

Morningside Matters

*The Newsletter for Morningside Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)*

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February 2018

Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible study	room 12T	9:30 am
	Second Sunday	Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting: everyone welcome (third Sunday in February and March)	room 12T	1:00 pm
	Fourth Sunday	Welcome Breakfast: An easy way of getting to know other members and attenders. Just tell the cashier you're with the Quakers. The tab is picked up by our hosts, the Ministry & Counsel Committee	Riverside Café	9:30 am
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	February 17	NYYM Meeting for Discernment Info: jephrevaaron@aol.com	15 th St. Meeting	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
	February 25	Worship sharing on the testimony of community	room 12T	1:00 – 3:00 pm
	March 9 – 11	AVP Basic Workshop	Purchase Meeting	
	March 11	Discernment of FCNL Legislative Priorities	room 12T	1:00 pm
	April 6 – 8	NYYM Spring Sessions hosted by NYQM		
	April 15	NYQM Business Meeting	15 th St. Meeting	
Events of interest	First Sundays	Monthly Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturdays	Vigil for Yemen	Astor Place	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
	February 16 – 18	Annual Winter Wonderland	Powell House	
	February 16 - 19	FLGBTQC Midwinter Gathering Info: https://sites.google.com/view/midwinter-gathering-2018/home	Austin, Texas	
	February 17 – 19	Tribe of the H.E.A.R.T Retreat for Nurture, Reflection, Joy	Pendle Hill	
	February 23 – 25	Creativity & Spirituality	Powell House	
	March 1	This Evil Thing: Conscientious Objectors in World War I	Old Chatham Meeting	1:45 pm
	March 2 – 4	Story Fire: A Retreat for Parents	Powell House	
	March 2 – 4	Reclaiming Our Stories: Exploring LGBTQ-Friendly Bible Stories	Pendle Hill	
	March 9 – 11	AVP Basic Workshop	Purchase Meeting	
	March 9 - 11	From Mourning to Renewed Witness, a weekend with Doug Gwyn and Brian Drayton	Pendle Hill	
	March 11 - 15	The Prophetic Faith from Moses to Martin	Pendle Hill	

March 15 – 17	Re-imagining Faith-Based Service, Activism and Relationships	Powell House	
March 17 – 18	Compassionate Communications Skills & Awareness for Life in Relationship	Pendle Hill	
March 17 – 20	FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend	Washington, DC	
March 23 – 25	The Power of Enough	Powell House	
March 24	This Evil Thing: Conscientious Objectors in World War I	15 th St. Meeting	7:00 pm
Mar 26 – Apr 2	Present in Every Moment: Waking up to Love and Compassion in Our Lives	Pendle Hill	
April 1	Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
April 6 – 8	Sustainable Spirit Led Action	Pendle Hill	
April 7	Tapestry: Weaving Sacred Images	Pendle Hill	
April 12 – 14	Reading Classics with a Quaker Classics Scholar: a series of 3 evenings with Sarah Rudin	Pendle Hill	
April 15 - 19	Nurturing Faithfulness	Pendle Hill	
April 20 - 22	Playing in the Light/ Godly Play/Faith & Play Training for Quakers	Powell House	
April 24 - 26	Peacemaking Circles Training sponsored by the NYYM Conflict Transformation Committee Info: kreixach@gmail.com	New York City	
April 28	Framing the Sacred: The Spiritual Journey of Photography	Pendle Hill	
May 3 - 6	Truth and Healing: Quakers Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples	Pendle Hill	
May 4 – 6	Habitat for Humanity: Build for Unity	Queens	

Remember to check the Calendar and the Bulletin Board at www.morningsidemeeting.org

Newsletter Submission Guidelines: The purpose of the newsletter is to inform members, attenders and other interested people of Meeting news, including member interviews, news of Friends, other Quaker-related subjects, news of Quaker organizations, upcoming events, Meeting-sponsored projects, book reviews, etc. Articles and pictures are welcome. The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please e-mail your material in Word or text format to morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com by the end of that day. Past issues of the newsletter are archived at www.morningsidemeeting.org.

Reflection

“Oh, let us not spend the strength of our spirits in crying out at one another because of evil, but watch and wait where the mercy and healing virtue may please to arise.”

Isaac Penington

Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business February 4, 2018

- The Meeting began with worship at 12:30 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from Mark 10:13-16:

“People were bringing their little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant

and said to them, ‘Let the little children come unto me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he

put his arms around them, laid his hands on them, and gave them his blessing.”

The reading was also followed by silent worship.

2. Mason Jenkins read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on Jan. 29th at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on February 26th at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.

Friends accept the report.

3. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report and Proposed Budget. With amendments, including those from the Communications Committee, Friends approve the Budget. The written Treasurer’s Report, report from the Communications Committee and Approved Budget are attached.

4. Sally Campbell gave a report from the Meeting with Children Committee:

“Burr and Emily, Mason, Ernie, Tom and Sally gathered on January 14th and after some thoughtful discussion came up with this “minute” of what we think would work at this time:

“We will bring children down to the Meeting for Worship on 12 T at about 5 or 10 minutes before noon. They will remain in meeting but can go near or into the library as needed.

“Parents are encouraged to tell Ernie or other caregivers topics the children have been asking about.

“We can, of course, talk about this some more and will do what is needed at any particular moment for each child, but we will see how this works.”

Friends accept the report, and approve the change, welcoming the children into Worship.

5. Corona Machermer gave the Peace and Social Concerns report. Friends accept the report. The report is attached.

6. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:

As your liaison to New York Yearly Meeting, I want to report on the meeting of the Coordinating Committee last weekend. There is discussion about reorganizing the structure of Yearly Meeting to make it more agile, increase communication between its various parts and constituencies and to make the participation of younger members easier. Most immediately there is a desire to lay down the Nurture Coordinating Committee, to which representatives to various organizations, such as FGC,

FUM and AFSC report. The Nominating Committee has not been able to get people for the at-large positions. This will be part of the focus at the April Representative Meeting, which will be held in New York City. I also remind you that volunteers are needed for that event. If you can offer housing to out of towners, contact Helen Garay Toppins.

Friends accept the report.

7. The Clerk made the following Announcement:

Meeting for Discernment

February 17, 2018

15th Street Meetinghouse, New York, NY

- How do I prepare myself to be receptive to the Light, in worship and in the world? How does this experience affect my life?
- How does my meeting support me and other Friends to test and support the leadings that arise in the Light?

The next Meeting for Discernment will take place at Fifteenth Street meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003, on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 9:30am to 5:30pm, hosted by Fifteenth Street Friends. (Rain Date is March 3, 2018.)

Friends aspire (in Rufus Jones’s words) to be “a living body of Christ in the world to-day [by] coming into union with God in our gatherings.” Twice a year, a large body of NYYM Friends gather to experience “the tremendous power of silent community fellowship with God.” No business is considered; the work of the day is simply extended worship on the basis of silence. Through prayerful discernment, those in attendance listen for God’s guidance in what is rising at the monthly meeting level and throughout the yearly meeting body.

All monthly meetings and worship groups are asked to appoint at least one person to attend. Appointees are asked not to bring prepared messages, but to speak as moved in the moment by Spirit, by God, by the Inner Christ. By meeting this way in the fullness of our community, we hear that which might not be heard in the midst of committees and attending to business.

Friends are invited to arrive soon after 8:30. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. Worship will begin at 9:00, with lunch provided at noon and resumption of worship from 1:00 p.m. Please indicate on your registration form if you will be present for morning snacks and/or lunch. A donation of \$20 per person, paid on-site, will help defray the cost of childcare, lunch, and other necessities.

Please be advised that the donation is suggested and not required.

To register, please fill out and return the registration form to office@nyym.org. Registration will be available online at nyym.org next week. For information regarding financial assistance for travel expenses, contact Jeffrey Aaron: (732) 247-9430 or jephreyaaron@aol.com. The local contact person is Chloe Tomlinson: chloe.e.tomlinson@gmail.com or 516-778-7718.

8. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Jane Alexandre, Joyce Richardson, June Tano, Kirsty Tinto, Daniel A. Seeger, Tom Goodridge, Charlene Ray, Peter Beck, Robert Renwick, Bryan Oettel, Sally Campbell, Kathy Stackhouse, Corona Macheemer, Bryan Wigf.

Ministry and Counsel Report

1. M&C met on Monday January 29th at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday February 26th at Pam Wood's at 7:15. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on February 25th hosted by Pam Wood at 9:30 in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Also on February 25th after meeting Mason Jenkins will lead a worship sharing on the testimony of community.
5. Bible Study will be held on February 11th at 9:30.
6. Formation of groups for Quaker sixes is nearly complete.
7. Formation of new Spiritual Nurture Groups and additions to existing groups is in process.
8. M&C currently has 6 support committees.
9. M&C plans to hold a one-day retreat in the spring as we did last year. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of this event should be in touch with a member of M&C. More details to come.

Charlene Ray and Mason Jenkins will continue as co-clerks of Ministry and Council.

Treasurer's Report, February 4, 2018

When I presented the year-end figures a month ago, the excess of income over expenses in the 2017 year was slightly less than \$400. I described this as balancing the budget by a hair's-breadth. Since the January meeting for business another \$1,300 in contributions have come in which can legitimately be considered 2017 donations, so the new excess of income over expenditures is \$1,716. This is still fairly close, however, given an expense budget of approximately \$40,000.

This closeness has inspired the Finance Committee to propose a "hold the line" budget - that is, we are proposing an expenditure budget for the 2018 year roughly in line with the expenses of 2017. This new budget which is offered for the Meeting's approval is shown on the attached spreadsheet highlighted in yellow. Members should feel welcome to propose changes if led by the Spirit to do so.

The footnotes below are offered to clarify some of the line items in the proposed budget.

Although the balance of income and expenses has been close, members and attenders should take satisfaction that an ambitious program of expenditures for outreach and operations has been completely covered through the generous gifts of participants in the meeting community.

Activities in the new year have been modest, so far. \$790.00 in income has been received. The regularly scheduled January disbursements (website maintenance, child care payments, Yearly Meeting allocation, etc., etc.) have not yet been made pending approval of the budget. A \$100.00 transfer has been made to the Woodbourne Quaker group.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

February 4, 2018

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to-date (Dec 31)	Approved 2018 Budget
1	Balances at the Beginning of the Year			
2		37,437	37,438	36,972
3	Funds Restricted as to Use			
4		782	782	663
5		500	500	500
6				500
7		38,720	38,720	38,634
8		(2,218)	(1,858)	(685)
9		500	500	500
10		144	144	132
11		37,146	37,506	38,581
12				
13	Income			
14	31,254	37,686	36,001	37,680
15	Contributions - Restricted as to Use:			
16			500	
17			400	
18	18		19	20
19	(780.00)			
20			3,060	3,200
21	1,665			
22	Transfers from Reserves — Restricted			
23			119	
24				
25				
26		32,157	37,686	39,981
27				
28	Expenses			
29	15,397	15,976	15,976	16,500
30	Outreach:			
31	11,568	12,800	11,850	12,800
32	0	300	300	300
33			519	
34				
35	660	2,000	1,520	2,000
36	Operations			
37	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,000
38		540	567	0
39		300		
40		50		1,000
41	1,460	2,320	2,000	2,400
42	0			100
43	373	300	362	400
44	101	200	166	200
45	25	200	393	400

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February 4, 2018

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to-date (Dec 31)	Approved 2018 Budget
46	Retreat		3,060	3,200
47	Finance	177	300	300
48	Literature	297	300	300
49	SUBTOTAL:	32,157	37,686	40,900
50	Transfers to General Reserves		388	
51	Transfers to Restricted Reserves			
52	Reintegration Fund		500	
53	Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality			
54	Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality			
55	TOTAL EXPENSES:	32,157	39,953	40,900
56				
57	Balances at the End of the Year:			
58	Unrestricted Reserves	37,438	37,438	36,286
59	Funds Restricted as to Use			
60	Huntington House	782	782	663
61	Crumlish Bequest	500	500	500
62	Reintegration Fund		500	500
63	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:	38,720	38,720	37,949
64	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	(2,218)	(685)	
65	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500
66	Unrestricted funds in petty cash (hospitality)	144	144	132
67	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	37,146	39,364	38,581

Footnote 2

FOOTNOTES:

1. Since the Yearly Meeting's budget probably consists largely of staff costs, a modest 3% increase would seem minimally humane.
2. The costs of a retreat will presumably be balanced out by fee income and by a transfer from the scholarship line, so this figure is really a placeholder rather than an estimate. The retreat Planning Committee should remember to charge \$10.00 per person more than Stony Point requires so there are sufficient funds for extras, like audio/visual equipment and snacks.
3. No estimates for expenses or income in the restricted fund category are made under the assumption that the committees in charge of each of these funds will keep expenditures to amounts within the funds available, and therefore these transactions will have no material impact on the Meeting's finances overall.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Peace & Social Concerns met on January 14, 2018. Attending were: Sally Campbell; Richard Schmidt; Steven Soblick; Amala Lane; Pamela Wood; Dave Britton; Bryan Oettel; Kathy Stackhouse; Charles Sirey; Natalie Studt; Ceci Silberman; Diane Keefe; Soo Bok Kim; Corona Machermer (clerk)

The meeting opens with a few minutes of silence.

1. The committee hears a proposal from Soo Bok Kim that Morningside sponsor a forum led by Daniel Jasper of AFSC to educate Friends on North Korea and how very real the danger of war with the DPRK is. As Soo Bok puts it, Americans are "filled with wrong information" about the DPRK, and therefore make bad decisions. Friends are enthusiastic about the proposal and decide to enlist the wider community of

Friends in New York with, we hope, an event at Fifteenth Street. The possibility of combining the event with a presentation of photos and videos from Soo Bok's several visits to North Korea is discussed. [The proposed event was mentioned in the Clerk's Report to Quarterly Meeting on January 22 and representatives from Fifteenth Street responded positively.]

2. Sally Campbell notes that one way to act against the possibility of war on the Korean Peninsula is through the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), which is lobbying for a bill in the Senate (S 2047) to prevent a pre-emptive strike against North Korea. Friends should write to our Senators. Kirsten Gillibrand is a co-sponsor, and should be thanked; Chuck Schumer is not, and should be urged to become one. Also express appreciation to Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut, who introduced the bill. Go to www.fcnl.org to compose and send your letters. The website makes it easy.
3. The situation of Ravi Ragbir, husband of Amy Gottlieb of the AFSC, who faces imminent deportation, is discussed. Friends are urged to contact their Representatives at the federal, state, and local levels and to do what they can to publicize the situation. [For subsequent developments, check out the internet. The gist of it is that, as one headline put it, thanks to the movement that he helped found, Ravi is free for the moment. However, the stay is temporary. The focus of current efforts, which have been joined by a number of elected officials, is to call for "the permanent presence in the United States of Ravi Ragbir and stop his deportation." The quote is from a New York City Council Press Advisory headlined "Ravi Must Stay."]
4. There was further discussion of the P&SC budget for 2018. Allocations are being based on a continuing budget from the Meeting of \$12,800, the same as for 2017. In 2017 the committee deliberately did not allocate the entire budget so as to retain a "P&SC Reserve Fund" of several hundred dollars for emergencies. This money was not spent in 2017 but may well be in 2018. We expect to finalize the budget at the next regular P&SC Meeting.
5. The next CAIC (Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement) "Advocacy Day," when CAIC organizes a lobbying campaign in Albany against Solitary Confinement, will be March 13. A number of Morningsiders have participated in these events. Contact Sally Campbell to learn more.
6. Every two years, during election year, FCNL solicits the views and concerns of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations around the country to help discern what should be FCNL's Legislative Priorities for the new Congress, which is seated the following year. This process, for the 116th Congress (2019-2020), is now underway. In the past Morningside has convened a special meeting of Peace & Social Concerns to discern what Morningsiders believe should be the priorities and we expect to do so this year, with a special meeting to be held on March 11 in place of the regular meeting of the committee. The regular meeting of the committee will be held on the third Sunday, March 18.
7. The next regular meeting of Peace & Social Concerns will be held on the *third* Sunday in February, February 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Corona Macheimer, clerk

Opportunities for Young People at FCNL

The Friends Committee on National Legislation has MANY opportunities for young people of all ages to gain hands-on experience lobbying for peace and social justice. Please share this information widely with the young adults in your life.

- **[Spring Lobby Weekend \(March 17-20, 2018\)](#)** will draw some 450 young adults to Washington to be trained to lobby Congress on a just and fair immigration system.
- **[Summer Internship Program \(June and July 2018\)](#)** is a 2-month long internship in the FCNL office. This opportunity provides experience working with our Quaker lobby in Washington, DC. *Apply by March 5.*
- **[Advocacy Corps \(paid, part-time, August 2017-May 2018\)](#)** includes a 10-day training in Washington, DC followed by nine months of part-time, paid consulting work (25-35 hours per month) organizing locally on police militarism. *Apply by April 9.*

Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action
Godwin Ternbach Museum at Queens College
January 29 – March 17, 2018



WAGING PEACE

100 YEARS OF ACTION

JANUARY 29-MARCH 17, 2018

Waging Peace is an interactive exhibition organized by the American Friends Service Committee. Using provocative stories told by those who have fought against injustice, this exhibition demonstrates the effectiveness of nonviolence to build justice, overcome oppression, and to prevent violence. Through displays of historic artifacts and interactive media visitors explore the main themes of the exhibition: 1) Building Peace, 2) Ending Discrimination, 3) Addressing Prisons, 4) Just Economies, 5) Immigrant Rights and 6) A Call to Action. The GTM will expand on the exhibition themes by including historical posters, photographs and documents from the museum collection and the QC Civil Rights Archives. These materials

offer firsthand accounts of the fight for social justice by Queens College students and faculty.

Since 1917, the American Friends Service Committee has been a successful Quaker experiment in nurturing the seeds of change and respect for human life that transform social relations and systems. AFSC's century of work demonstrates the effectiveness of nonviolence to build justice, overcome oppression, and prevent and reconcile after many forms of violence. In their 100th anniversary, AFSC has a key opportunity to share powerful lessons from its history.

More information at:

http://www.gtmuseum.org/?page_id=128