

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Minutes 11/2/2014

present: Charlotte Ehrmann, Corona Macheimer, Patricia Chernoff, Nancy Britton, Joyce Richardson, Vince Buscemi, Sally Campbell, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Charlene Ray, Ernie Buscemi, Robert Leuze, Jerry Reisig, Pam Wood, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

Meeting begins at 1:00 PM with silent Worship. The clerk reads “Quakers are Friends to each other” an excerpt from Daniel Hall. The clerk reviews the agenda.

20141102.1 Pamela Wood reports on introducing the Meeting to Riverside Church's new chief pastor, Amy Butler.

20141102.2 Corona Macheimer presents the peace and social concerns committee report. The Human Rights Sabbath is scheduled for 12/14. We will participate with a write-a-thon in concert with Amnesty International during and after social hour. The committee heard a presentation from Jessica Brockington and Mark Greber of the Redemption Church on the Seven Rivers bakery project on 10/12. The project hopes to set up a collective of citizens returning from incarceration for an entrepreneurial process of baking bread at home for local sale. The peace and social concerns committee expects to support the project with funding and recommends a support committee for Jessica. The committee also met on 9/7/2014, focused on the October Stop Mass Incarceration project. Friends noted that our restorative practices and restorative justice approach is not well linked to or understood by the criminal justice system, including the role of school police in the “playground to prison pipeline” process. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20141102.3 Jerry Reisig, for the communications committee, presented the new Meeting web site, which is under development. The committee hopes to go live with the new site in early January. Friends are encouraged to visit the development version at <http://morningside.vnew-tech.com> and to email their comments to Jerry.

20141102.4 Charlene Ray presents the treasurer's report. The Meeting has received \$16,420 as of 11/1 which is 48% of our annual goal. \$21,247 has been expensed year-to-date, \$4,862 more than we have received. The committee is preparing a Fall appeal letter for contributions. Friends attended “Budget Saturday” which reviews the New York Yearly Meeting annual budget. Monthly reports for NYYM are on-line at <http://nyym.org>. The sense of the day was that the Yearly Meeting budget has stabilized, and that some staff jobs have been realigned to reflect the work of the priorities group. The treasurer, Charlene, presents a first reading of the proposed 2015 Morningside budget. The budget itemizes subsets of communications expenses which are at \$2,050, but are not specified in this budget. It includes some adjustments, but is \$710 less than last year's budget. Friends discuss the allocations for communications costs. Friends may suggest additional items or changes until Thanksgiving.

20141102.5 Naomi Paz Greenberg presents letters received from Bolivian Quaker Education Fund scholars for whom we have provided financial support. Friends pass the letters around, most of which are in Spanish with translations by Google Translate and Naomi. Friends are impressed with the responses. Friends accept the report. Friends are invited to suggest ideas for letters back to the scholars.

20141102.6 Nancy Britton presents the ministry and counsel committee report. The next meeting is 12/4 at Stephen McDonnell's office. The next welcoming breakfast is 11/23 from 9:30 – 10:45 in the

Riverside Church's cafe. Bible Study continues on second Sundays. The committee has received requests for two new spiritual nurture groups and has laid down two support committees, and now has six support and clearness committees under their care. The third Sunday in December is scheduled for our State of the Meeting discussion. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business in January 2015 will be held January 4, without being rescheduled. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20141102.7 Quarterly Meeting ministry and counsel committee has asked Morningside Friends to support Flushing Meeting by intervisitation. Friends decide to do the intervisitation Nov. 23. The clerk agrees to research times and places for using the LIRR to go as a group. Dave and Nancy Britton, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Lee Rada and Charlene Ray agree to participate and invite other Friends to join them.

20141102.8 The state of the Meeting will be discussed 12/21 with Joyce Richardson clerking if queries are received before the meeting. Jerry Reisig agrees to compose the report, and Pam Wood and Sally Campbell will take notes to assist.

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

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk