

# Haddonfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship for Business

8/14/2011

## AUGUST MINUTES

Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship.

Friends approved a minute of appreciation to Joanne Heizer for her many years of service as Recording Clerk.

21 Friends were in attendance.

Bob Brookes and Connie Brookes expressed a desire to have their thanks to the Meeting for its oversight of the marriage of their daughter Meredith to Timothy England minuted. A copy of their letter of appreciation is attached hereto.

**John Donch**, as Treasurer, presented his Annual Report, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Meeting expenses exceeded those budgeted by approximately \$3,000. One reason for the difference was a couple bounced checks. Also, payroll was underestimated. Landscaping was significantly higher than budgeted, but the Meeting no longer is hiring a caretaker. Umbrella liability insurance coverage was increased to a total of \$9 mil. Nothing was budgeted for separate incorporation of the School, but the Meeting did not receive the bill for Irvine Consulting until the 2010 fiscal year. The Meeting received \$884.20 in contributions earmarked for the School and paid to the School one-half of that amount. The Treasurer invested the other half for the School. Distributions on that fund are paid over to the School. This fund demonstrates the Meeting's care for the School.

Meeting minuted its concern with the fact that Worship & Ministry Committee has for a few years exceeded its budget. It recommended that Worship & Ministry consult with Finance Committee before undertaking a program that exceeds its budget.

Contributions for the Graveyard Fund are no longer needed. General contributions are encouraged.

Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report with thanks.

The Meeting minuted its appreciation for the work of Maria Alvarado for her patience and the wonderful job she is doing in the First Day child care program.

The Finance Committee and Peace & Social Concerns Committee did not present reports.

**Kevin Heizer** presented the report for the Property Committee. The State has sent several notices to the Meeting because the boiler is leaking. Property Committee has solicited quotes and proposals for repair or replacement. It is likely that the old boiler will have to be replaced and removed, which will cost approximately \$30,000. Friends discussed options for raising that amount. Friends approved a special appeal to members and attenders for contributions for this purpose. This appeal should not be combined with the general annual appeal. An ad hoc committee consisting of Bob and Connie Brookes, Drew Biehl and Virginia Barker will handle this special appeal.

The School has requested that it be allowed to install a shed on the Meeting House property behind the stage left wing. The Meeting has requested that the School remove its property from the Meeting House basement because of moisture issues. Friends approved the request, conditioned on receipt of all local approvals. The License Agreement between the Meeting and the School will have to be amended to cover the School's ownership of and responsibility for maintenance and removal of the shed. There shall be no cement slab unless required by the Borough or manufacturer.

**Deedy Roberts** presented the PYM Report on the Annual Session. Much discussion centered on the 2012 budget. The Deepening and Strengthening process has aided many meetings. Young people under 40 have been much more involved in presenting reports, etc. There were lots of good food and fellowship.

On September 24 at 2 pm there will be a Memorial Meeting at Haddonfield Meeting for Tony Prete sponsored by Haddonfield and Central Philadelphia Monthly Meetings.

Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business concluded with a period of worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

**Connie and Bob Brookes  
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August 13, 2011

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting  
c/o Drew Biehl, Clerk

Re: Brookes/England Wedding

Dear Friends:

On behalf of Meredith and Tim and the Brookes and England families, we thank the many members of our community that gave their time, their love and their spirit light in support of the marriage of Tim and Meredith in good order under the care of the Monthly Meeting on August 6, 2011.

Although you are too numerous to mention and we don't want to leave anyone out, we feel led to acknowledge especially the couple's clearness committee (Diane Snyder and David Smith) and oversight committee (Judy Owens, Wayne Smoot, Pam Perry, Scott Buchheit and Pam Anderson).

On the day of the wedding, the Meeting House and grounds never looked better, and the positive effect on the families and visitors can't be overstated. This was the result of the work of many Meeting volunteers who helped with gardening, set-up, hospitality and clean-up. In addition, Kevin Heizer provided invaluable assistance before, during and after the ceremony. Many of our guests have told us they appreciated the welcoming embrace of Quaker hospitality.

Most importantly, we are grateful that our Meeting gathered and worshipped with our children or were there in spirit for the wedding. This made the Meeting for Worship for Marriage a more powerful spiritual experience for all and blessed the couple with love as they start their life's journey together. Please continue to hold Meredith and Tim in the light.

Best regards,

*Connie and Bob*

Connie and Bob Brookes