

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
1/8/2012

JANUARY MINUTES

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

26 Friends were in attendance.

Hiltrud Dodge presented her thoughts about Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Many people in their '60s have lost their jobs, and that loss has changed their lives. She believes that Art Larrabee should resign in the interest of fairness.

Meeting approved the minutes of the December 2011 minutes.

Bob Brookes presented the Annual Report of the Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. Highlights included a March 2011 First Day School Program on end of life planning. There were only two memorial services in 2011, one for Dawn Frederickson and Tony Prete. There were two interments without memorial services, one for William Cowperthwaite and the other for Charles Evers. Landscaping and maintenance of the graveyard have continued and the graveyard appearance is improved. The Committee finalized its research and recommendations for green burials, and Pam Anderson has put information about the committee and burial ground information on the website. Friends accepted the report with thanks.

Connie Brookes reported on the 2012 U.S. tour of the Drepung Gomang Monastery. A copy of her report is attached hereto. The monks are renowned for the sacred art of sand mandala. A representative of the Monastery reached out to the Meeting asking if it could host their activity(ies) this year. Connie is willing to coordinate the visit in either this spring or the fall. Meeting approved Connie's moving forward with preliminary discussions.

Judy Owens presented a minute from Worship and Ministry, Care and Religious Education Committees, a copy of which is attached hereto, concerning bringing the Extended Worship Group to Haddonfield on First Day each month. The three committees propose that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to consider the possibility. Bob Brookes recommended that Friends review the December 2011 issue of "Friends Journal," which contains an interview with a Friend from San Francisco who is part of the Convergent Friends movement, which appears to be a Christocentric group. Friends discussed some of their concerns with possible disruption to the spiritual and financial life of Haddonfield Meeting as well as the value of exposure to new ideas. Connie Brookes volunteered to be part of the *ad hoc* committee, and David Austin will represent Religious Education Committee. Worship and Ministry and Care Committees will appoint representatives as well. The *ad hoc* committee will report back at the next business meeting. Friends approved the concept of establishing the *ad hoc* committee, and the issue is held over for reconsideration next month.

Lois Hinski discussed overhaul of the Meeting contact list. Different people have made different efforts to contact people on the list to update their information. Judy Owens stressed the importance about the difference between updating the list for communicating purposes and an official membership list of the Meeting. Friends thanked Lois for taking on this responsibility. The contact list will identify members. People who have not responded to requests for updated information and who are not known to those working on this project will be dropped from the list.

Lois suggested that a list of items needed for hospitality be maintained. The Hospitality Committee has been laid down, and Worship and Ministry has taken over some of its responsibilities. Ceil suggested that the online "newsletter" regularly identify which committee is responsible for the next month's refreshments.

Kathy Fastiggi spoke about the carol singing on Christmas Eve. Some people sang very softly. Some participants thought that preparation seemed a little confused. It was emphasized that it is not required of Quakers to sing softly. Everyone who attended, however, thought it was a joyful, well-attended event.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.