

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
10/7/2012

Present: Katherine Alford, Nancy Britton, Elizabeth Horstman, Rick Whip, Charlene Ray, Bart Dominus, Larry White, Corona Machermer, Miguel Davis-Dacio, Charlotte Ehrman, Ernie, Busemi, Vince Buscemi, Joyce Richardson, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Helen Garay Toppins, Lee Rada, Jerry Reisig, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins with silent Worship at 1:10 PM The clerk reads a verse for the song Simple Gifts written by Kitrina Kearfott:

"Tis a gift to be you. Tis a gift to be me.
We are all fine branches of one Holy Tree.
And when we come to know this in a moment still
We shall allow the flowing of God's good will."

The agenda is reviewed and approved.

20121007.1 Nancy Britton presents the report from Ministry and Counsel. The next meeting will be Thursday Nov. 1 at 7:30 at Pam Wood's home. The next welcoming breakfast will be on 10/28. Friends are encouraged to begin signing up for a new round of spiritual nurture groups being formed. There are currently 11 support committees. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20121007.2 The clerk reads Katherine Alford's letter requesting membership for its second reading. Friends approve Katherine Alford as a Member of Morningside Monthly Meeting.

20121007.3 Joyce Richardson, Ernie Buscemi and Bart Dominus will serve as her welcoming committee.

20121007.4 Charlotte Ehrman reports for the Space Committee. The committee presents a contract for our continuing rental of space at Riverside Church. The balance of this year, 2012, remains at the current level of \$824 per month, and will rise to \$916 per month for the period of 2013 through 2015. The contract has been signed by Ahmet Baydur, general manager for New York Quarterly Meeting and returned to Riverside Church. Friends approve the action.

20121007.5 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's Report. We have had \$16,457 in year to date income and \$14,975 in disbursements year to date. We have received contributions from 51 people so far. We still have nearly \$3,825 in planned disbursements and \$1700 in Peace and Social Concerns contributions to raise before the end of this year, as well as possible contributions in lieu of rent and additional undecided contributions for Peace and Social Concerns. We are still nearly \$18,000 from raising our planned yearly budget. The treasurer shows Friends a chart of this year's budget and actual contributions. The Schwab account for receiving stock gifts is being finalized. Friends are reminded that they can set up regular electronic contributions. Friends accept the report, which is attached. Friends discuss the mechanism of the funding contributions to the Huntington House project that supports formerly incarcerated mothers returning to the community and being reunited with their children. (This item is shown on the Treasurer's report in the liability section because although we are holding the funds we don't "own" them as we received them only in order to pay them out for the program under Helen Garay Toppins' direction.)

20121007.6 Friends discuss the use of a collection box to be emptied weekly by the Treasurer or a surrogate. Friends approve the use of a collection box for donations.

20121007.7 Naomi Paz Greenberg presents the Peace and Social Concerns report. The committee's response to the American Friends Service Committee survey is passed out for Friends' information. She reviews the items in the report. The matching fund donations for development in Haiti is now underway. Friends are encouraged to contribute. The committee will have a program on 12/9/2012 in observance of International Human Rights Day incorporating an Amnesty International Write-a-thon and Human Rights Sabbath worship sharing. Friends approve the language of our posting to the Amnesty International website and the Rabbis for Human Rights-North America website. The clerk agrees to share this information with the Riverside Church bulletin and with Carol Nixon of the Riverside Church Social Justice Ministry staff. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20121007.8 Helen Garay Toppins asks the Meeting to support a request for a grant from the Witness Coordinating Committee of New York Yearly Meeting for funds to provide Huntington House \$350 for school supplies, Christmas gifts and preschool children's clothing. Friends approve the request.

20121007.9 Larry White reports on his visitation to Ithaca Friends Meeting to give an AVP-sponsored presentation on "Law and Injustice in the U.S." The event was well attended. Larry agrees to present the information to Peace and Social Concerns Committee next week.

20121007.10 Ernie Buscemi brings a request for the Meeting to sponsor and support the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) brownbag lunch and Worship on 10/25/2012 at 12:30 PM at 247 E. 48th St. Friends approve.

20121007.11 Vince Buscemi reminds Friends that Ministry and Counsel is recruiting sign-ups for spiritual nurture groups.

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

In Friendship,
Dave Britton, recording clerk

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns
October 7, 2012**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, November 1, 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, October 28, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Steven McDonald and Lee Rada will host.
3. People have begun to sign up for the Spiritual Nurture groups. We plan to assign people to groups at our Ministry & Counsel meeting on November 1
4. We currently have 11 support committees.

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Summer 2012 Treasurer's Report

YTD income of \$16,457 covered YTD disbursements of \$14,975 with a \$1,482 net excess. For the month of September, we received \$3,122.55 (contributions of \$3,120 including \$90 earmarked for Lambi Fund; \$2.55 interest was earned from our bank account). We sent \$3,275 to NYYM, disbursed \$62.83 for hospitality and breakfast; there were no planned P&SC contributions. It should be noted that we also reimbursed \$193.19 in school supplies and clothes for children of incarcerated women; this was netted against our commitment to support Huntington House. We have received contributions from 51 people so far this year. While we are at just 48% of our budget target (vs. 51% at Sept 2011), we have been able to keep pace with our planned disbursements but with our commitment to NYYM and allocated P&SC expenses we still have nearly \$3,825 in upcoming planned disbursements, plus some \$1,700 in identified but 'discretionary' P&SC donations.

Also we are in process of finalizing a brokerage account with Schwab.

And as a reminder, there are currently three members making contributions electronically. You can authorize an ACH (automated clearing house, the system banks use to clear funds electronically) transfer. You will need to know:

- ABA number (aka Routing Number): 026013673 (TD Bank)
- Account Name: Morningside Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends
- Account Number: 4261233658
- The Kind of Account is Business Direct Checking.

If there are any questions about it, please feel free to call me, Charlene Ray, at 212-757-2504 or email me at moneycoach@earthlink.net. It will be helpful to know if you plan to use this feature.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray,

Treasurer,

October 6, 2012

Morningside Monthly Meeting Treasurer's Report: 2012

		2012 Budget	July Actual	August Actual	Sept Actual	YTD Actual	% Spent or Raised
Disbursements							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,100.00			3,275.00	9,825.00	75.0%
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	10,000.00	900.00	200.00		3,900.00	39.0%
	Misc. Contrib.	300.00		45.00		45.00	15.0%
	Contribution In Lieu Of Rent*	6,000.00				0.00	0.0%
	Scholarship/Relief	2,000.00	200.00			550.00	27.5%
Total Outreach		18,300.00	1,100.00	245.00	0.00	4,495.00	24.6%
Operating Expenses	Communications	1,450.00				0.00	0.0%
	1st Day/Childcare	400.00				0.00	0.0%
	Hospitality	500.00		10.00	52.83	155.65	31.1%
	Breakfast	750.00	45.00	34.25	10.00	296.25	39.5%
	Clerk/ M & C	150.00		3.00		63.00	42.0%
	Finance	250.00				118.54	47.4%
	Literature	200.00				21.49	10.7%
Total Operating		2,950.00	45.00	47.25	62.83	654.93	22.2%
Total Disbursements		34,350.00	1,145.00	292.25	3,337.83	14,974.93	43.6%
Income							
	Contributions		499.75	2839.25	3120.00	16,435.01	
	Books		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	
	Interest		2.26	2.40	2.55	12.33	
Total Income		34,350.00	502.01	2,841.65	3,122.55	16,457.34	47.9%
Net Income		0.00	(642.99)	2,549.40	(215.28)	1,482.41	
Assets							
	Ending Bank Balance	27,960.59	26,859.67	29,023.07	28,704.43		
	Cash		269.00	289.00	289.00		
	Petty Cash for Hospitality		200.00	200.00	147.17		
Liabilities							
	Crumlish Bequest		(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)		
	Hope Lives for Lifers		(169.09)	(169.09)	(169.09)		
	Huntington House		(1,066.10)	(1,066.10)	(872.91)		
	Lambi Fund In Haiti Contributions				(90.00)		
Net Worth			23,950.49	29,326.28	26,293.32		

*Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is \$9,888, moves to \$11,000 , 1/1/13 through 12/31/15

2011 Contributions totaled \$32,308, at 9/31/11 \$19,627 in contributions had been received representing 51% of the annual budget

2011 Book sale and other proceeds were \$260



**American Friends
Service Committee**

Quaker values in action

AFSC Quaker Meeting/ Church Survey - March, 2012

We would be greatly helped by knowing of your Quaker Meeting/Church's concerns and interests in relation to AFSC's work so that we can work together for peace and justice. If you would prefer to submit this online, you can do so by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/afscquestions>.

About your Meeting or Church

1. Does your meeting or church have a peace and social concerns committee?

YES=X NO

2. If not, is there an active social justice group in your meeting/church? NA

YES NO

3. On what concerns does the peace and social concerns committee or the social justice group focus? Choose as many as apply.

immigration

AVP

Environmental Justice =X

Anti-Racism=X

LGBTQ

Rights=X

Economic Justice =X

Human Trafficking

Prison Advocacy/Ministry=X

Anti-

War=X

Other: please specify; **Aid for Haiti, opposition to torture, prisoners of conscience**

4. Has your meeting or members of your meeting taken any of the following actions in the past year? Circle all that apply.

Advocacy (Contacting a Representative)=X Letter to the Editor

Written a minute on a concern

Hosted an Event on a Concern

Joined a Vigil=X

Walked on a March=X

Hosted a speaker on a concern=X

Held a fundraiser for a cause

Participated in service activities as a meeting/church (please specify): Generally we have preferred to support our members who are active with financial support, when needed, and support committees at times.

Other Activity or Activities - Please specify: **We have found it works better for us to support individuals or groups of individuals who have a concern spiritually and financially rather than finding an activity the whole Meeting can engage in.**

AFSC's Relationship with You and your Meeting or Church

5. Have you used AFSC materials as resources for social justice efforts your meeting or church has undertaken? YES

NO=X

6. If so, what was most helpful? **NA**

7. Has your meeting/church hosted AFSC staff to make a presentation to your congregation?

YES **NO=X**

8. If so, who visited and how was the visit received? **NA**

9. Would you like to be contacted to receive a visitor if one is in your area in the coming year?

YES NO

It would depend on the focus.

10. How often do members/attenders of your meeting/church visit the AFSC website?

Weekly Monthly=**X** Once/year Less than once/year Never

11. Have members/attenders of your meeting/church visited **Acting in Faith: Connecting Friends**

to the Work of AFSC at www.afsc.org/friends?

YES=X NO

12. If so, did those who visited feel the content was helpful to your meeting/church? **Not sure**

YES NO

How?

13. Are there other ways AFSC could support your meeting/church through our website? How?

Email the newsletter to those who are interested.

14. Tell the story your meeting/church might tell others about AFSC.

We don't have a single voice on this. Some felt that the AFSC did a better job of reaching individuals in the 60's and 70's. There is some feeling that there is not response to feedback currently.

15. Does your meeting/church contribute regularly to AFSC?

YES=X NO

We have contributed to NYMRO's Healing Justice Program.

16. If your meeting does contribute, what inspires your members/attenders to do so?

Individuals in the Meeting have been involved in aspects of the program.

17. We are aware that many meetings already appoint AFSC liaisons, but this coming year AFSC is trying out a national meeting/church liaison program which will involve conference calls with AFSC staff and fellow volunteers, a regular eNewsletter, an annual program for your meeting or church to engage with an area of AFSC's work, an annual First Day School service project and, starting the

second year, an education/fundraising component. Is there someone (or two people) in your meeting

who has already been appointed as AFSC liaison or who would be interested in serving as your meeting's liaison (or co-liaisons) for this first year of this national program?

YES NO

The activities listed sound like a big commitment. We need to inquire if someone is interested and perhaps this person might want to contact the office to see what is entailed and whether it is possible to participate in SOME of the activities mentioned above.

If yes, please give us the contact information for these volunteers:

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Other information about your Meeting/Church

The following questions will allow us to stay connected to your meeting/church better. We realize that giving contact information is sensitive and we will not share this information with other organizations. To stay connected to AFSC, or if you have any questions about this survey, please contact: Lucy Duncan lduncan@afsc.org

18. What is the name and mailing address of your meeting/church?

We meet in Riverside Church and have found it better to have mail sent to our clerk, at this time, Sally Campbell, 252 West 91st Street, #64, New York, NY 10023. Email: scampfriend@earthlink.net

19. With which yearly meeting does your meeting/church affiliate.

New York Yearly Meeting

20. What is the size of your meeting/church? (How many attenders at meeting?)

Under 20 **20 - 50**

50-100

100 -200

Over 200

21. Who is your newsletter editor? Please supply email address and phone.

At the moment we don't have a newsletter.

22. Who is the clerk of your meeting/church? Please include name, email, and phone.

See above

23. Who is the clerk of your peace and social concerns committee or clerk of your social justice group?

Naomi Paz Greenberg

Please include name, email and phone.

6910 108th Street, #5D, Forest Hills, NY 11375

naomipaz@nyc.rr.com

24. Please share anything else your meeting/church thinks it's important for us to know.

Members shared several concerns at our meeting to discuss the questionnaire. There was agreement that the decision-making processes of the AFSC seem opaque, unwieldy and inaccessible. "How are we empowered to participate?" was a question that was raised. Other concerns were raised by individuals: What's missing from the AFSC in its current phase is opportunities for Friends, especially young Friends to engage in meaningful service apart from serving on various committees. Hands on training in the manner of Friends would give opportunities for varieties of Friends to work together. What was the background of the decision of the AFSC to stop doing direct service, which was a meaningful way for both Quakers and non-Quakers to engage?