

**Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
Minutes for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
September 10, 2017**

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:25 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from Faith and Practice, which was also followed by silent worship:  
“Are love and unity fostered among us? If differences arise, do we endeavor to reconcile them in a spirit of love and truth? Are we careful not to manipulate and exploit one another? Do we avoid talebearing, and are we careful of the reputation of others?”
2. Mason Jenkins read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on Sept. 4 at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on Sept. 25. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. The Meeting accepts the report. The written report is attached.
4. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:

My report on Summer Sessions of New York Yearly Meeting: A major decision was taken at Yearly Meeting this summer. The body approved supporting attendance at Yearly Meeting through a pay as led process. The cost of attending Summer Sessions at Silver Bay on Lake George has been a major concern of recent years. Alternate sites have been visited and considered, but they are not substantially less expensive, and their facilities are not as good as Silver Bay’s facilities. Because the options for housing at Silver Bay vary in price, a two-tier system has been recommended. A minimum charge per attendee was established, 25% of the price for the cheaper rooms and 75% for the more expensive rooms. The planners expect that some people will pay the full price or make a contribution over the full price to help with the cost of those who cannot afford to pay the full price. A similar system has been instituted by New England Yearly Meeting, and it has been very successful. If it doesn’t work out, the Yearly Meeting will make up the deficit for one year. The Committee working on this is expected to present the mechanics of the process at Fall Sessions. If that is presented and approved at Fall Sessions, the plan will go forward next summer. I have materials that people are welcome to look at if they wish to.

David Fletcher has requested a travel minute from the Meeting to support his trip to South Africa to attend a Healing of Memories facilitator training and to meet with Quakers there.

Travel Minute for David Fletcher

Dear Friends,

We would like to commend our Friend David Fletcher, member of Morningside Monthly Meeting, to your care. David is traveling to South Africa in September to participate in a Healing of Memories facilitator training as part of a long-held concern for Restorative Practice and Restorative Justice and to connect with Quakers in the area.

We send our greetings and blessings.

In Friendship,  
Pamela Wood, Clerk

Friends accept the report.

5. Friends approved the Travel Minute for David Fletcher.
6. Corona Macherer gave a report for the Communications Committee. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
7. Friends discussed the Morningside Quakers FaceBook page. Emphasis given that posting photographs etc. of other Friends, in particular of children, on the FaceBook page should have their permission first. One Friend suggested posting queries on the FaceBook page. Perhaps M&C will suggest queries.
8. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 12:55 p.m.
9. Friends made announcements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Jane Alexandre, Dot Savage, Dan Seeger, Tom Goodridge, Sally Campbell, Mason Jenkins, Charlene Ray, Nancy Britton, Robert Renwick, Karen Taborn, Calvin Ramsey, Janet Carter, Joyce Richardson, Richard Schmidt, Bryan Oettel, Corona Machemer, Wallace Bass Boyd, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

## Ministry and Counsel Report

For the September 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

1. M&C met on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at Pam Wood's. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. hosted by Karen Taborn in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. On September 24<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1 pm we will hold an after-meeting worship sharing. Amala Lane will lead us through some practices for centering into the silence and some considerations on forming and delivering a message.
5. Bible Study will not be held in September.
6. M&C currently has 5 support committees.
7. Our fall retreat at Stony Point Center will be October 6-8. The topic will be Race Awareness. Registration forms are available at meeting. Friends are encouraged to sign up and attend. Scholarships are available as needed.
8. M&C would like to make the meeting aware of our newly established Facebook page. Please like it. We have also been doing some advertising of our meeting through Facebook with the support of NYYM.

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## Treasurer's Report, September 10, 2017

The Finance Committee, comprising Bryan Oettel, Charlene Ray, Pam Wood, and Dan Seeger, met on June 11, 2017, and, with Tom Goodridge's help, got out a mailing for the Spring Appeal. Meeting members have responded very generously, with a total \$6,518.00 in contributions arriving within the month of June, and an additional \$2,075.00 coming in during the early days of July.

Increasing numbers of members are making automatic monthly contributions, which is very helpful for financial management and planning, both for the individuals and for the Meeting. Most banks can perform this service for their customers. Contact Dan Seeger if you meet up with any problems trying to set this up at your bank.

Accompanying this narrative report are income and expense figures for the first six months of the fiscal year. The halfway point is a good moment to assess progress, since it is easier for most people to deal with the fraction 1/2 than with 7/12ths. Income in the first six months amounted to \$16,079.65. Expenses added up to \$16,024.58. So, income exceeded expenses by \$55.07 in the first half of the year. The second attached page of figures shows that this amounts to 43% of the budgeted income and expenses, so we anticipate more activity on both the income and the expense side in the second half of the year. The expenses in the first six months include a \$1,100.00 item for the fall retreat deposit; these funds are expected to be recovered from retreat fees. But the expenses for Outreach in the first six months are only 30% of the total we have scheduled, in accordance with the calendar the Peace and Social Concerns Committee has established for disbursements. All scheduled disbursements, such as for the website maintenance and for the Yearly Meeting, have been made and are up-to-date as of June 30, 2017.

On the second page of numbers, the neat relationship between assets at the beginning of the year, income to date, expenses to date, and remaining balances is not realized due to discrepancies related to uncashed checks written in 2016, which represent a liability of uncertain size. At a certain point, all checks written before January 1, 2017 but not presented for payment will be written off, and the accounts will be reconciled.

In addition to getting out the Spring Appeal the Finance Committee did discuss two changes in practice. It has been the habit of some members to undertake expenses on behalf of the Meeting, and then to forgo reimbursement, asking the Treasurer to count them as a contribution instead. This practice presents two difficulties. Since neither the expense nor the "in kind contribution" appear in the accounts, it distorts the actual cost of running the Meeting. It also requires a parallel bookkeeping system for the Treasurer to maintain — one for the real money and one for "virtual" money. The Finance Committee has agreed that Friends should be encouraged to seek reimbursements for Meeting expenses, and

enlarge their contribution checks correspondingly if they wish the disbursement to count as a contribution. Alternatively, members can keep the receipts for such expenditures until the end of the year, and submit a consolidated report with the receipts to the Treasurer in December.

The Committee also considered the problem of making expenditures throughout the year in the hope that they will be met with income which members and attenders donate in late December, after the expenditures have been made. Last year this resulted in a “surprise” deficit. If the problem occurs again, a possible remedy would be to change the fiscal year so that the funds are raised first and spent second, rather than vice-versa. This is one of the reasons that many not-for-profit organizations have fiscal years beginning on October 1. This puts the income bulge in the first quarter, rather than at the end of the fourth quarter.

Nevertheless, the Meeting is blessed to have a constituency of generous donors to the support of the worshipping community itself and to the causes and organizations identified by the Outreach Program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

### Treasurer’s Report, June 30, 2017

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to- date (June 30)	Percent of Budget
<b>Balances at the Beginning of the Year</b>				
Unrestricted Reserves		37,437	37,438	
Funds Restricted as to Use				
Huntington House		782	782	
Crumlish Bequest		500	500	
<b>SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:</b>		38,720	38,720	
Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits		(2,218)	(1,858)	
Unrestricted funds in Schwab		500	500	
Unrestricted funds in petty cash		144	144	
		<b>37,146</b>	<b>37,506</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
Contributions	31,254	37,686	16,070	43
Interest and Dividends	18		9	
Contributions earmarked for other organizations	(780.00)			
Transfers from Reserves — General	1,665			
Transfers from Reserves — Restricted <sup>1</sup>			216	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>32,157</b>	<b>37,686</b>	<b>16,295</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
New York Yearly Meeting allocation	15,397	15,976	7,988	50
Outreach:				
Peace and Social Concerns/FUN	11,568	12,800	3,900	30
Miscellaneous Outreach <sup>1</sup>	0	300	216	72
Scholarships/Relief	660	2,000	300	15
Operations				
Communications: Website	2,100	2,100	1,050	50
Communications: Member Directory		540		

<sup>1</sup> In 2017, Huntington House expense

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to- date (June 30)	Percent of Budget
Communications: Newsletter		300		
Communications: Advertising/Listings		50		
First Day: Child Care	1,460	2,320	850	37
First Day: Literature, etc.	0			
Hospitality	373	300	200	67
Breakfast	101	200	100	50
Clerk/Ministry and Counsel	25	200	178	89
Retreat			1,100	
Finance	177	300	35	
Literature	297	300	108	36
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>32,157</b>	<b>37,686</b>	<b>16,025</b>	<b>43</b>
Transfers to General Reserves			270	
Transfers to Restricted Reserves				
Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality				
Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>32,157</b>	<b>37,686</b>	<b>16,295</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Balances at the End of the Year:</b>				
Unrestricted Reserves	37,438	35,219	38,942	
Funds Restricted as to Use				
Huntington House	782	782	566	
Crumlish Bequest	500	500	500	
<b>SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:</b>	<b>38,720</b>	<b>36,502</b>	<b>40,009</b>	
Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	(2,218)		197	
Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500	
Petty cash for Hospitality	144	144	254	
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>37,146</b>	<b>37,146</b>	<b>40,960</b>	

### Income/Expense by Category

1/10/2017 through 8/31/2017 (Cash Basis)

Category	1/10/2017- 1/31/2017	2/1/2017- 2/28/2017	3/1/2017- 3/31/2017	4/1/2017- 4/30/2017	5/1/2017- 5/31/2017	6/1/2017- 6/30/2017	7/1/2017- 7/31/2017	8/1/2017- 8/31/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>									
General Fund									
Contribution	1,350.00	1,617.00	2,105.61	4,055.00	424.65	6,518.00	1,891.30	2,929.12	20,890.68
Interest and Dividends	1.56	1.45	1.56	1.56	1.65	1.61	1.65	1.67	12.71
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,351.56</b>	<b>1,618.45</b>	<b>2,107.17</b>	<b>4,056.56</b>	<b>426.30</b>	<b>6,519.61</b>	<b>1,892.95</b>	<b>2,930.79</b>	<b>20,903.39</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
Huntington House	0.00	0.00	215.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215.68
MMM Oper. - Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
NYM Allocation	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.00	0.00	0.00	7,988.00
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	42.00	27.50	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.50
Operations - Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.97	0.00	0.00	34.97
Operations ~ First Day Child Care	0.00	360.00	190.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
Operations - Literature	0.00	108.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.43
Operations - Ministry and Counsel	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	103.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	303.00
Operations, Comm. - Website	0.00	350.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00

Category	1/10/2017- 1/31/2017	2/1/2017- 2/28/2017	3/1/2017- 3/31/2017	4/1/2017- 4/30/2017	5/1/2017- 5/31/2017	6/1/2017- 6/30/2017	7/1/2017- 7/31/2017	8/1/2017- 8/31/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00	1,100.00	
Outreach - Scholarships, Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Retreat	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>2,035.43</b>	<b>4,702.18</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>578.00</b>	<b>8,003.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,225.00</b>	<b>17,249.58</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,151.56</b>	<b>-416.98</b>	<b>-2,595.01</b>	<b>3,551.56</b>	<b>-151.70</b>	<b>-1,484.36</b>	<b>1,892.95</b>	<b>1,705.79</b>	<b>3,653.81</b>

### Report from the Communications Committee

The committee met on August 30, 2017. Attending were Bryan Oettel, Kathy Stackhouse, and Corona Macheimer (acting as clerk)

The committee focused on the new Address Register, which has been much delayed due to the clerk's frequent long absences from New York during much of the past year. It turned out that the delay was useful, for it allowed us to compare our database with the New York Yearly Meeting's list of Morningside members, which was provided to us by Charlene Ray. Discrepancies were noted and efforts are underway finalize corrections in both lists. As soon as this is done, the new Address Register will be ready for printing and distribution.

The committee discussed ways to keep a record of changes made in the database after the Register is published and how to communicate these updates to others. No decision was made. However, Morningsiders should keep in mind that they can always use the Find a Friend function on the website to get in touch with someone.

The committee also made some changes in the data-entry page of the Redbook, which we hope will make the instructions clearer.

Going forward, Friends may update their profiles by entering the new information (a new email address, for example) in the Redbook (write "update" on the entry). Friends may also update their profiles directly in the database. Instructions for editing (updating) your profile are available on the Help page of the website. (If you have trouble logging on to the website, use the "Contact" tab on the website to consult Bryan Oettel; include his name in the subject line of your query.)

Friends are reminded to visit the website ([www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org)) regularly (daily?!) to check the Calendar and the Bulletin Board. Instructions on using these two "community building" features of the website are available on the "Help" page of the website. Morningsiders are also invited to explore the now up-and-running NYQM website at [www.NYCQuakers.org](http://www.NYCQuakers.org) and to visit the Morningside Quakers on Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Corona Macheimer, Clerk

