

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
September 12, 2010

Meeting opens near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship. Out of the silence Clerk Sally Campbell sings her song, "Slow Down."

Slow Down, Open your heart, Rest in the Light, Slow Down

- 2010.09.01 The agenda is reviewed and approved.
- 2010.09.02 The recording clerk reports an error from June's minutes. The date in minute 2010.06.09 should read September 12, 2010 instead of September 11th.
- 2010.09.03 Judy Jablow's request for membership is brought forward for the second reading. Friends approve.
- 2010.09.04 Patricia Chernoff (convener) and Jack Patterson volunteer to serve on her welcoming committee. Friends approve.
- 2010.09.05 Nancy Britton reports for Ministry and Counsel. Ralph Zito has moved to Syracuse and can no longer serve as co-clerk. Pam Wood & Nancy Britton are co-clerks. M&C is in the process of compiling a list of Quaker resources. Friends accept the report. (See attached.)
- 2010.09.06 Friends approve the transfer of Jack T Patterson from Shrewsbury Meeting, Shrewsbury, NJ to Morningside Monthly Meeting.
- 2010.09.07 Helen Garay Toppins (convener), Pam Wood and Kathy Wood volunteer to serve on his welcoming committee. Friends approve.
- 2010.09.08 Pam Wood presents the treasurer's report. An appeal letter went out in June. The report does not reflect the \$250.50 from our June book sale. Friends accept the report. (See attached.)
- 2010.09.09 Budget Saturday for NYYM takes place on October 2nd from 9:30am to 4:00pm at Poughkeepsie Meeting. All are welcome to attend. This is the time when meetings gather to discern NYYM's 2011 budget. Friends approve finance committee's recommendation to maintain the same contribution of \$13,100 for next year. Pam Wood, assistant treasurer, agrees to send a letter to NYYM stating our commitment.
- 2010.09.10 Corona Macherer reports for the communications committee. (See attached report.) Sandra Winter is now in charge of email addresses. Friends are asked to use the email feature to ensure that the system is robust enough to handle multiple posts at the same time. Please report any problems to a committee member. The committee also asks us to give them feedback on the website, www.quakersdc.org, designed by Vonn New of Bullshead/Oswego Monthly Meeting. They are considering adapting some of its features to our website. Communications Committee members are Corona Macherer, Sandra Winter, Dave Britton, and Jerry Reisig. Friends accept the report. (See attached.)
- 2010.09.11 The next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for business takes place on Sunday, October 3th at 1pm.
- 2010.09.12 Meeting closes at 2:45 pm with silent worship.

Please forward committee reports to Sally Campbell, Clerk, Kathy Wood, Recording Clerk and Sandra Winter, who formats and posts the minutes to website. 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: David Britton, Nancy Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, Judy Jablow, Mason Jenkins, Joyce Ketterer, Corona Machermer, Jason McGill, Jack Patterson, Buddha Pettiford, Jerry Reisig, Kathy Wood, Pamela Wood

Communications Committee Report
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9/12/2009

The Communications Committee met on August 29th after Meeting for Worship to discuss how to resolve long-standing issues with our email server. We are also currently looking into different options for upgrading our website to make it more user-friendly, as well as email systems that might work with the upgraded or new website – either as integrated systems that are included with the website design or as a separate system that would be added on to the website’s back end.

Since the email issues have been an ongoing problem, those were given top priority. Since our meeting on August 29, the following has been done:

- The mail server is now separate from the Quarterly Meeting’s server. Previously, when our mail server was on the same server as Quarterly Meeting’s, we would have overload situations, which would cause our email server to crash. This is now no longer an issue because our mail server is separate. This makes our mail server system more robust and less prone to breakdowns.
- The Archives of past postings are now up and available.
- The mail server has been tested. Several messages have been sent out. The test message feature has worked, as well as the regular posting feature. The Committee will continue testing the system over the next week to verify that all new and current features are working properly. Friends are encouraged to start using the system again so we can be sure that the system is robust enough to handle more posts at a time.
- Still to be done:
 - The user instructions for making posts are in the process of being edited for clarity and simplicity.
 - Ability to post the newsletter to the website and include a URL (link) for the posted newsletter in an email sent out to the mailing list. Dave Britton is working on creating a way for site administrator(s) to upload the newsletter to our website and then send out a post with the URL so friends can access the newsletter online. This will eliminate the need for Helen to send out a mass mailing on her own and minimize the need for printed copies.
 - A new “FindaFriend” Feature will soon be up on the website, which will allow any user who is logged in to the Email Server on the Morningside site to just enter someone’s last name and send them a private email via the email server system; to protect web privacy their Email address will not be displayed. Other contact information not associated with the web (residential address and phone number) will be displayed, however, so that Morningsiders can easily find each other’s contact information. Friends wishing to opt out will be able to check boxes in the administrative area of the website to prevent their contact information from being available to other Morningsiders online.
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 - Corona has been in communication with Vonn New, a Friend from upstate

New York, who is the designer of the Yearly Meeting's website. Vonn is also the designer of the website quakersdc.org, which serves the Quaker meeting in Washington, D.C. Since this site serves a monthly meeting like ours, albeit a large one, it may be more relevant to our purposes than the NYYM site. We invite you to check it out and let us know what you think. While the creation of such a site would incur a one-time design cost (probably \$1000 to \$1500 depending on features), like all Vonn's sites it would be engineered for "behind-the-scenes" simplicity, so that it could be managed readily by the meeting's webmaster (in DC's case, their communications committee). The server Vonn recommends (the NYYM uses it) costs \$3.85 per month, which includes tech support.

- Dave has been in touch with Chris P., whom he met at FGC this summer. FGC is offering a website makeover pilot program, which Morningside could participate in and get a website makeover in the process. Details are available at: <http://fgcquaker.org/website-makeover>. No commitments have been made, but we are exploring the possibilities.
- Jerry Reisig told us about Moodle, which is a not-for-profit communications system created by Google. We are investigating the pros and cons of this system.
- Sandra will be coordinating bounced emails with Helen, the Communications Committee and M&C to minimize the number of people who are not receiving posts and newsletters.

**Report of Ministry and Counsel to Business Meeting
September 12, 2010**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, September 30, 2010, 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, September 26, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Nancy Britton will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. Ralph Zito has resigned from Ministry & Counsel because of his move to Syracuse. Nancy Britton is our new co-clerk of Ministry & Counsel.
4. Ministry & Council forwards the request for a transfer of Jack Patterson from Shrewsbury Meeting to Morningside Monthly Meeting with a recommendation for approval.
5. We have planned the following workshops for this fall:
 - a. On Sunday, November 21, we will address the question, "What does it mean when we say that we are all ministers to one another?"
 - b. On Sunday, December 19, we will discuss the State of the Meeting.
6. As a project this year, Ministry & Counsel plans to create a list of community resources to use for referrals and reference when needed.

Morningside Meeting
Eight Months Through August 2010

	1st Qtr	APR	May	June	2nd Qtr	Jul/Aug	8 Mos
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual			
NY Yearly Meeting	3275.00	0.00	3275.00	0.00	3275.00	3275.00	9825.00
NYQM (Rent)	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>7416.00</u>
	5747.00	0.00	5747.00	0.00	5747.00	5747.00	17241.00
Peace & Social Concerns/FUN	0.00	1450.00	0.00	1750.00	3200.00	0.00	3200.00
Misc. Contrib.	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Retreat	0.00	0.00	105.43	192.84	298.27	0.00	298.27
Scholarship/Relief	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>855.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1755.00</u>
	300.00	1450.00	960.43	2842.84	5253.27	0.00	5553.27
Communications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1st Day/Childcare	210.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	310.00
Hospitality	89.13	79.79	44.00	0.00	123.79	122.41	335.33
Clerk/ M & C	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.76	76.76
Finance	47.90	0.00	0.00	270.95	270.95	270.95	318.85
<u>Literature</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
	387.03	79.79	144.00	270.95	494.74	550.12	1160.94
	6434.03	1529.79	6851.43	3113.79	11495.01	6297.12	23955.21
Contributions	2330.00	749.00	3744.00	3044.00	7537.00	4370.00	14237.00
Books	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>269.50</u>	<u>269.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>274.50</u>
	2335.00	749.00	3,744.00	3,313.50	7806.50	4,370.00	14511.50
Bank Balance		31600.04	27062.61	27262.32		27947.59	
Cash		103.55	219.50	219.50		152.50	
Crumlish Bequest		(2,000.00)	(2000.00)	(2,000.00)		(2000.00)	
Hope Lives for Lifers		(269.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		(169.09)	

