

Adelphi Friends Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
Tenth Month 8, 2006

Opening

The meeting was opened with a period of silent worship. Our clerk, Ann Marie Moriarty, read the query of Baltimore Yearly Meeting for the tenth month, which focused on the peace testimony:

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion for all wars"? Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peace-keeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

The agenda was reviewed. Twenty-one Friends were present.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as submitted.

Clerk's Mail - Ann Marie Moriarty

Lincoln and Carol Cory expressed gratitude for the anniversary activities and would like to continue to stay in touch with Adelphi. They also sent a contribution to the Meeting.

Janet Smith provided the e-mail contact for Junior Young Friends Program - grades 6,7,8 - and a list of upcoming conferences.

Finance Committee - Phil Martens

Phil reported that the last month's giving was up from the month before, but still leaves us with a shortfall of \$4,000 for the year. Some adjustments were made to the budget to reconcile due dates and deposit dates.

Nominating Committee - Wendy Eck

This is the first reading of the following nominations for meeting committees:

Chase Clement - Trustees
Arthur David Olson - Assistant Treasurer of Takoma Park
Karen Cunnynggham - Treasurer
Joy Newheart - School Board to fill out a vacant term
Mary Robinson - School Board to fill out a vacant term

Interim Meeting - Ann Marie Moriarty

Interim Meeting will be held October 21, 2006, at Homewood Meeting. Trustees and Stewardship and Finance committees are closed; all other committees remain open.

Corresponding Clerk - Ann Marie Moriarty

The corresponding clerk, Ann Marlowe, has sent a letter to Ann Arbor Meeting to request sojourning status for Jen Chapin-Smith for the next 6 years.

Reports on the 50th Anniversary Weekend

Pastoral Care - Joy Newheart

Pastoral Care was pleased that the work for the past 15 years culminated in the dedication of the Memorial Garden. Friends found the dedication activity very moving.

Ad Hoc Celebration Committee - Michael Newheart

The Celebration was a great success. There were 180 Friends for dinner Friday evening - including many Friends from Adelphi's "early days". Long-range planning activities on Saturday included "dreams" for Adelphi that are being collated and reviewed. Singing played a large part in the Celebration - Richard Broadbent and Jesse Paledofsky sang in the evening and Friends were recorded singing favorite songs on Sunday morning. Along with a slide show of early photos for Friends, everyone gathered for a group photo on Sunday morning.

The singing CD will be available soon as a fundraiser for Young friends and copies of the group photo will be made for distribution.

The Celebration spent \$2,979.00 - \$21.00 under budget.

Other Friends

The discussions of the past, present and future of Adelphi were very good.

There was no time wasted during the weekend.

We should learn to continue to talk positively and plan together more often.

There was a sense that the Spirit was also in attendance.

The Celebration raised the threshold for meeting experiences.

Approved Minute: FRIENDS APPRECIATED THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE WEEKEND OF ACTIVITIES THAT WERE TO EVERYONE'S BENEFIT.

2007 Budget - Phil Martens

This is the first reading of the 2007 Adelphi Budget. Phil drew attention to items that were changed from the last year and concerns brought to the committee during the year.

The process of requesting budgets from committees went well and showed that the requests had been thoughtfully considered. The Budget does not meet the entire amount requested from some committees. Rather than accept the request of \$9,000 from House and Grounds for mid-range capital improvements, the Finance Committee will develop a plan for funding this type of improvement that would be recorded outside of the traditional budget lines.

The projected donations needed to meet the budget are a 1% increase over the projections for this year.

The request for funds against the Sharing Fund and Quaker Organizations and Community Organizations fluctuate considerable from year to year. Rather than try to anticipate those request, the line items were lowered to reflect an average amount, with knowledge that some funds may need to be added to those lines - Sharing Fund returned to \$1,400 and Quaker Organizations and Community Organizations lowered to \$10,000. The Finance Committee is working on

recommendations for a congregational aide fund that would support camping, conferences and sharing. These fluctuating costs often result in a process of changing the budget throughout the year.

The Committee recommends not using the balance forward from one year to another to fund the new budget year. This budget is based only on donations expected. The one exception for this year is to carry over \$1,000 from Peace and Social Concerns to make the total expenditure for Community Organizations \$11,000 for both 2006 and 2005.

The final list of Quaker organizations and Peace and Social Order recommendations for donations to Community Organizations will be available soon. The Finance Committee will be recommending a change in how Quaker Organizations are funded rather than have the only criteria be their history with the Meeting.

New items -

The Mother Jones Tutoring Project has become an import outreach activity and is represented with a line item amount of \$800.00.

The cost of requesting background checks on Religious education volunteers was a significant cost this year, but will not remain at that level since most of the background checks have been completed. The cost will move from Religious Education to Pastoral Care.

Discussion -

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting apportionment has decreased this year because we made an additional quarterly payment last year because the \$10,000.00 from the Koenig estate was counted as income last year.

The corrected figure of the one-time supplement from 2005 surplus is \$200.00.

The Memorial Garden income and expenses will be recorded "off budget" when they have been clearly defined. The Memorial Garden will come under House and Grounds to see if it will be carried as a routine expense or an improvement expense. The largest anticipated expense is wiring for electricity and installation of the planned water feature. There may also be some funds left over from the playground project to allocate toward the fountain.

There is still time to get those donations in, Friends.

Nominating Committee Second Reading - Wendy Eck

Approved ANN MARLOWE FOR NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

Search Committee -

Approved SUSAN RICHARDSON FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Pastoral Care - Joy Newheart

After meeting with Thomas Bassert and hearing about how his experiences here at Adelphi led him to request membership, Pastoral Care recommends his request be accepted.

Approved - THOMAS BASSERT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ADELPHI FRIENDS MEETING THIS FIRST DAY, TENTH MONTH, 8, 2006.

Safe Haven - Ann Marie Moriarty

Christine Ashley will be asked to represent Adelphi at the Safe Haven coordinator's meeting on October 21, 2006. Our Safe Haven week begins December 17, 2006

Request for use of the Meeting House from the Greensboro Justice Fund -
Ann Marie Moriarty

This is a fundraiser for the Truth and Reconciliation meeting that took place in Greensboro this year and was help in making steps toward healing. There is no charge to attendees, although donations will be encouraged. Allison Duncan is closely involved in this project.
Approved - THE USE OF THE MEETING HOUSE ON DECEMBER 30, 2006 BY THE GREENSBORO JUSTICE FUND.

Other Business - Ann Marie Moriarty

Dee Clarkin has requested to withdraw her membership at Adelphi Friends Meeting in order that she might affiliate with a different faith community without encumbrances. A committee from Pastoral Care will meet with her to ensure that the Minute of Appreciation for her service was brought to her attention.

Announcements - Ann Marie Moriarty

The Yearly Meeting Women's Retreat will celebrate its 10th birthday at Patapsco Friends Meeting on November 12, 2006.

A publisher has been identified for Deborah James' book. Our job is to assume the cost for publishing by buying her book.

Friends Community School Fall Fair is October 21, 2006 at the school.

The meeting closed with a period of open worship.