

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business 9/11/2011

present: Jerry Reisig, Lee Rada, Patricia Chernoff, Charlene Ray, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Joyce Richardson, Bart Dominus, Pamela Wood, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:00 with silent Worship. The clerk reads a passage by Stephen Jay Gould from "A Time of Gifts":

In this moment of crisis, we may reaffirm an essential truth too easily forgotten, and regain some crucial comfort too readily forgone. Good and kind people outnumber all others by thousands to one. Thus, in what I like to call the Great Asymmetry, every spectacular incident of evil will be balanced by 10,000 acts of kindness, too often unnoted and invisible as the "ordinary" efforts of a vast majority...

I will cite but one tiny story, among so many, to add to the count that will overwhelm the power of any terrorist's act. And by such tales, multiplied many millionfold, let those few depraved people finally understand why their vision of inspired fear cannot prevail over ordinary decency. As we left a local restaurant to make a delivery to ground zero late one evening, the cook gave us a shopping bag and said: "Here's a dozen apple brown bettys, our best dessert, still warm. Please give them to the rescue workers." How lovely, I thought, but how meaningless, except as an act of solidarity, connecting the cook to the cleanup. Still, we promised that we would make the distribution, and we put the bag of 12 apple brown bettys atop several thousand face masks and shoe pads. Twelve apple brown bettys into the breach. Twelve apple brown bettys for thousands of workers. And then I learned something important that I should never have forgotten -- and the joke turned on me. Those 12 apple brown bettys went like literal hot cakes. These trivial symbols in my initial judgment turned into little drops of gold within a rainstorm of similar offerings for the stomach and soul, from children's postcards to cheers by the roadside. We gave the last one to a firefighter, an older man in a young crowd, sitting alone in utter exhaustion as he inserted one of our shoe pads. And he said, with a twinkle and a smile restored to his face: "Thank you. This is the most lovely thing I've seen in four days -- and still warm!"

The clerk reviews the agenda.

111109.1 Bart Dominus presents the Treasurer's report, which is attached. The year to date totals that do not appear on the report are:

total expenditures: \$15,557

total contributions: 10,496.47

Charlene notes that we are 22% below the annualized budget in contributions, with large expenditures still to make, so we still have a deficit to make up. Friends accept the report.

111109.2 New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) has reduced its annual budget by 2%, and awaits our covenant contribution declaration. Friends consider the covenant contribution we wish to make towards NYYM. Bart expects to attend "Budget Saturday", the NYYM annual budget setting meeting. Friends express a need for a fuller discussion with the Morningside community to expand on how the NYYM budget is used. Friends agree to make a preliminary commitment of the same amount as last year, \$13,100, subject to further review at the October business meeting.

111109.3 Pam Wood, following discussion with Helen Garay Toppins, proposes holding a book sale in October, ideally on two successive Sundays: on the day of the Quarterly Meeting held here on 10/23 and on the following Sunday 10/30. Friends approve the proposal.

111109.4 Pam Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel Committee report, which is attached. The next meeting will be at Pam's house on 9/29/2011 at 7:15 PM. The monthly breakfast is planned for 9/25. ARCH (Aging Resources Coordination and Help) will be presenting information after Meeting on 9/25. The Quarterly Meeting office has agreed to permanently hold any records or documents resulting from ARCH planning.

Quarterly Meeting will be held at Morningside on 10/23. Friends will need to prepare for this. Ministry and Counsel offers a panel discussion on "Why Do I Come to Meeting?" on 11/27, which is Thanksgiving weekend, and asks if this date is acceptable.

111109.5 Friends decide to defer the discussion on "Why Do I Come to Meeting?" to another date.

111109.6 Friends receive and discuss the website proposal for New York Quarterly Meeting from Vonn New. Morningside expects to participate in the proposal as it goes forward.

111109.7 Pam Wood describes the Campaign to End the New Jim Crow. The Meeting is asked to formally support the Campaign. Friends approve giving the Meeting's support to the Campaign and authorize use of the Morningside Meeting name as being a supporter.

The Meeting ends at 2:40 PM with silent Worship.

in Friendship,
Dave Britton, recording clerk

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns

September 11, 2011

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, September 29, 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, September 29, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Pam Wood and Lee Rada will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. The first discussion with ARCH visitors is planned for Sunday, September 25. We will have an opportunity to learn more about ARCH. Members of ARCH will also distribute the File of Life and the Personal Planning Record, documents developed by ARCH. We will begin to fill these out together, having an opportunity to ask questions and raise issues that might need discussion. On February 26, ARCH will host a discussion of such topics as living wills, health care proxies, palliative care and hospice care. We strongly encourage all members, no matter how old they are to participate.
4. On October 25th, the fourth Sunday of the month, we are hosting NY Quarterly Meeting so M & C has not planned an after Meeting discussion. There will be a meeting of young adult Friends
5. The Ministry & Council Committee would like to know if the Meeting would like to have an after Meeting discussion on Sunday, November 27 of Thanksgiving weekend. If Meeting would like to have a discussion, we are proposing a panel answering the question, "Why Do I Come to Meeting?" followed by a discussion.
6. We have ascertained that the NY Quarterly Meeting is willing to hold emergency records for us. Ministry & Counsel has requested that the ARCH group develop a possible list of information to be considered. People could fill out all or some of the form, depending on their needs.

Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report

Sept YTD 2011 Results

		2011	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	July/Aug	Sept	3rd Qtr	9 mos
		Proj. Exp.	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	YTD
EXPENSE								
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	3275.00	3275.00		3275.00	3275.00	9825.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	9888.00	2472.00	2472.00		2472.00	2472.00	7416.00
		22988.00	5747.00	5747.00		5747.00	5747.00	17241.00
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	9850.00	0.00	150.00	2250.00	500.00	2750.00	2900.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	400.00	200.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	200.00
	Scholarship/Relief	1500.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
		11750.00	200.00	550.00	2250.00	500.00	2750.00	3500.00
Operating	Communications	500.00		70.00	411.51	132.00	543.51	613.51
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	750.00						0.00
	Hospitality	750.00	306.90	120.18	55.61	178.00	233.61	660.69
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
	Finance	450.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
	Literature	200.00	57.50	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	97.50
		3000.00	364.40	190.18	507.12	310.00	817.12	1371.70
Total Exp		37738.00	6311.40	6487.18	2757.12	6557.00	9314.12	22112.70
INCOME								
	Contributions		6788.29	5588.18	5830.00	1426.00	7256.00	19632.47
	Books		10.00	99.47	5.00	0.00	5.00	114.47
			6798.29	5687.65	5835.00	1426.00	7261.00	19746.94
Assets	Bank Balance		32299.99	29292.46	32468.95	26239.95		
	Cash		419.00	427.00	602.00	579.00		
(1500.00)	Crumlish Bequest		(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)		
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		
	Incarcerated Girls		(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)		
Net Worth				26857.27	30635.76	24383.76		