

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship for Business
4/10/2011

APRIL MINUTES

Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship, during which the Clerk read: extract #155 by Hannah Whitehall Smith, 1903, on p. 140, *Faith and Practice*.

22 Friends were in attendance.

May Meeting for Business will be the FIRST Sunday.

The Clerk read a letter of request for marriage under the care of Meeting from Meredith Brookes and Timothy England. The selection of a Clearness Committee was referred to Care Committee.

The Children's Inclusion Committee Annual Report is postponed until May.

Finance Committee requested a postponement to May. Approved

Bob Brookes, substituting for Jake McGlaughlin, gave the Nominating Committee Report, attached.

Connie Brookes, for Nominating Committee requested that, since there is no longer a Newsletter, the Newsletter Committee be laid down. Friends Approved.

Bob Brookes reported that the ad hoc Communication and IT Committee will soon be providing a news and information bulletin for visitors and for Attenders and Members who do not have internet service. At some point in time, the Committee will morph into an, as yet undefined, permanent standing committee.

The Website Committee welcomes comments and advice from members and attenders about the site.

Kitty Mizuno gave us an update on the "Show Me the Franklins" presentation tentatively scheduled at Lawnside School on Saturday, June 11th. Since this is a Meeting activity, Kitty asked the Meeting to approve her fund-raising and support-seeking efforts in general and to approve asking Meeting members to make a donation and to assist by distributing pledge cards and/or publicity to individuals and business contacts.

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities has sent 90% of the grant money. Peace and Social Concerns Committee will bring a request to the Meeting for Business in May for some additional monetary assistance from the Meeting's "Special Concerns Fund".

Interested Friends are invited to attend the next Peace and Social Concerns Committee meeting at 9:00am on Sunday, May 8th in the library at the Meeting House.

Kevin Heizer, reporting for Property Committee, said that the School is looking for a new home for several copies of the King James Bible. Do we want them? We decided that, "Yes", we will take them and if the Meeting doesn't need them, we will offer them to members.

On Sunday, May 1st, the School is having a clean-up day around the classroom part of the building grounds. Friends are invited to participate.

The inside of the Meeting House and all of the additions are and - so far as is known, always have been, non-smoking areas. Last month, the question was raised as to the status of the outside of the property. There was clear agreement that there was no stated policy in regards to smoking on the grounds surrounding the Meeting House. Friends decided to put a discussion of the question on the April Agenda. As directed, Kevin Heizer, for Property Committee, brought the question back to the Meeting today for a decision. There was clear unity on the rightness of declaring the whole property a non-smoking area. So, while acknowledging the futility of 100% enforcement, the sense of the Meeting was to go forward with the total smoking ban.

Property Committee was directed to work out the details.

Kevin also reported that Rick Ross, our Meeting Custodian, resigned, effective April 15th. Rick was recently given more responsibility at his other job. He feels that this would make it impossible for him to give the necessary time to his duties at the Meeting House.

Property Committee approved Rick's request to stay in the house until April 30th with a few limited responsibilities. The search has begun for a replacement.

Decisions need to be made as to the extent of the new person's responsibilities – whether or not to go back to having him/her be responsible for all custodial work, including the routine cleaning of the floors and the grass mowing, or to contract out one or both of these time-intensive jobs (as we have been doing recently for the floor cleaning). Another possibility is to hire a building Manager to just make sure that whatever needs to be done, gets done, whether it be to make sure the building is opened/closed at the appropriate times, tables and chairs are set up and taken down as needed, or make arrangements for professional services or take care of emergencies.

Property Committee will be meeting and talking with Finance Committee to determine the financial ramifications of each of these possible solutions or combinations thereof.

Property Committee is to bring a preliminary report to May Meeting for Business, including a job description and the latest information on the search for a possible replacement for Rick. Whoever is hired will have to be approved by the Meeting, either at a Meeting for Business in session or at a Called Meeting for Business.

Friends approved a "Minute of Gratitude" to Rick for service to the Meeting. The Clerk will send a note to Rick

Deedy Roberts reported on the PYM Interim Meeting. There were a lot of young people in attendance. There is to be a Yearly Meeting census of non-active Monthly Meeting members – Where are they?; What are they doing?; Are they members or attenders of other Meetings? If not, how do we bring them back?"

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne R. Hoxie Heizer
Recording Clerk