

Morningside Matters

The Newsletter for Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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January 2016 Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	rise of meeting
	Second Sunday	Bible Study: The Gospel of Marc	room 12T	9:30 am
	Third Sunday (January only)	Peace & Social Concerns Committee regular meeting: discussion of the 2016 budget	room 12T	1:00 pm
	Fourth Sunday	Welcome Breakfast An easy way of getting to know other members and attenders. Just tell the cashier you're with the Quakers; the tab is picked up by our hosts, the Ministry & Counsel Committee	Riverside Café	9:30 am
	January 10	Peace & Social Concerns Committee event: Jeremiah Drake from Riverside Church will talk with us about how we might use The Theatre of the Oppressed to face and deal with our meeting's responses to the issues of the new civil rights/ black lives matter/prison concerns	room 12T	1:00 pm
	January 11	No Separate Justice Vigil	Metropolitan Correction Center	6:00-7:00 pm
	January 17	Quaker Contra Dance Fee: Adults \$12, Kids \$6, Families \$24	Brooklyn Friends Meeting	3:00-6:00 pm
	January 21	2016 Friends Shelter Benefit Concert Suggested donation: \$25. Reservations recommended: philkov@seanet.com	15 th Street Meeting	7:00 pm
	February 2	Ministry and Counsel Committee Meeting	home of David Evans	7:15 pm

Newsletter Submission Guidelines: The purpose of the newsletter is to inform members, attenders and other interested people of Meeting news, including member interviews, news of Friends, other Quaker-related subjects, news of Quaker organizations, upcoming events, Meeting-sponsored projects, book reviews, etc. Articles and pictures are welcome. The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please e-mail your material to morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com by the end of that day.

Reflection

The love of God again makes us free, for it draws us to set a low value on those things wherein we are subject to others – our wealth, our position, our reputation, and our life – and to set a high value on those things which no man can take from us – our integrity, our righteousness, our love for all men, and our communion with God.

Kenneth Boulding

Morningside Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business Minutes 1/2/2016

Meeting begins at 12:05 pm transitioning from Meeting for Worship.

Present: Bart Dominus, Stephen McDonnell, Joyce Richardson, David Fletcher, Susan Carmody, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, Rob Stevens, Bryan Oettel, Robert Leuze, Tim ?, Corona Machermer, Charlene Ray, Lucille Adinoff, Helen Garay Toppins, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Kathy Stackhouse, Charlotte Ehrman, Sally Campbell, Calvin Ramsey, Richard Schmidt, Pamela Wood, Dave Britton, Lee Rada (clerk).

1. Pam Wood reads the State of the Meeting report from Woodbourne Prison Worship Group. The group has had Friends who have been released from prison and now may need more registered Friends to meet prison requirements. Morningside Friends continue to work on getting paperwork processed for volunteers from outside the prison to participate.
2. Jerry Reisig reads a draft of the State of the Meeting Report based on our meeting of 12/20/2015. Friends approve the report as written. It will be included in the next newsletter.
3. Charlene Ray presents the Ministry and Counsel report. The committee met on 12/30 and meets next on 2/2/2016 at the home of Dave Evans. Bible Study is planned for 1/10/2016. The next welcoming breakfast is planned for 1/24/2016. There are 6 clearness and support committees. The committee brings forward the membership of Susan Carmody and the associate membership of her son Cole Carmody-Harmaty. The clerk reads Susans's letter requesting membership for herself and associate membership for Cole, and reads a letter of support for Cole from Borys Harmaty. Friends accept the report, which is attached.
4. Corona Macheimer presents the Peace and Social Concerns committee report. The committee did not meet as usual on the second Sunday in December, but instead Morningsiders observed Human Rights Day by participating in Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign. In December Morningside contributed \$300 for Christmas gifts and winter clothing for 73 unattached immigrant children staying in a Yonkers

shelter. The committee next meets on the third Sunday in January, the 17th, as the second Sunday will have a presentation on Theater of the Oppressed. Friends accept the report, which is attached.

5. Friends are in unity to pay our childcare support person's share of Social Security taxes for 2015 and 2016. The Quarterly Meeting General Manager will be notified to prepare the Federal forms and payment.

6. Naomi Paz Greenberg presents the Treasurer's Report. We collected about \$10,000 during December and paid out about the same. The full report is not available for this meeting, but is attached to these minutes after the fact.

7. Pam Wood presents the nominating committee report. A finalized roster of nominations for Meeting positions is presented. Friends approve the appointments as presented. A list of the appointments is attached.

8. The Finance Committee presents a first reading of the proposed budget for 2016. Changes between 2015 and 2016 are reviewed. Friends add \$500 to the scholarship line. The total budget is now \$38,886.50. Next month a final reading will be presented. Friends accept the report, and the draft budget is attached.

Friends present various announcements of upcoming events.

The Meeting ends at 1:15 pm with silent Worship.

In Friendship,

Dave Britton (recording clerk)

2015 Morningside State of the Meeting Report

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

On December 20, 2015, Members and Attenders of Morningside Meeting met to consider the spiritual state of the Meeting over the past year. In keeping with the Yearly Meeting theme, "What is the Spiritual State of the Meeting," the convener presented the gathering with two queries: "Where are the fruits?" and "Where are we not producing fruit?"

Where are the fruits?

Morningside is a lively meeting blessed with the gift of humor. We tell our stories to each other; we continue to transform, to be stretched, and to find courage. Our fourth Sunday breakfast continues to generate conversations that connect us. Attending the breakfasts is a good way not to be the new kid on the block; we eat together as one family, even though we don't live next door to each other.

As more families with children continue to attend, the Morningside family has a growing number of small Friends. Meeting for Children—a Morningside term for child care and 1st Day School—has become an increasingly important part of the Meeting. It has deepened worship as we better learn how to "listen to what each child wants from us in the moment" and to better hear a "small piece of what we are."

Our Retreat was a manifestation of our ability to be a family that cares for its members and honestly share stories. Spiritual Nurture gives us another chance to "step off the cliff" with members of the group. We "share a common framework" for how we see ourselves in the world and how we engage with others. We engage with sincerity, truly listening to one other. Although we may struggle "there is a deep abiding love amongst us. Although we may miss the mark, we believe that there is God in all of us "trying to act accordingly."

Morningsiders care for each other when they care for others outside of Meeting. The Meeting has an on-going commitment to social justice through which we "enter into relationships" that demonstrate our faith in people's ability to transform themselves by listening to the Inner Light within. In our shared commitment to Restorative Justice, for example, we come to terms with "the potential of God" in each person.

Spirituality in the form of action comes from individuals, and we support one another's leadings to action. Peace and Social Concerns is an expansion and a support of those individual leadings.

We also support Quaker organizations outside of our Meeting. We show up and contribute to NYQM, participating beyond our proportional numbers. We provide scholarships for the at-

tendance of Quaker gatherings. This year's scholarships for Friends of color were especially appreciated.

Where are we not producing fruit?

We need to bring what we have to the world with passion. We need to take our introductory discussions of Quakerism to a level beyond Quakerism 101, where we can challenge each other.

We need to become more flexible in listening to potential members of our family. Middle-aged professionals are coming to Meeting and staying, but the millennials are not. We need to be more flexible, considering what would be a better time to reach younger people.

There has been a problem with communications in some committees. There is an expectation that we be trustworthy with one another. It's an expectation that isn't always met. We need to be committed to what we say we are going to do. When we are asked to do a job, we need to ask ourselves, "Do I have the time?"

An elephant is in the room: leadership is changing; how we work is changing; people are more mobile. We are "moving from an oral tradition" (sense of evolution, memory) to an electronic mode. There are new spiritual opportunities but also challenges for us. How do we hold ourselves accountable?

We need to move out of our "comfortable bedroom slippers"; naming the elephant in the room builds trust and shows that we are living into wholeness.

Pruning Vines for New Fruit

We are in a time of transition from more experienced older members—who have other concerns at this moment—to younger and less experienced members and attenders. We see new faces and something is happening. We need to trust the Spirit to create the spaces that wear new faces.

Sadness has appeared because age, illness and death are all present within in a certain age group that we need to address. But through all of this, it is important to place our growth in perspective. Historically Friends have always been in transition, have always had newbies, weighty Friends, people in the middle; new Friends coming and old Friends going.

From our pruning and care for one another in the Spirit we are assured of new fruits in the future, new families and new communities, new rejoicings and new life in a lively, loving family called Morningside.

submitted by Jerry Reisig

Morningside Monthly Meeting Committee Members for 2016

Morningside committees and positions

All positions are for one year, renewable except for the Nominating Committee terms which are for two years, staggered terms, and Ministry & Counsel terms for 3 years, renewable once, staggered terms. Underlined names do not need to be approved.

CLERK: Pamela Wood

RECORDING

MINISTRY & COUNSEL: Terms end in January

2017: Larry White, Jack Patterson, (all first term), Rob Stevens (partial term)

2018: David Evans, David Fletcher, Charlene Ray (all first term)

2019: David Britton (first term) Mason Jenkins (2nd term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

2016: Ed Elder, Stephen McDonnell (partial term)

2017: Lee Rada, Nancy Britton

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Barton Dominus, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Charlene Ray, Pamela Wood

TREASURER: Naomi Paz Greenberg

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Pamela Wood

COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Bryan Oettel, convenor, Robert Leuze, Corona Machermer, Kathy Stackhouse

FIRST DAY CAREGIVERS: Ernie Buscemi & Naomi Paz

Greenberg (Co-Coordinator), Sally Campbell, Tom Goodridge, Jack Patterson

FIRST DAY COORDINATORS: Richard Schmidt and Sally Campbell

LIBRARIAN: Sally Campbell

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Corona Machermer, Richard Schmidt

RIVERSIDE SPACE COMMITTEE: Charlotte Ehrman and Sally Campbell

FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE: Tom Goodridge

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS: David Fletcher (convenor), Vince Buscemi, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Corona Machermer, Pamela Wood, Karen Taborn (A committee of the whole)

HOSPITALITY: Katharine Alford, Joyce Richardson, Charlene Ray, Richard Schmidt

ARCH VISITORS: Sally Campbell, Kathy Hinton, Dot Savage, John Tweddle, convenor: Charlene Ray.

AGING CONCERNS is a committee of the whole.

COMMITTEE FOR PRISON MINISTRY: Ernie Buscemi, David Fletcher, Helen Garay Toppins, Pamela Wood, Sally Campbell for correspondence

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS: Currently Ministry & Counsel is in charge.

FOURTH SUNDAY SING:

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE QUARTERLY MEETING

AND FRIENDS SEMINARY: Katharine Alford, Corona
Machemer, Ed Elder (appointed by NYQM M & C)

Representatives to Friends groups

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLA-
TION: Jack Patterson
NY YEARLY MEETING: Pamela Wood
NY YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE ON DISCERN-
MENT:
RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES OF NYQM:

Sources of information for the following organizations

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE: Pamela
Wood
FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE: Ernie Buscemi
PENDLE HILL: Stephen McDonnell
POWELL HOUSE: Nancy Britton
QUARTERLY MEETING LIAISON: Ed Elder

New York Quarterly Meeting appointments

(Filled by Joint Nominating, except for Morningside's Ap-
pointment to the Joint Nominating Committee)
AUDIT & BUDGET: Beth Bugdaycay (end April 2017), Bart
Dominus (end April 2016)
CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Charlene Ray (end April 2016)
COMMITTEE FOR THE DOWNTOWN ALLOWED
MEETING:
Sally Campbell (end April 2017)
EDUCATION FUND: David Britton, Clerk (end April 2016)
RELIEF COMMITTEE: John Slater (end April 2017)
NYQM MINISTRY & COUNSEL: David Britton, Charlotte
Ehrman (for terms expiring April 2017). David Fletcher (term
ending April 2016)
NYQM NOMINATING: John Slater (appointed by Morn-
ingside, end 2017) & Naomi Paz Greenberg (co-opted)
THE GREAT LAKES (Africa) EDUCATION COMMIT-
TEE: Corona Machemer (end April, 2018)
TRUSTEES: Katherine Alford (end April, 2018)
submitted by Pam Wood

2016 Draft Budget Request

Morningside Monthly Meeting 2016 Draft Budget Request Dec 6, 2015

		Budget	Budget
		2015	2016
Disbursements			
Fixed	NY Yearly Meeting	14840	15396.5
Total Fixed		14840	15396.5
Outreach	P&SC/FUN	12800	12800
& Support	Misc. Contrib.	300	300
	Scholarship/Relief	2000	2000
Total Outreach		15100	15100
Operating	Communications	2190	2790 additional \$600 for website
Expenses	1st Day/Childcare	800	3350 additional funding request explained in report
	Hospitality	700	200
	Breakfast	750	750
	Clerk/ M & C	200	200
	Finance	300	300
	Literature	300	300
Total Operating	Expenses	5240	7890
Total Disbursements		35180	38386.5
Income	Contributions	35180	38386.5
	Net of Match		
	Interest		
Total Income		35180	38386.5
Net Income		0	0

submitted by Naomi Paz-Greenburg

Note: the Scholarship & Relief Fund was increased by \$500 (to \$2500) at the January 10 meeting for business.

Scholarships at Brooklyn Friends School

New scholarships for Quaker students are available through the National Endowment for Quaker Children Pilot Program, which is sponsored by the Friends Council on Education with the support of its member schools. Brooklyn

Friends School is in full support of this program, which is intended to support Quaker students attending Quaker schools and is restricted to families new to Quaker schools.

Please view the program guidelines:

(https://mediafiles01.myschoolcdn.com/ftpimages/27/misc/misc_163996.pdf)

and application form:

(https://mediafiles01.myschoolcdn.com/ftpimages/27/misc/misc_163995.pdf)

In addition to this Pilot Program, Brooklyn Friends School offers priority need-based aid for all Quaker students, both new

and returning, and the New York Quarterly Meeting has an education fund that provides aid as well.

Brooklyn Friends is committed to making its program accessible to all qualified Quaker students. If you have questions, please be in touch with Vanessa Reynolds at vreynolds@brooklynfriends.org. You may also call her at 718-852-1029, Ext 526.

submitted by Sally Campbell

New Position at New York Yearly Meeting

New York Yearly Meeting seeks a gifted and energetic Friend to serve in our new Children and Youth Field Secretary position.

The Children and Youth Field Secretary's major responsibilities are to work with families with children (ages 0-18), their meetings and Religious Education Committees, serving as a locus and a catalyst for networking and community building; doing mentoring, coordinating, outreach, and helping meetings to develop and sustain First Day School programs or other programs that nurture the spiritual life of children. This work will necessitate considerable travel, meeting face to face with young families where they live and worship. This is a .7 FTE position including many weekend commitments.

The Children and Youth Field Secretary shall be a member of the Religions Society of Friends (or a committed and active participant in a Friends Meeting) with a strong understanding

of Quaker testimonies and practice. This Friend must have strong verbal and written communication skills, including public speaking. He/she should also be skilled at supporting and investing the gifts and energies of others, be personable, and have a firm grasp of current electronic communication technologies and social media.

The full job description can be found here:

<http://www.nyym.org/sites/default/files/CYFSJobDescription.pdf>

The application deadline is **February 5, 2016**.

Resumes, and cover letters can be sent to Menzelbarbara014@gmail.com.

For more information, contact NYYM General Secretary Christopher Sammond at nyym.gensec@gmail.com

submitted by Helen Garay Toppins

The Future Needs an Advocate: Young Adult Programs at the Friends Committee on National Legislation

Spring Lobby Weekend, March 12-15, 2016: At Spring Lobby Weekend 2016, hundreds of students, recent grads, and young adults will come to Washington, DC to urge Congress to take steps toward ending mass incarceration. The weekend will include in-depth policy briefings, training on how to effectively lobby members of Congress, preparation for how to bring the message home and share, dialogue about faith and advocacy and opportunities to explore Washington, DC.

There is a limited amount of financial assistance and subsidized housing available to young adults 30 and under.

Young Fellow Program: FCNL Young Fellows spend 11 months working with key staff members to build expertise in advocacy from a public interest perspective. The program is full-time and paid a subsistence-level salary with benefits. Fellows work under the title "program assistant" and work directly with FCNL lobbyists and other senior staff, gaining first-hand knowledge of the legislative process and the organizing and communications work that is necessary for policy change. The application deadline is **February 15, 2016**.

Summer Internships: FCNL offers several unpaid summer internships from June 1 to July 31 that provide a broad introduction to federal policy, grassroots organizing and nonprofit management and advance our witness for peace on Capitol Hill. The application deadline is **March 1, 2016**.

Advocacy Corps: Advocacy Corp members spend 10 days in training in Washington in the summer (all expenses paid) and then work 25 to 35 hours a month back on their college campuses or in their home communities to mobilize people to engage with Congress. They connect local activists and leaders with members of Congress to effect big, long-term change, learn critical organizing skills and put them into practice through hands-on leadership. The application deadline is **April 1, 2016**.

For more information about these opportunities, go to futureadvocate.org.

submitted by Kathy Stackhouse