

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business
12/4/2011

present: John Slater, Jack Patterson, Jerry Reisig, Tom Goodridge, Joyce Richardson, Vince Buscemi, Nancy Britton, Corona Machermer, Peter Beck, Charlene Ray, Patricia Chernoff, David Evans, Bart Dominus, Charlotte Ehrman, Mason Jenkins, Pamela Wood, Susan Wells, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:04 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads from "The Quakers, or Our Neighbors, The Friends" by William J. Whalen:

If Quakerism has anything to say it may be that personal commitment is central and essential to the Christian faith. The Quakers are mystics but they do not ignore humankind in cultivating their own spiritual lives. As William Penn wrote, "True godliness does not turn men out of the world but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it."

2011204.1 The agenda is reviewed and approved.

2011204.2 Friends Seminary "Quaker leadership group" students (who are not Quakers) would like to attend the 1/8/2012 business Meeting. Pamela Wood as their faculty advisor asks Friends for permission for these visitors. Friends welcome the the Friends Seminary students and faculty to attend the Meeting.

2011204.3 Friends approve the transfer of Stephen McDonnell's membership from Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C. to Morningside Meeting. Nancy Britton, Joyce Richardson and Jack Patterson will provide a welcoming committee for Stephen.

2011204.4 Dave Evans and Joyce Richardson present the Nominating Committee slate of positions for a first reading. The slate is attached. Friends should contact the Nominating Committee before next business Meeting if they have any concerns. Friends note some corrections, which are included in the attached report.

2011204.5 Bart Dominus presents the treasurer's report. As of November 30, expenditures to date total \$29,084.26 vs. income year to date of about \$26,700. This is a shortfall of about \$2,500, with \$6,500 yet to be spent in Peace and Social Concerns outreach contributions. If all P&SC contributions are made the finance committee anticipates we will have to use about one third of our reserves of \$22,886, depending on contributions in December. The report is attached.

2011204.6 The Finance Committee recommends moving our funds to TD Bank from Chase. TD Bank is a Canadian-owned bank and has not been involved with mortgage derivatives trading and does not exhibit the salary inequalities of U.S. banks. Friends approve moving the accounts to TD Bank.

2011204.7 The Finance Committee asks that any one of these three signatories to the bank account: Bart Dominus, Charlene Ray, or Pamela Wood, be allowed to issue checks from the account. Friends approve.

20111204.8 The Finance Committee recommends that the Meeting end contributing to the Quarterly Meeting in the amount of our rent, in order to be able to continue contributing to Yearly Meeting and making our P&SC contributions. Quarterly Meeting is in the least need of our money and Quarterly Meeting does not make philanthropic contributions. Friends consider the moral implications of becoming "trust fund babies", the financial problems and needs of the Yearly Meeting, the importance of making philanthropic contributions for peace and social concerns, and our own relationship with the Quarterly Meeting. Friends decide to continue this discussion at the next business Meeting and to notify the Quarter that we are considering not reimbursing the Quarter for rent expenses in 2012. The clerk agrees to notify the clerk of Quarterly Audit and Budget of this, to enable removing the line item from projected income in the Quarterly Meeting's 2012 budget. Friends approve.

20111204.9 Pamela Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel committee report. The next meeting is Jan. 5 at Pam Wood's home. The next welcoming breakfast is scheduled for Christmas morning in the Riverside Church cafeteria. The State of the Meeting reflection is scheduled to be held after Meeting on 12/18/2011. On 1/29/2012 the after Meeting discussion will be on "Why I Come to Meeting." On 2/26 ARCH will sponsor worship sharing on end of life issues. There are 10 support and clearness committees. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20111204.10 Friends discuss preparation of the State of the Meeting discussion on 12/18. Joyce Richardson will facilitate, Dave Britton offers to write the the report, and Charlotte, Charlene and Pam agree to take notes.

20111204.11 Friends agree to schedule an overnight retreat in the fall of 2012 and are open to suggestions as to location and theme.

The Meeting ends with silent Worship at 3:00 PM.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk

MORNINGSIDE MONTHLY MEETING NOMINATIONS FOR 2012—SUBMITTED 12-4-11

PROPOSED MORNINGSIDE COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS: New nominees are underlined, unless noted, positions are 1-yr renewable.

CLERK: Sally Campbell

ASSISTANT CLERK: Lee Rada

RECORDING CLERK: Dave Britton

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Charlene Ray, Bart Dominus, Pam Wood

TREASURER: Charlene Ray

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Pam Wood

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL: (3 years, renewable once)

2012: Nancy Britton, Pat Chernoff, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi (all 1st term)

2013: Lee Rada (1st term), Pam Wood (2nd term)

2014: Mason Jenkins, Steve McDonnell, **opening**

RECORDER FOR MEMBERSHIP/HISTORIAN: Helen Garay-Toppins

NOMINATING: David Evans, Patricia Chernoff, John Tweddle, Charlotte Ehrmann, Charlene Ray

HOSPITALITY: Joyce Richardson (Clerk), Richard Schmidt, Katherine Alford, David Vassar

FIRST DAY COORDINATOR: Bernard Winter, Tom Goodridge

FIRST DAY CAREGIVERS: Tom Goodridge, Sally Campbell, Robert Renwick, Dot Savage

LIBRARY/LITERATURE COMMITTEE: Pamela Wood, Sally Campbell, Richard Schmidt

LIBRARIAN: Sally Campbell

RIVERSIDE SPACE COMMITTEE: Charlotte Ehrman (Convener), Susan Wells, Sally Campbell

COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Dave Britton, Corona Machermer, Helen Garay-Toppins, Steve McDonnell, **opening**

KEEPER OF THE ADDRESS LIST: Helen Garay-Toppins

E-NEWSLETTER: Helen Garay-Toppins

FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE: Tom Goodridge, Patricia Chernoff, Committee of the Whole.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS: Corona Machermer (Convener), Patricia Chernoff, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Pam Wood, Committee of the Whole.

FIRST DAY MONTHLY SING: Kathy Wood (Convener), Nancy Britton (Asst. Convener)

LIAISONS/REPRESENTATIVES:

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC): Pam Wood

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL): Jack Patterson

NEW YORK QUARTERLY MEETING: Dave Britton, Ed Elder

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS: Sara Lavenhar

POWELL HOUSE: Nancy Britton, Tom Goodridge Tom

PENDLE HILL: Steve McDonnell

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC): Vince Buscemi

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING: Pat Chernoff

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE ON DISCERNMENT: Edd Fenner

NEW YORK QUARTERLY MEETING POSITIONS (filled by Joint Nominating, except for Joint Nominating itself, which is a Morningside nomination):

TRUSTEES: (no one from MMM this year)

RECORDING CLERK: Nancy Britton

AUDIT AND BUDGET: Bart Dominus, Beth Bugdaycay

EDUCATION FUND: Dave Britton

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL: Sally Campbell, Ed Elder, Charlotte Ehrman, Mason Jenkins

NOMINATING: Jack Patterson

RELIEF: Joyce Richardson

FRIENDS SEMINARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Corona Machemer

HOUSING COMMITTEE (Friends House in Rosehill): Ed Elder

THE GREAT LAKES REGION (Africa) EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Corona Machemer

COMMITTEE FOR DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN ALLOWED MEETING: Sally Campbell

Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report

NOV YTD 2011 Results

		2011 Proj. Exp.	1st Qtr Actual	2nd Qtr Actual	3rd Qtr Actual	9 mos YTD	Oct Actual	Nov Act	11 mos YTD
EXPENSE									
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13100.00	3275.00	3275.00	3275.00	9825.00	0.00	3275.00	13100.00
Overhead	NYQM (Rent)	<u>9888.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>7416.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2472.00</u>	<u>9888.00</u>
		22988.00	5747.00	5747.00	5747.00	17241.00	0.00	5747.00	22988.00
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	9850.00	0.00	150.00	2750.00	2900.00	450.00	0.00	3350.00
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	400.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	75.00	0.00	275.00
	Scholarship/Relief	<u>1500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>285.00</u>	<u>685.00</u>
		11750.00	200.00	550.00	2750.00	3500.00	525.00	285.00	4310.00
Operating	Communications	500.00		70.00	543.51	613.51	0.00	0.00	613.51
Expense	1st Day/Childcare	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00
	Hospitality	750.00	306.90	120.18	233.61	660.69	0.00	230.06	890.75
	Clerk/ M & C	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Finance	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>Literature</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>57.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>97.50</u>	<u>114.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>212.00</u>
		3000.00	364.40	190.18	817.12	1371.70	184.50	230.06	1786.26
Total Exp		37738.00	6311.40	6487.18	9314.12	22112.70	709.50	6262.06	29084.26
INCOME									
	Contributions		6788.29	5588.18	7256.00	19632.47	2175.33	2625.42	24433.22
	Books		<u>10.00</u>	<u>99.47</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>114.47</u>	<u>85.00</u>	<u>61.00</u>	<u>260.47</u>
			6798.29	5687.65	7261.00	19746.94	2260.33	2686.42	24693.69
Assets	Bank Balance		32299.99	29292.46	26172.95		28,275.45	24692.39	
	Cash		419.00	427.00	579.00		664.00	629.00	
	Crumlish Bequest		(1500.00)	(1500.00)	(1500.00)		(1500.00)	(1500.00)	
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		(169.09)	(169.09)	
	Incarcerated Girls		(766.10)	(766.10)	(766.10)		(766.10)	(766.10)	
Net Worth				26857.27	24316.76		27168.26	22886.20	

December 4, 2011

1. At the Meeting's request, the Finance Committee has investigated the possibility of moving our account from J.P. Morgan Chase, where it currently resides as the result of two bank mergers, to a bank more in tune with our values. As a result of our research, we suggest moving the account to the TD Bank.
2. The Finance Committee would like to recommend that the Meeting consider letting the NYQM pay for our rent without our reimbursing it. In anticipation of a probable shortfall in 2012 at our current rate of expenditure, we suggest eliminating this Morningside expense, which will allow us to continue to support Peace and Social Concerns and the NYYM Covenant donation at their current levels. Otherwise one or both will need to be reduced.
 - a. For the last 5 years there has been a surplus at the NYQM. The NYQM Audit & Budget Committee anticipates the continuation of this surplus.
 - b. According to the decision made at the time of the establishment of the individual meetings in 1974, surpluses should have been distributed back to the Monthly Meeting in proportion to their membership. This has not happened.

C. In addition, facilities for all of the other Meetings formed in 1974 are paid for out of endowment income. Morningside is the sole exception.
3. The Finance Committee would like to suggest that we support our Peace and Social Concerns with a different approach. We propose a stage-in budget over the course of the year. Each member of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, who is responsible for following an organization/activity would present the work of the group and would request a specific donation. It would be important to advertise these presentations. We think this approach might increase the level of contributions if people had a clear sense of the organizations to which we contribute. After the committee approves the amount of the donation, the Treasurer would write the check.

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns
December 4, 2011**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, January 5, 2012, 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, December 25, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Sally Campbell and Lee Rada will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. Ministry and Council has plans to hold the State of the Meeting reflection on Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 PM. "Why Do I Come to Meeting?" will be the focus of brief presentations, followed by a discussion on Sunday, January 29. Sunday, February 26, ARCH will sponsor worship sharing around end of life issues.
4. We are beginning to plan for workshops in March and April. Are there topics people feel are important to discuss? We have thought of having a joint meeting of all the spiritual nurture groups to share thoughts and ideas. What do people think?
5. We are thinking of planning a retreat in the fall, possibly October. We are considering several venues including Powell House. Is there support for this? Do people have suggestions for themes?
6. We currently have 10 support and clearness committees.
7. Ministry & Council is continuing a process of getting in touch with absent members and attenders.