

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Minutes 3/5/2012

present: Patricia Chernoff, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, Corona Machermer, Joyce Richardson, Peter Beck, Charlene Ray, Dot Savage, Vince Buscemi, Ernie Buscemi, Helen Garay-Toppins, Kathy Wood, Charlotte Ehrman, Jack Patterson, Pamela Wood, Mason Jenkins, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

The Meeting begins at 1:05 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads from Arthur Larrabee's "Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence":

"In Friends practice, unity may be likened to a musical chord. Not all notes are the same, but when blended together they produce music. And so it is with a Friends decision-making process. Each of us brings a different note, and all notes are needed. We are in unity when the notes we're playing make music. A lack of unity is indicated when someone cannot play a note that harmonizes with the chord that others are sounding. Continuing with the musical metaphor, sometimes a composer introduces discordant notes. The same thing happens with a Friends process. When discordant messages are heard, the process will take time to work with them and to discern how they might belong to the composition (or not)."

Friends review and approve the agenda.

2012.03.05.1 The clerk reads proposed dates and locations for Quarterly Meeting: 7/14/2012 (Saturday) in Friends Cemetery in Prospect Park; 10/28/2012, Flushing; 1/20/2013, Brooklyn; 5/21/2013, Fifteenth St. Friends offer no objections or conflicts.

2012.03.05.2 Pamela Wood presents the Ministry and Counsel report, which is attached. The next M&C meeting is 3/29 at 7:15 PM at Pam's house. The next welcoming breakfast is 3/25. After Meeting discussions are planned on 3/25 on Spiritual Nurture groups and 4/22 on "Let your life speak." No after meeting discussions are planned for May or June due to participation of Friends in Memorial Day and Gay Pride Parade events. M&C asks for approval of release of a Friend from membership, and approval of hosting the prison worship group reunion. There are presently 13 support and clearness committees. The committee continues to contact absent members and attenders. The committee is looking for a space to hold the Fall retreat.

2012.03.05.3 Friends release Diana Gurley from membership in the Meeting, due to lack of contact for many years. The clerk agrees to send this minute to Ms. Gurley.

2012.03.05.4 Upon request from Anne Wright, Friends agree to again host a reunion of formerly incarcerated people and volunteers involved in prison worship groups, especially for the Purchase Quarter's Prison Ministry and the Sing Sing Prison Worship Group. Friends are asked to bring extra food for hospitality when the date is determined.

2012.03.05.5 Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report, which is attached. Friends accept the report.

2012.03.05.6 Friends review the proposed budget presented in the Treasurer's report. The use of the \$6,000 line designated "contributions in lieu of rent" is discussed. Friends will decide on the use of these funds, if they are raised, in January, 2013. Friends discuss the balance between encouraging Friends to contribute as they are able, and providing a suggested or average amount to contribute. Friends ask the Finance committee to consider this issue as they prepare future appeals. Friends approve the proposed budget as presented.

2012.03.05.7 Nancy Britton presents a proposed minute prepared by an informal group of several Morningside Friends in response to the NYQM clerk's request at the last Quarterly Meeting to search for a way forward with respect to the Property Task Group's work on property separation concerns related to separate incorporation of Friends Seminary. Friends discuss the proposed minute. Friends decide to convene a further discussion following Meeting for Worship on the third Firstday of March to discuss the proposed minute, clerked by Sally Campbell.

2012.03.05.8 Corona Machermer presents the report of Peace and Social Concerns including a rewording of the criteria for outreach contributions. The report is attached. The committee had proposed a budget of \$10,000 for 2012 which is now incorporated in the Meeting's annual budget. P&SC proposes a minute that Morningside join with Riverside Church in an event to support the Bayard Rustin Centennial. Corona Machermer and Naomi Paz Greenberg are the co-clerks of P&SC.

2012.03.05.9 Friends approve that Morningside pursue working with Riverside Church to prepare an event for the Bayard Rustin Centennial.

2012.03.05.10 The criteria for discernment presented by P&SC will be reviewed again by P&SC and brought to the next Business Meeting. People with concerns or questions should attend the P&SC meeting or notify Corona.

Meeting ends at 2:55 PM.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recorder

Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns March 4, 2012

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, March 29, 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, March 25, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Patricia Chernoff and Pamela Wood will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. Ministry and Council has planned the following after Meeting discussions: Sunday, March 25 there will be a discussion about Spiritual Nurture Groups to which anyone who has been part of a group in the past, is currently part of one or is interested in participating in the future is invited; on Sunday, April 22, "Let Your Life Speak!" will be our topic of discussion. There will be no after Meeting discussions in May and June because of the Memorial Day holiday and the Gay Pride Parade.
4. Ministry & Counsel forwards a recommendation to Meeting for Business for the release from membership for Diana Gurley who has been out of touch for many years.
5. We have received a request for Morningside to host another reunion of formerly incarcerated men and volunteers who have attended prison worship groups, especially the Sing Sing Worship Group, from the Purchase Quarter. We would like to suggest Sunday, April 29 to them if Meeting approves.
6. We currently have 13 support and clearness committees with one in formation.
7. Ministry & Council is continuing a process of getting in touch with absent members and attenders.
8. We continue to look for reasonably priced retreat centers, which have space, for our fall retreat and welcome suggestions.

Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report
Proposed 2012 Budget and Feb 2012 Results

	Draft Budget	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	YTD Actual	% Spent or Raised
EXPENSE						
Fixed NY Yearly Meeting	13,100.00			3,275.00	3,275.00	25.0%
Outreach P&SC/FUN	10,000.00				0.00	0.0%
& Support Misc. Contrib.	300.00				0.00	0.0%
Contribution In Lieu Of Rent ^a	6,000.00				0.00	0.0%
Scholarship/Relief	2,000.00	150.00		200.00	350.00	17.5%
	18,300.00	150.00	0.00	200.00	350.00	1.9%
Operating Communications	1,450.00				0.00	0.0%
Expense 1st Day/Childcare	400.00				0.00	0.0%
Hospitality	500.00			30.00	30.00	6.0%
Breakfast	750.00	28.50	36.50	29.00	94.00	12.5%
Clerk/ M & C	150.00		33.00		33.00	22.0%
Finance	250.00	46.17			46.17	18.5%
Literature	200.00				0.00	0.0%
	2,950.00	74.67	69.50	59.00	203.17	6.9%
Total Exp	34,350.00	224.67	69.50	3,534.00	3,828.17	11.1%
INCOME						
Contributions		341.17	1,840.00	2,294.47	4,475.64	
Books		5.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	
Interest		0.11	0.92	0.63	1.66	
	34,350.00	346.28	1,840.92	2,300.10	4,487.30	13.1%
Net Income	0.00	121.61	1,771.42	-1,233.90	659.13	
Assets Ending Bank Balance		27,952.99	29,724.41	27,425.85		
Cash		376.50	340.00	321.00		
Liabilities Crumlsh 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	-1,066.10		
Net Worth		25,715.91	29,100.64	23,777.76		

*Actual annual rent paid by NYQM is \$9,888

2011 Contributions totaled \$32,308

2011 Book sale and other proceeds were \$260