

Minutes – DRAFT

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Conduct of Business
Fifth Month 20, 2007

Opening

The meeting was opened with a period of silent worship. Our clerk, Ann Marie Moriarty, read the query of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice for the fifth month, which focused on home and family:

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes for the April business meeting were not available yet to the illness of the recording clerk. Christine Lucas filled in as the assistant recording clerk for this meeting.

Clerk's Mail – Ann Marie Moriarty

- Mail from the Kenya Friends Theological College seeking support;
- Thank you from Quaker Earthcare Witness for the participation of Adelphi Friends in the stream cleanup;
- Thornton Friends invitation to their June 17, 2007 graduation;
- Information from Pendle Hill for the summer term;
- Barton Friends Meeting has peace-oriented book covers for sale.

Finance Committee – Phil Martens

Report is through April 2007 not March 2007 as stated in the agenda for this meeting. Phil reported that the meeting is almost but not quite at the level of giving needed for March and April 2007. The Finance Committee prefers to see more regular giving than "binge giving".

All three 2-day scholarships have been distributed for first-time attenders to the BYM annual meeting. They were given to Beth Anderson, Stephanie Warner and?. They will be in Frostburg the last week of July and 1st week of August 2007.

Sylvia Graves, the new General Secretary of FUM, might be able to visit Adelphi on June 9, 2007. Help would be needed for that to happen.

Nominating Committee –

This is the first reading of the following nominations for meeting committees:
Dave Diller - Finance

Takoma Park Friends Preparative Meeting - 2007 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report – Ann Marie Moriarty

The report was read by those in attendance and accepted. Ann Marie will send it to the Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Report from Trustees – Chase Clement

Today was the first reading of the “Adelphi Agreement”; a letter of understanding among Adelphi Friends Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Young Friends Executive Committee, BYM. Young Friends are having self-governance issues as evidenced in a letter from Laurie Perman (see attached). This agreement attempts to establish how Young Friends will conduct themselves while using the Adelphi Friends Meetinghouse.

Some expressed that the troublesome behavior is a part of “growing up” and needs to be addressed carefully.

June Confer expressed that the Young Friends of BYM need to understand and use Adelphi’s “Youth Safety Policy”. Additionally, there needs to be something in the agreement about how Adelphi will be compensated for physical damage done by BYM Young Friends. Currently, BYM does not have its own “Youth Safety Policy”. Perhaps if they read and understand ours it will prompt them to create one. Ours was created, in part, for insurance purposes.

There was discussion about the “Use of Tobacco” policy for Adelphi. What is our current policy? Ann Marie will look into this. Some expressed that there should not be smoking on the premises at all; it only encourages the behavior.

Robalee Chapin and Rob Duncan stated that there should be discretion in sending a Young Friend home right away as stated in the agreement. Harold Confer said he would feel betrayed if he, as a parent, had not been informed of his children’s poor behavior.

Rob Duncan expressed that there seems to be strong adult leadership and a strong sense of community missing at BYM right now. Additionally there is no youth secretary at this time.

Ann Marie ended this discussion by stating that noting that there did not seem to be a sense of the Meeting that we adopt this agreement at this time, and Trustee Committee should read and discuss it again. There was no objection.

Pastoral Care – Robalee Chapin

The clerk of the Pastoral Care Committee received an e-mail from Jennifer Chapin-Smith presenting what she perceives as a leading to travel with the BYM Intervisitation Program. She is seeking a clearness committee. Her support committee determined that Jen has a leading and recommended that she be given a traveling minute. The “Traveling Minute Under a Concern” would go from Adelphi Meeting to BYM. Jen needs to get the traveling minute written for business meeting to read and approve for the June 10, 2007 Adelphi Business Meeting. If received, it will be sent out electronically for review.

Announcements – Ann Marie Moriarty

Rachel Stacey attended the FUM Triennial in Kenya and wrote an insightful and extremely lengthy report which also sheds light on the disagreements and issues that have caused divisions between many BYM Friends and FUM Friends. Ann Marie will post a copy in the foyer, and e-mail a copy to anyone who would like to have it.

The meeting closed with a period of open worship.