

Minutes

Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business Twelfth Month 10, 2006

Opening

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship, with 21 friends present. Our clerk, Ann Marie Moriarty, read the queries of Baltimore Yearly Meeting for the twelfth month, which focus on the environment. They are: Do you try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do you seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world? Friends considered the queries in silence.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. The minutes of eleventh month meeting were approved as corrected.

Corrections: Finance committee report, first paragraph, last sentence. Strike "of \$1000 each," so that last sentence reads, "They recommend that the \$10,000 budgeted be distributed to these organizations in equal amounts."

Clerk's Mail

The mail included photos sent to us of Gordon Bishop's wedding. Nellie Herman wrote a note saying she is well and teaching Latin in New Hampshire, and that she is part of Manadnock monthly meeting. There were a number of thank-you letters from Quaker organizations that had received donations from AFM. There were many year-end appeals for donations. Louise Woodstock sent her thanks to those who had contributed to a baby gift for her.

Friends United Meeting sent an update of their activities.

Finance Committee – Phil Martens

Phil reported that we met our giving guidelines by the end of the fiscal year on November 30. He noted that close to half of funds given during the fiscal year were contributed in November and December. The finance committee would love to have more regular giving so that there will be income received in what are now the low months of April and May. He urged people to set up regular giving electronically through automatic funds transfers or to otherwise remind themselves to give regularly through the year. He reported that as of this past week, there was a positive balance of \$22,000.

Friends expressed appreciation for the work of the finance committee and for making the reporting of the finances easily understandable to all of us.

Phil read the list of Quaker organizations being presented for a second reading to receive funds from our meeting in 2007. **The meeting agreed that a total of \$10,000 will be given to the following twelve organizations in equal amounts:**

- The American Friends Service Committee
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Friends Council on Education

Friends General Conference
Friends House/Friends Nursing Home, Sandy Spring
Friends International Center Ramallah Meetinghouse Project
Friends Peace Teams
Friends World Committee on Consultation
Quaker Earth Care Witness (formerly Friends in Unity with Nature)
Pendle Hill
Quaker House, Fayetteville, NC
William Penn House

Nominating Committee – Wendy Eck

First reading of the following names and committees:

FIRST READINGS

Ann Marlowe, Directory 07-09
Linda Wolfe, Outreach and Fellowship 07-09
Grant Schmick, Adult Religious Education 07-09
Mosi Harrington, Peace and Social Concerns 07-09
Christine Lucas, Assistant Recording Clerk 07-09
Amity Hall, Adult Religious Education 04-09
Tom Skallerup, Finance 07-09
Chris Brophy, Catoctin Weekend 07-09
Johnna Schmidt, Catoctin Weekend 07-09

The following names and committees were given a second reading and approved:

Martha Gay, Finance 07-09
John Wolfrum, Safe Haven Coordinator 06 - 08
April Downs, Religious Education 07-09
Ray Lane, Peace & Social Concerns 07-09
Stephen Schwenke, Peace & Social Concerns 07-09
Suzanne Costillo, Hospitality 07-09
Phillip Payette, Hospitality 07-09
Amy Greene, Outreach & Fellowship 07-09
Wendy Eck, Outreach & Fellowship 07-09
Carole Hoage, Outreach & Fellowship 04-09
Alaine Duncan, Adult Religious Education 07-09
Rob Duncan, Adult Religious Educations 07-09
Peter Curtis, Ministry & Worship 07-09 (beginning in spring)
Carol Biegel, House & Grounds 07-09
Chris Hough, William Penn House Board 07-09
Alexander Barnes, FCNL contact 99-09
Steve Woods, Adult Religious Education 04-09
Carol Ann “Pud” Baker, Recording Clerk
Beth Anderson, Silent Announcements Coordinator

Wendy noted that the Pastoral Care committee is in great need of people. Members of this committee in most cases need to be members of our meeting. The Finance committee needs another member, as do House and Grounds and Religious Education. FGC and BYM interim meeting representatives are also needed.

Peace and Social Concerns – Matty Lau

The meeting approved that the \$2,000 surplus in Fiscal Year 2005 be used to give the following organizations and the amounts to be given to them with the \$2,000 surplus that we had to use last fiscal year. The amount will be divided in half, with half allocated to the 2006 fiscal year and the 2007 fiscal year. Funds for one of the organizations originally proposed is being held until concerns about one of the organizations is cleared up. The meeting gave discretion to the Treasurer and to the Peace and Social Concerns committee to decide which funds would be given as part of Fiscal Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2007.

Ministry and Worship – Reuben Snipper

Reuben brought a proposal from the Ministry and Worship committee to change the term of committees to be the same as the fiscal year. This was considered a first reading of this proposal, and it will be brought up again at the February business meeting.

On behalf of Adelphi Earthcare Witness, Ministry and Worship would also like to propose that 9:00 am meeting for worship be held outdoors on the second Sunday of the month, although worshippers may decide to worship inside. This proposal was also considered a first reading and will be brought back to business meeting in February.

Other Business

Rob Duncan, as outgoing clerk of the Pastoral Care committee asked that people think about who they think would be good to serve on this committee. He said that this committee holds up some of the toughest corners of the meeting. Members of the committee need to have both the spiritual strength and the time to take on some fairly weighty tasks. People can volunteer but they can also recognize the gifts of others in our meeting who might do this work well.

Closing

Meeting closed after a period of silent worship, with 21 Friends present.