

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
5/6/2012

present: Patricia Chernoff, Nancy Britton, Jerry Reisig, Joyce Richardson, Charlene Ray, Corona Machemer, Helen Garay Toppins, Peter Beck, Naomi Paz Greenberg, James Benjamin, Ernie Buscemi, Vince Buscemi, Jean Ferris, Charlotte Ehrman, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:05 pm with silent Worship. The clerk reads a passage from Isaac Penington:  
Our life is love and peace and tenderness and bearing with one another and forgiving one another and not laying accusations one against another but praying for one another and helping one another up with a tender hand.  
Isaac Penington 1667

The agenda is reviewed and approved.

1. Nancy Britton presents the Ministry and Counsel report. The next meeting is 5/31 at 7:30 pm at Pam Wood's home. The next welcoming breakfast is 5/27 at 9:30 am in the Riverside cafeteria. The committee is investigating retreat centers, and has decided on 4/26/2013 as the best date for the retreat. The retreat's focus will be on Spiritual Journeys. Friends offer suggestions in support of this theme. There are 12 support committees ongoing. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

2. Charlene Ray presents the Treasurer's report. Currently we have received about 19% of our budget for the year. Charlene describes the process of using ACH electronic transfers to make contributions directly from Friends' accounts into the Meeting's account, which can be set up to happen automatically on a periodic basis. An appeal letter is now being planned. The report is attached.

3. Corona Machemer presents the Peace and Social Concerns report. Dave Britton has replaced Patricia Chernoff as our representative to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT). A \$200 contribution is budgeted for Friends House in Rosehill. The FLGBTQC contribution was misaddressed, but now has been corrected. The creole pig project of farmhaiti.org is being considered for our \$500 contribution from the Crumlish fund, although it may not fit our criteria for making a significant difference. P&SC recommends that \$500 be given to the New York Yearly Meeting Young Adult Friends programs. Sara Lavenhar will be consulted as to the best sub-program to support. The committee discussed contributing to the Green Hill Food Coop with respect to helping low income people to participate. This is still under discernment. Friends expressed concern about New York Quarterly Meeting's reluctance to support witness programs by making philanthropic contributions. This is being investigated further. Friends are asked to review the bylaws of the Quarterly Meeting in appendix B of the Handbook, which can be found by browsing to <http://www.nyqm.org/docs/NYQM-Handbook-2007.pdf> Naomi Paz Greenberg reported on her experiences with visitations to conscientious war tax resisters in Germany and London. Friends approve the report, which is attached.

4. Nancy Britton reports that our minute of last month (Minute 2012.04.01.8) about finding way forward for the work of the Property Task Group was well received at Quarterly Meeting. The QM is considering how to move forward with this process.

In Friendship,  
Dave Britton, recording clerk

**Report of Ministry & Counsel to Meeting for Concerns  
May 5, 2012**

1. The next meeting of Ministry & Counsel will take place on Thursday, May 31, 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, May 27, at 9:30 am, in the Riverside Café. Lee Rada and Pamela Wood will host. People should look for the sign on a table close to the door of the Cafe.
3. We have been investigating retreat centers for the fall, finding that the right place did not have space at convenient times for us. We are now proposing a retreat for the week end of April 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been thinking about a focus on spiritual journeys, possibly incorporating some materials from early Friends. What do people think about this idea and are there other ideas people would like us to think about?
4. We currently have 12 support committees.

>Morningside Monthly Meeting > >Peace & Social Concerns Meeting April 8, 2012 >  
>Notes: > >Friends note that Patricia Chernoff has been released from service as  
Morningside representative to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)  
and that Dave Britton has been appointed as the new representative. Service as  
representative consists of participating in NRCAT member conference calls. > >In  
reviewing some budget details: > >Friends plan to ask Charlene when the 2011 NRCAT  
check was drawn. Once we know that date we can be guided as to when we send our  
\$50 contribution in 2012. > >Ed Elder was consulted regarding the \$200 contribution  
to Rosehill (don't remember what he said). > >Ed Elder was consulted regarding the  
\$150 contribution to FLGBTQC. FLGBTQC told us that they did not receive our 2011  
contribution. Friends will request that Charlene check the date that the check was  
drawn to them last year so we can find out what happened. > >Discussion of the  
leading to help restore Creole Pigs, native to the region, to Haiti: > >Jack Patterson had  
recommended the Cooperative Farm Initiative as a possibility for the Sheridan Crumlish  
Fund for Haiti bequest which would serve as a matching fund. Jack would like to  
research further before we identify a donee. > >Water treatment filters is also a  
pressing concern, but for now we are considering the Creole Pigs restoration only. >  
>Friends discuss again the intention of support for young adult Friends. Naomi reports  
that poignant concerns were expressed by the Young Adult Friends Field Secretary as  
well as parents of young adult Friends. Generally Meetings are slow to grant weight or  
authority to new attenders and new members for a very long time and we treat young  
adult Friends this way as well. Mormons do a good job of entrusting the future of their  
religious society to their young adults. We do not. Additionally, we recalled the concern  
raised at Summer Sessions that young adult Friends often feel themselves recognized  
only as members of that group rather than simply being regarded as Friends. > >The  
committee is prepared to recommend that Morningside MM donate between \$400 and  
\$500 depending on how much money we have. Dave suggested pencilling in \$500 for  
the present. > >Sarah Robinthal should be consulted regarding how an earmarked  
donation to the NYYM Young Adult Concerns Committee can properly be made. > >In  
discussing a donation toward the support of healthy food, Friends are not yet clear  
whether we should consider the Greene Hill Food Co-op (AKA: Fort Green Food Co-op)  
[by the way the link has an interesting suffix, neither dot-org nor dot-com but rather  
dot-coop]. The big question: do they need our help? In May we plan to look at East New  
York Farms. > >Concern is expressed regarding NYQM reluctance to support witness  
programs of the Quarter. Earmarked endowments have been examined and the  
language for each of these has been collected for our information. The question is  
raised as to whether non-earmarked income to the Quarter, such as rental income from  
Pacific High School, can be used with some more freedom. Some doubt is expressed as  
to whether the by-laws of NYQM permit non earmarked funds to be used for anything  
but meetinghouse building maintenance and restoration. Some interest is expressed in  
discerning just how much limitation earmarked funds can have on our present day  
activities. Still further interest is expressed in amending the by-laws if we find them  
restrictive. They can be found in appendix B of the 2010 Handbook (beginning on page  
15). > >Naomi reported briefly on her trip to Germany and London. She plans to  
submit reports to the Newsletter once conference participants get a chance to review  
them. > >

**Morningside Meeting Treasurer's Report**

		<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>Feb Actual</b>	<b>Mar Actual</b>	<b>April Actual</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>% Spent or Raised</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>							
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	13,100.00		3,275.00		3,275.00	25.0%
Outreach & Support	P&SC/FUN	10,000.00				0.00	0.0%
	Misc. Contrib.	300.00				0.00	0.0%
	Contribution In Lieu Of Rent <sup>†</sup>	6,000.00				0.00	0.0%
	Scholarship/Relief	2,000.00		200.00		350.00	17.5%
<b>Total Outreach</b>		<b>18,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Operating Expenses	Communications	1,450.00				0.00	0.0%
	1st Day/Childcare	400.00				0.00	0.0%
	Hospitality	500.00		30.00	46.39	76.39	15.3%
	Breakfast	750.00	36.50	29.00		94.00	12.5%
	Clerk/ M & C	150.00	33.00			33.00	22.0%
	Finance	250.00				46.17	18.5%
	Literature	200.00				0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>2,950.00</b>	<b>69.50</b>	<b>59.00</b>	<b>46.39</b>	<b>249.56</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>34,350.00</b>	<b>69.50</b>	<b>3,534.00</b>	<b>46.39</b>	<b>3,874.56</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>Income</b>							
	Contributions		1,840.00	2,289.47	1,967.00	6,437.64	
	Books		0.00	5.00	0.00	10.00	
	Interest		0.92	0.63	0.73	2.39	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>34,350.00</b>	<b>1,840.92</b>	<b>2,295.10</b>	<b>1,967.73</b>	<b>6,450.03</b>	<b>18.8%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,771.42</b>	<b>(1,238.90)</b>	<b>1,921.34</b>	<b>2,575.47</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	Ending Bank Balance	27,960.59	29,603.62	28,659.75	30,661.09		
	Cash		340.00	321.00	321.00		
	Petty Cash for Hospitality		200.00	200.00	200.00		
<b>Liabilities</b>	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)	(1,066.10)		
<b>Net Worth</b>			<b>27,408.43</b>	<b>26,445.56</b>	<b>28,446.90</b>		

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

2011 Contributions totaled \$32,308, at 4/30/11 \$8,828 in contributions had been received representing 23% of the annual budget  
2011 Book sale and other proceeds were \$260

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### April 2012 Treasurer's Report

YTD income of \$6,450 covered YTD disbursements of \$3,875 with a \$2,575 net gain. For the month of April, we received \$1,967.73 (\$1,967 in contributions and \$0.73 in interest from TD Bank). We reimbursed \$46.39 for hospitality. The reported balances assume that all of the Peace and Social Concerns checks that were authorized in February under the 2011 budget have cleared. At this writing there may be one or two yet to be deposited.

If you wish to make your contribution electronically, you can authorize an ACH (automated clearing house; it is the system banks use to clear funds electronically) transfer. Bank also offer wire transfers but they usually have fees. 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.

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

The transition to TDBank is still in process and when all the previously written checks clear we plan to close the account.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Ray

Treasurer

May 4, 2012