow them.
5. We are in the process of setting up a planning meeting with the leaders of the retreat, Ed Elder, Patricia Chernoff and Pamela Wood to plan the structure of the event. Discussions will focus on Integrity in our relationships, in our work and volunteer activities and with the Earth. We will also be setting up a system of registration. People are reminded that the retreat will be from the evening of Friday, May 7 to after lunch on Sunday at Powell House. The Meeting is underwriting the cost of two vans and scholarship aid is available.
6. We currently have nine support committees in place with an additional one in formation.

Report from Peace and Social Concerns for March 2010

Peace and Social Concerns met on February 14th. We discussed ways that we can offer ongoing support to Haiti. We felt that we could rearrange funds in the PSC budget in order to have \$500 to designate for an organization offering ongoing support and development to Haiti. The specifics of the budget changes are still in process. We are moving toward clarity with regard to the specific organization to which we will donate and are still open to input from the meeting at large. Further, we would like to suggest to meeting that we set aside \$500 of the Crumlish moneys as a matching fund for the as yet to be determined organization. We feel that the matching fund is an effective means of encouraging people to donate.

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Morningside Meeting February 2010 Treasurer's report

		2010 Proposed	Jan Actual	Feb Actual
EXPENSE				
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	-	3275.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	-	<u>2472.00</u>
		22988.00	-	5747.00
Outreach	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00	-	0.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	-	300.00
	Retreat	700.00	-	0.00
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	-	0.00
		12750.00	-	300.00
Operating	Communications	500.00	-	
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	750.00	60.00	125.00
	Hospitality	750.00	-	
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	-	
	Finance	450.00	-	47.90
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	-	<u>0.00</u>
		3000.00	60.00	172.90
Total Exp		38738.00	60.00	6219.90
INCOME				
	Contributions		1,404.00	511.00
	Books		-	<u>0.00</u>
			<u>1,404.00</u>	511.00
Assets	Bank Balance		39,083.60	32682.46
	Cash		210.10	140.05
Liabilities	Crumlish Bequest		(2,500.00)	(2000.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(326.16)	(353.24)
	Incarcerated Girls		(1,354.83)	(891.61)
Net Worth			35,112.71	29,577.66

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
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>10438.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>	<u>9888.00</u>
		22858.00	23408.00	550.00	22988.00
Outreach	Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	9750.00	9750.00	0.00	9750.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Retreat		500.00	500.00	700.00
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-1500.00</u>	<u>2000.00</u>
		12050.00	11050.00	-1000.00	12750.00
Operating	Newsletter	1000.00	214.48	-785.52	500.00
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	1000.00	545.00	-455.00	750.00
	Hospitality	900.00	451.12	-448.88	750.00
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00		-350.00	350.00
	Finance	450.00	229.96	-220.04	450.00
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>421.70</u>	<u>221.70</u>	<u>200.00</u>
		3900.00	1862.26	-2037.74	3000.00
Total Exp		38808.00	36320.26	-2487.74	38738.00