

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern For Business  
2/6/2011

present: Jerry Reisig, Bart Dominus, Ernie Buscemi, Patricia Chernoff, Mason Jenkins, Vince Buscemi, Joyce Richardson, Helen Garay Toppins, Sandra Winter, Charlene Ray, Pamela Wood, Tom Goodridge, Ed Elder, Jason McGill, Charlotte Ehrman, Susan Wells, Kathy Wood, Dave Britton (recording), Sally Campbell (clerk)

The Meeting begins at 1:15 pm with silent Worship.  
The Clerk reads from the Journal of John Woolman:

"To silence every motion proceeding from the love of money and humbly to wait upon God to know his will concerning us have appeared necessary. He alone is able to strengthen us to dig deep, to remove all which lies between us and the safe foundation, and so to direct us in our outward employments that pure universal love may shine forth in our proceedings. ...

In the love of money and in the wisdom of this world, business is proposed, then the urgency of affairs pushes forward, and the mind cannot in this state discern the good and perfect will of God concerning us. The love of God is manifested in graciously calling us to come out of that which stands in confusion."

20110206.1 Pam Wood presents the Ministry and Council report. The next M&C meeting is scheduled for 2/24/2011 at 7:15 pm at Pam's house. The next newcomer's breakfast is scheduled for 2/27 at 9:30 am. Upcoming after-meeting presentations are reviewed. The possibility of a retreat is presented. Does Meeting wish to use \$200 to use Riverside Park Volunteer House for a retreat? The committee is reviewing the address list and contacting Friends. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20110206.2 Friends agree to hold a potluck retreat on 6/4/2011 at Riverside Park Volunteer House, paying \$200 to the Riverside Park Fund from the miscellaneous contributions line. The Volunteer House is near 107 St. and Riverside Drive, and is accessible from 103 St.

20110206.3 Ernie Buscemi, as clerk of Friends General Conference Nominating Committee, informs Friends that the committee will meet in New York City 3/18-3/20/2011, bringing 13 people. Will Morningside act as host, and extend an invitation for this? They plan to meet at 15<sup>th</sup> St on Friday and Brooklyn on Saturday, and will include workshops for Monthly Meeting nominating committees. Friends agree that Morningside Monthly Meeting will act as host for the meeting within Quarterly Meeting, and extend the invitation to FGC Nominating Committee.

20110206.4 Ernie Buscemi brings a written report from Mason Jenkins' support committee with regard to Mason. The report is read. Friends accept the report including its minute of a statement of support and endorsement to register Mason to serve as a chaplain. The report and statement are attached. The Meeting approves the endorsement of Mason Jenkins for this purpose that he may serve as a chaplain, and requests Quarterly and Yearly Meetings to carry this action and notification forward to the National Association of Chaplains.

20110206.5 Mason Jenkins presents the Peace and Social Concerns report of its meeting on

1/16/2011 regarding the 2011 budget. No increase is requested for 2011. Patricia Chernoff leads work on opposition to hydrofracking. Buddha Pettiford leads on Prisons. Leadership for work on anti-Muslim sentiment remains to be determined. Buddha and Corona Machermer will be bringing a minute on prison reform to the Meeting. Loudon Wright gave the committee a presentation about Project Harlem. The report is attached as amended. Friends accept the report.

20110206.6 Bart Dominus presents the financial report. He notes unusually low contributions for last year, 2010. We were \$12,000 short to meet 2010 expenses. We can only cover this level of shortfall for two more years. The draft 2011 budget is presented as a first reading. Some budget line items are discussed and concerns are shared about raising revenues to meet future expenses. The report is accepted and attached.

20110206.7 Sally Campbell and Tom Goodridge report on the existing ad hoc process for responding when children come to Meeting. Friends are encouraged to participate as volunteers, by letting Sally know of their interest.

20110206.8 Helen Garay Toppins announces that she will coordinated paperwork for all who are interested in going to Sing-Sing Prison Meeting. Friends who are interested in this ministry should contact Helen.

20110206.9 Kathy Wood presents the New York Yearly Meeting process of Meeting for Discernment, a longstanding Friends process, which is upcoming. She leads a worship sharing on what directions are giving us life as a Meeting.

The Meeting ends at 3:40 pm with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton  
recording clerk

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concern for Business**  
**February 6, 2011**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, February 24, 2011, 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, February 27, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Vince & Ernie Buscemi will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. An after Meeting discussion has been planned for Sunday, February 20, "Varieties of Quaker Theology at Morningside". We are considering several topics for after Meeting discussions in March and May. Celebrating our community with reflections, singing and movement, "Surrendering to the Spirit" and "Sources of Inspiration." We have reserved the volunteer space in Riverside Park for June 4. They ask for a donation of \$200. Going forward is subject to Meeting approval. In addition to having a picnic, we thought that some discussion about our relationship with nature might be appropriate. There is also interest in walking meditation.
4. We are currently reviewing our address list in preparation for the publication of a new one. We are also contacting members who have been out of touch.
5. We currently have seven support committees under our care.

## Report and Recommendations to Morningside Meeting

February 6, 2011

Our member in good standing, Mason Jenkins, has met with a support and care committee from Morningside Monthly Meeting since October, 2010 to prayerfully discern his work as a hospital chaplain.

His support and care committee (Jerry Reisig, Ed Elder and Ernestine Buscemi) recognize his calling to hospital chaplaincy to have life. Mason is spiritually grounded and we, the committee, feel blessed to watch as he continues to seek openness and a prayerful availability to those who are hospitalized and in need.

The support and care committee recommends the following statements for approval of support for Mason's hospital chaplaincy:

We recognize Mason Jenkins' particular ministry in hospital chaplaincy, even as we recognize that each one of us is called into ministry.

We recommend the endorsement of his application to the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains, and ask our approval for endorsement be forward to New York Quarterly and New York Yearly Meetings.

As Morningside Monthly Meeting, we recognize our commitment to ongoing support and care meetings for Mason, as he continues to walk with humility and grace, responding to his leading as a hospital chaplain.

Peace and blessings,

Ernestine Buscemi

Ed Elder

Jerry Reisig

Notes from PSC 1/16

Regarding the budget- stay flat with awareness of this years budget shortfall and potential need for reductions.

Point people for three primary concerns: hydrofracturing: Patricia Chernoff

Prison ministry: Buddha, others?

-Buddha proposes a bill regarding prison issues that we should support. We consider: letter writing, a minute from the meeting in support of the issue, Corona agrees to help. Talk about solitary confinement and "psychological torture."

Muslim dialogue/ understanding- speaker for next week.

Guests: London Wright from Project Harlem, specific project is Project Green and the Morris Projects. Projectharlem.com.

Also Heru and Asar talk about their efforts for community improvement.

**Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report  
Proposed 2011 Budget and January 2011 Results**

		<b>Draft Budget</b>	<b>Jan Actual</b>	<b>Feb Actual</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00		3275.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>		<u>2472.00</u>
		22988.00		5747.00
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	9850.00		
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	400.00		
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>1500.00</u>		
		11750.00		
Operating	Communications	500.00		
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	750.00		
	Hospitality	750.00	167.40	
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00		
	Finance	450.00		
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>		<u>57.50</u>
		3000.00	167.40	57.50
<b>Total Exp</b>		<b>37738.00</b>	<b>167.40</b>	<b>5804.50</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
	Contributions		3293.29	500.00
	Books		<u>5.00</u>	
			3298.29	500.00
<b>Assets</b>	Bank Balance		32162.49	27807.99
	Cash		250.60	250.60
<b>Liabilities</b>	Crumlish Bequest		(1500.00)	(1500.00)
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)
	Incarcerated Girls		(766.10)	(766.10)
<b>Net Worth</b>			<b>29977.90</b>	<b>25623.40</b>

### Annual Contributions

AMOUNT

33724

40934

36517

37309

35533

24069

