

Morningside Monthly Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
Minutes 1/4/2015

present: Stephen McDonnell, Mason and Emerson Jenkins, Ruth Oropesa, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Dave Fletcher, Charlotte Ehrmann, Lupe \_\_\_\_, Sally Campbell, Patricia Chernoff, David Vassar, Artis Klavins, Ernie Buscemi, Bart Dominus, Karen Taborn, Kathy Stackhouse, Corona Macheimer, Jon Burton, Bryan Oettel, Calvin Ramsey, Pam Wood, Vince Buscemi, Amala Lane, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, Scott Blumenthal, Katherine Alford, Richard Schmidt, Tom Goodridge, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk)

Meeting begins at 12:10 PM. Meeting is being held directly following silent Worship, as an experiment to be tried for two months.

The clerk describes Friends decision-making process as an extension of worship.

20150104.1 Nancy Britton describes the process of deciding to move Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business to starting immediately after silent Meeting for Worship as an experiment for two months. Friends remark on some aspects of the new format.

20150104.2 The clerk reads the finished State of the Meeting Report. Friends approve the report for submission to New York Yearly Meeting. We will also send the report to Woodburne Prison Worship Group.

20150104.3 Corona Macheimer presents the peace and social concerns committee report. The committee arranged a letter writing and worship sharing session on Human Rights Day 12/14/2014 in observance of the Human Rights Sabbath. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

20150104.4 Pam Wood presents the second reading of the Meeting positions slate brought by the nominating committee. She notes several additions. Friends are urged to volunteer for open positions. Friends note errors and make corrections. Friends approve the slate of appointments as modified. The finalized list is attached. Friends discuss the distribution of the report so as to make it available to Friends.

20150104.5 Charlene Ray presents the treasurer's report. We received \$31,412 in 2014, which is 92% of our goal and \$6,000 less than last year. Expenses for the year were \$30,040, providing a \$1,371 net surplus. The surplus is due to several line items not being fully used. We had 60 contributors this year, averaging \$548, compared to 68 in 2013 and 80 in 2012. The report is accepted and attached.

20150104.6 Friends discuss how to allocate the surplus of income over expenses. Friends approve putting the \$1,371 surplus, as well as the \$1,365 intended for advertising remaining unspent from last year's surplus, into our reserve fund.

20150104.7 Nancy Britton presents the ministry and counsel committee report. The next meeting will be at Stephen McDonnell's office on 1/29/2015. The next welcoming breakfast is scheduled for 1/25/2015. Bible Study will be held before Meeting from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on 1/11/2015. The next 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday discussion will be led by Jack Patterson on "Changes Throughout Life" on 1/25/2015. There are 9 clearness and support committees under ministry and counsel's care. A schedule of events for January is listed and will be added to the new website's calendar.

20150104.8 Richard Schmidt's letter requesting membership is given its second reading. Friends approve Membership of Richard Paul Schmidt in Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. His welcoming committee will be Sally Campbell, David Fletcher, Dave Britton and Naomi Paz Greenberg. Sally will convene the welcoming committee.

Meeting ends at 1:15 PM with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton, recording clerk