

Morningside Matters

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

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November 2018

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	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible study	room 12T	9:30 am
	Second Sunday	Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting: Everyone welcome	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
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	November 17	Memorial Meeting for Naomi Paz Greenberg	15 th St. Meeting	2:00 pm
	November 25	Racial Justice Study Group, Deep Denial	room 12T	1:00 pm
	December 2	Moving with the Spirit	room 12T	10:00
	December 16	Morningside Meeting State of the Meeting	room 12T	1:00 pm
	December 16	Morningside Meeting Cookie Swap (bring 3 dozen)	room 12T	after meeting
	January 20	Quarterly Business Meeting	Brooklyn Meeting	
Events of interest	First Sundays	Monthly Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturdays	Vigil for Yemen	Astor Place	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
	November 14	George Lakey book tour: <i>How We Win: A Guide to Non-violent Direct Action Campaigning</i>	Powerhouse Arena Bookstore, 28 Adams St., Brooklyn	
	November 16 – 18	Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence	Pendle Hill	
	November 28 – December 2	FCNL Annual Meeting: Prophetic, Persistent, Powerful	Washington, DC	
	November 30 – December 2	Weaving Yourself Toward Wholeness	Pendle Hill	
	November 30 – December 2	12-Step Quaker Weekend	Powell House	
	December 9 – 13	Beyond Diversity	Pendle Hill	
	December 14 – 16	What Does Justice Look Like? Moving Towards a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel	Pendle Hill	
	December 21	The Winter Solstice: In Touch with Your Whole Self	Powell House	

December 28 – January 1	Looking within: Painting as a Spiritual Practice	Pendle Holl	
December 28 – January 1	Music of Inspiration for an Age of Anxiety	Pendle Holl	
December 28 – January 1	Open Heart Peaceful Mind	Pendle Holl	
December 30 – January	Powell House Annual New Year’s Celebration	Powell House	
January 13	Poetry Coffee House	Pendle Holl	
January 18 – 20	Alternatives to Violence, Basic Workshop,	Pendle Holl	
January 18 – 21	Dwelling Deep: A Contemplative Retreat	Powell House	

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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 in Word or text format to morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com by the end of that day. Past issues of the newsletter are archived at www.morningsidemeeting.org.

Reflection

“At Riverside we continue to firmly hold with the words of our former Senior Minister William Sloane Coffin, “The world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, too small for anything but love.”

*From an 11/7/18 letter from Amy Butler,
Senior Minister, Riverside Church.*

Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business November 4, 2018

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:35 p.m., and Pamela Wood read a quote by Wendell Berry:
“The time has come...to resist the impulse to control, to command, to force, to oppress, and to begin quite humbly to follow the guidance of the larger community on which all life depends. Our fulfillment is not in our isolated human grandeur, but in our intimacy with the larger earth community, for this is also the larger dimension of our being.” Wendell Berry, quoted in The Sun, July 2018
2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on October 29th at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on November 26th at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Friends approve taking the marriage of Bertram Russel and Jason McGill under our care. The marriage committee will be appointed at a later date.
4. The State of the Meeting will be held on December 16th after meeting for worship. Pamela Wood, Charlene Ray and Corona Machermer will take notes. Stephen McDonnell will clerk, and consult with Joyce Richardson about clerking. Jerry Reisig will write the draft.
5. Corona Machermer gave the Peace and Social Concerns Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
6. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
7. Friends approve a 5% yearly increase over last year’s contribution to the New York Yearly Meeting for our next year’s contribution to the Yearly Meeting.
8. Corona Machermer gave a Communications Committee Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.

9. Friends approved asking each committee to assure that we have alternate access persons to all information, records and email accounts, and to report back to the Meeting by January Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.
10. Friends made announcements.
11. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Jane Alexandre, Robert Renwick, David Fletcher, Bryan Oettel, Dave Britton, Nancy Britton, Charlene Ray, Charlotte Ehrman, Corona Machermer, Daniel A. Seeger, Tom Goodridge, Dot Savage, Kathy Stackhouse, Ernie Buscemi, Bryan Wigfall, Peter Beck, Ed Elder, Rich Schmidt, Sally Campbell, Jerry Reisig, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

Ministry and Counsel Committee Report

1. M&C met on Monday October 29th at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday November 26th at Pam Wood's at 7:15. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfasts will be on November 25th at 9:30 in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. November 25th the Racial Justice Study group will meet from 1-2. All are welcome.
5. Bible Study will be held on November 11th before meeting.
6. M&C currently has 7 support committees.
7. M&C forwards a recommendation to Business Meeting to take the marriage of Bertram Russel and Jason McGill under our care.

8. Moving with Spirit will take place on December 2nd at 10 am.
9. The State of the Meeting will be held on December 16th after meeting. We need 2 or 3 note takers, a clerk, and a writer. Please volunteer.
10. We have traditionally held a cookie swap on the same day as State of the Meeting. Is there interest in holding a cookie swap this year?

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Jenkins, clerk
Charlene Ray, co-clerk
October 14, 2018

Treasurer's Report

November 4, 2018

The first sheet attached, Supporting Document A, shows the income and expenses to date for the current year. Overall, expenses so far have outstripped income by approximately \$4,000.00.

This is, at best, a rough indication of the situation. The expenses and income for the retreat have not yet been fully accounted for. There remain a small handful of Peace and Social Concerns organizations — six in number — for which contact data has still not been made available to the Treasurer. Payouts to these organizations eventually will add \$2,400.00 to the expense budget.

The Treasurer is grateful for the effort members have made to get contact data for the organizations we wish to support through the Peace and Social Concerns grant program. Twenty-seven organizations have received their grants, or have been scheduled to receive their grants if the Peace and Social Concerns Committee's calendar assigned

them to November or December for their payouts. In Supporting Document B, attached, organizations with green marks have been paid, or are scheduled for payment. Data needs to be gotten for the organizations with white spaces next to their names.

At the last business meeting, which the Treasurer could not attend, the wish was expressed to see the relationship between the income and expenditures to date, and the budgeted expenditures and income as they were planned for at the beginning of the fiscal period. This is provided in Supporting Document C. Comparison between the year-to-date figures and the budget will be aided by figuring that on October 31, 2018, which is the date the figures were compiled, 83.3% of the year had elapsed.

Although there is some uncertainty to these figures given the still-to-be-settled Retreat expenses, and the six as-yet unpaid Peace and Social Concerns donations, it is very

clear that to balance the budget we are going to need the traditional end-of-the-year avalanche of contributions from the people not giving on a monthly basis. Even some of the monthly contributors might be able to spare a little more at the end of the year. The Finance Committee is

planning to work on getting out the end-of-the-year appeal mailing on November 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Supporting Document A

**Income/Expense by Category - Year to Date
1/1/2018 through 10/12/2018 (Cash Basis)**

Category	1/1/2018- 3/31/2018	4/1/2018- 6/30/2018	7/1/2018- 9/30/2018	10/1/2018- 10/31/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME					
General Fund Contribution	6,402.69	2,696.59	8,353.41	2,347.10	19,799.79
Interest and Dividends	5.10	5.16	5.02	3.80	19.08
Reintegration Grant	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Retreat Fee Income	0.00	0.00	2,540.00	1,030.00	3,570.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,907.79	2,701.75	10,898.43	3,380.90	23,888.87
EXPENSES					
Huntington House	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
MMM Oper. - Hospitality	0.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	300.00
NYYM Allocation	4,125.00	4,125.00	0.00	8,250.00	16,500.00
Operations - Breakfast	76.00	21.50	0.00	0.00	97.50
Operations - Finance	20.00	176.35	0.00	0.00	196.35
Operations - First Day Child Care	475.00	370.00	0.00	690.00	1,535.00
Operations - Literature	0.00	13.47	0.00	0.00	13.47
Operations, Comm. - Website	160.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	100.00	2,400.00	1,400.00	3,450.00	7,350.00
Outreach - Scholarships, Relief	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Retreat Expense	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,156.00	7,716.32	2,600.00	12,390.00	27,862.32
OVERALL TOTAL	1,751.79	-5,014.57	8,298.43	-9,009.10	-3,973.45

Morningside's Peace and Social Concerns	2018 budget	Schedule	Memo (in bold) / Comment
Local Hands-on Organizations			
Woodbourne Prison Quaker Worship Group (Pam Wood & Helen Garry Toppins)	300.00	As Requested	
Alternatives to Violence Project NY (Pam Wood)	400.00	Aug	\$200.00 sent
Huntington House-Sarah Powell (Helen Garry Toppins)	200.00	Dec	
Redemption Center (Pam Wood & Helen Garry Toppins)	600.00	June	
Flushing Interfaith Council (Naomi Paz-Greenberg)	350.00	Dec	\$50 Mbrship + \$300 for Social Justice Committee
Brooklyn for Peace (Pam Wood)	100.00	Dec	
Sacred Heart Church School, Camden, NJ (Joyce Richardson)	200.00	June	For the School
Wider Quaker Fellowship			
Friends General Conference (FGC) (Robert Renwick)	400.00	March	
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) (Bryana Wigfall)	400.00	Dec	
FCNL (Kathy Stackhouse)	700.00	March	
AFSC: Healing & Justice NE Region (Pam Wood)	600.00	May	
Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (Karen Taborn)	200.00	July	For Liberation Summer Youth Advocacy Training Camp + additional 200.00
FLGBTQC (Robert Renwick)	200.00	Dec	Ujima Friends Peace Center
NY Yearly Meeting ARCH (Charlene Ray)	200.00	May	
NY Yearly Meeting Sharing Fund (Helen Garry Toppins)	600.00	Nov	
Quaker UN Office (Ernie Buscemi)	400.00	Nov	
Right Sharing of World Resources (Sally Campbell)	400.00	Nov	Note that Postage Stamps also go to Right Sharing
Quaker House of Fayetteville (David Britton)	200.00	Dec	
Ramallah Friends School (FUM) (Pam Wood)	800.00	ASAP, July	\$200 ASAP for new Head of School; \$600 in July for Scholarship Fund
NYQMAfrican Education Committee (Corona Macheemer)	800.00	Sept	
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (Pam Wood)	400.00	March	
Samburu Mission (Kenya) (FUM) (Pam Wood)	100.00	August	NEW
National/ International Organizations			
National Religious Campaign Against Torture (Dave Britton)	50.00	Dec	Membership Fee (for 2019)
Center for Conscience and War (Pam Wood)	300.00	June	
Christian Peacemaker Teams (Naomi Paz-Greenberg)	500.00	July	
AGLI (African Great Lakes Initiative) (Pam Wood)	500.00	Dec	
Progress Guatemala (Charlotte Ehrman)	200.00	Dec	
Lambi Fund of Haiti (Sally Campbell)	600.00	Sept	
Hispanic Federation Unidos Disaster Relief and Recovery Program (Pam Wood)	300.00	April	NEW; Puerto Rico relief (Morningside made emergency contribution in 2017 out of Meeting funds)
Coalition for Immokalee Workers (Naomi Paz Greenberg)	100.00	August	NEW
Mercy Corps - Guatemala	200	June	
Environment			
Quaker Earthcare Witness (Tom Goodridge)	300.00	Dec	
Sane Energy Project (Amala Lane, Richard Schmidt)	500.00	ASAP	NEW Trust for Conservation Innovation
Total Provisionally Allocated (3/18/2018)	11,900.00		
P & SC Reserve Fund (for emergencies)	900.00		Difference between sum of initial allocations and budget from Meeting
TOTAL (Including Reserve Fund)	12,800.00		
BUDGET FROM MEETING	\$12,800.00*		

*Equivalent to P&SC's Budget from Meeting in 2017

Supporting Document C

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget	Year- to-date (Oct. 31)
1	Balances at the Beginning of the Year			
2		37,438	36,972	36,972
3	Funds Restricted as to Use			
4		782	663	663
5		500	500	500
6			500	500
7		38,720	38,634	38,634
8		(1,858)	(685)	315
9		500	500	500
10		144	132	132
11		37,506	38,581	39,581
12				
13	Income			
14	31,254	38,801	37,680	19,800
15	Contributions - Restricted as to Use:			
16		500		500
17		400		
18	18	19	20	19
19	(780.00)			
20		3,060	3,200	3,570
21	1,665			
22				
23		119		
24				
25				
26		32,157	42,900	23,889
27				
28	Expenses			
29	15,397	15,976	16,500	16,500
30	Outreach:			
31	11,568	11,850	12,800	7,350
32	0	300	300	
33		519		200
34				
35	660	1,520	2,000	350
36	Operations			
37	2,100	2,100	1,000	220
38		567	0	
39				
40			1,000	
41	1,460	2,000	2,400	1,535
42	0		100	
43	373	390	400	300
44	101	166	200	98
45	25	393	400	
46		3,950	3,200	1,100
47	177	194	300	196
48	297	108	300	13
49		40,032	40,900	27,862
50		1,368		
51				
52		500		
53				
54				
55		32,157	41,900	27,862
56				

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget	Year- to-date (Oct. 31)
57	Balances at the End of the Year:			
58	Unrestricted Reserves	37,438	36,972	36,286
59	Funds Restricted as to Use			
60	Huntington House	782	663	663
61	Crumlish Bequest	500	500	500
62	Reintegration Fund		500	500
63	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:	38,720	38,634	37,949
64	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	(2,218)	315	
65	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500
66	Unrestricted funds in petty cash (hospitality)	144	132	132
67	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	37,146	39,581	38,581

Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report

Peace & Social Concerns met on October 21 2018.

Attending were Sally Campbell; Kathy Stackhouse; Richard Schmidt; Robert Renwick; Dave Britton; Corona Machermer (acting as clerk)

The meeting opens with a few moments of silence.

1. The Committee continues to miss Naomi Paz Greenberg, as we determine who will be the new liaisons with “her” groups. David Britton agrees to become liaison for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, and to pursue whether that Morningside become a sponsor of the National Farm Workers Ministry. As reported last month, David Fletcher has volunteered to check out the Christian Peacemaker Teams. Our membership in the Flushing Interfaith Council will be laid down, since Naomi was our connection with Flushing. (Morningside has sent a final contribution of \$350 to the Council’s Social Justice Committee in Naomi’s memory.) Who will oversee Morningside’s participation in Amnesty International’s Write for Rights campaign is yet to be determined.
2. The committee is concerned that, since checks to the organizations we support are now being sent directly from the bank, without a cover letter, the personal connections between these small organizations and Morningside, which are maintained by the

liaisons, may be diminished. Corona agrees to contact Dan Seeger about whether he can let the liaisons know when a check is issues, so that the liaison in turn can write to his/her contact to let that person know that the check is on the way. Presumably any subsequent thank-you letter would then be addressed to the liaison. [Dan has agreed to do this, provided that the email addresses of the liaisons are included on the disbursement list.]

3. The committee also asks that liaisons take it upon themselves to regularly distribute materials they receive from the organizations they represent to the Morningside Google Group—especially emails calling for actions or announcing events. [Because Naomi Paz Greenberg was the sole administrator of the Group, it will have to be reconstituted. While this process is underway, continue using the current group: MorningsideQuakers@googlegroups.com.
4. On Sunday, November 18 (the third Sunday), at 1:00 pm Bryan Wigfall will make a presentation to Morningsiders about the Friends World Committee for Consultation, which is one of the organizations Morningside supports. All are welcome.

The next meeting of Peace & Social Concerns will take place next Sunday, November 11, at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corona Machermer, clerk

Communications Committee Report

The committee met on November 1, 2018. Attending were Bryan Oettel, Kathy Stackhouse, and Corona Machemer (acting as clerk)

1. The committee decided that the annual updating of the Morningside Address Register should take place in the New Year. While the current register dates from November 2017, the holiday season is not the best time to update it. The exact timing was left undetermined. The decision involves Ministry & Counsel as well as the Communications Committee, and in any case, the update should not be undertaken before the new membership of both the concerned committees has settled in.
2. The Morningside Google Group, MorningsideQuakers@googlegroups.com, which serves as a vehicle to keep its members informed on issues and events related to Peace & Social Concerns, was established by Naomi Paz Greenberg, and she was its sole administrator. According to Google, this means that the group cannot be “taken over” by another person, and therefore new members cannot be added to it. In consequence, the committee has established a new group, MorningsideQuakers2, with Bryan Oettel

and Kathy Stackhouse as administrators (“owners” in Google-speak). It is intended that a third should be added. All members of the old Google Group, indeed all Morningsiders, will be invited to join the new group. Until it is up and running, the old Google Group will continue to function.

3. The committee spent considerable time on the Morningside website, www.morninsidemeeting.org. We systematically went through the site, updating pages that were out of date and discovering occasional oddities in the functioning of the site that we will have corrected.
4. We also are concerned that, despite changes made last spring, the website is still not being visited or used much by Morningsiders, and there was considerable discussion of why that is and how to remedy it. One problem, as we see it, may be that the design is too static, too formal—when compared, for example, with the new Flushing Meeting website (check it out). We welcome all your thoughts and suggestions.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for November 19.

Respectfully submitted,
Corona Machemer