

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
10/13/13

OCTOBER MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 10, "Stewardship of the Environment," p. 213, Faith and Practice.

25 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the minutes of the June, July and September Meetings for Worship for Business.

Judy Owens raised the issue of revision of the Gardening Group decision made last month to retain a landscape architect. Before the September meeting, we did not have the issue reviewed by Property Committee or any other committee. The expenditure of funds will be postponed until the Gardening Group meets with Property Committee.

The Clerk turned to the Communications and Outreach Committee recommendation that the School and Meeting share a website. The agreement between the Meeting and School provides that the Meeting would retain www.haddonfieldfriends.org. The School is using that domain but transitioning over to a new domain. After that transition, each website will include a link to the other entity, to show the connection between them. The Committee will work with Bill Patterson, the Webmaster, to effectuate this change.

Bob Turrin presented two issues from the Property Committee. First, it recommends that the Meeting reconsider its arrangement with the Dead Playwrights Repertory theater company to require it to purchase liability insurance for when it uses the Meeting House. The Meeting earns about \$1650 each year from the theater company. The Meeting has a good relationship with the theater company. There is the potential of liability to the Meeting arising from the operations of the theater company. Given the potential for the Meeting's exposure to liability, a liability policy should be required. Friends approved.

Second issue: the Dead Playwrights Repertory is storing props, etc. in the back of the stage. There is so much there now that the School cannot use the stage. Property Committee requests that the number of items stored be reduced sufficiently so that the School can use the stage. Meeting approved the Property Committee's meeting with the Dead Playwrights Repertory to minimize its storage, in respect to both time and storage. Kevin Heizer mentioned that many other items are stored there, including by the School. Everyone involved should remove the items that they don't need. Friends approved Property Committee's working with all groups that have items stored there.

Connie Brookes for Nominating Committee presented updates to the Committee List. She highlighted the changes. Once it is approved, the list will be posted on the website. Kate Varevice has agreed to be responsible for the Meeting Calendar. She will also handle rentals. The best way to contact Kate is by email. AFSC has requested that monthly meetings appoint representatives to it, and KP Perkins has agreed to serve in

that capacity. Kathy Fastiggi should be added to the 2016 panel of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. This is an open committee. Kate and Pete Varevice should be added to the Ministry of ChildLife Committee. PJ Bielavitz is clerk of that committee. Lisa Boyell and Ellen Domraf should be added to the 2015 panel of the Meeting and Community Committee and Debbie Partenheimer to the 2016 panel. Jay Beirne is clerk of that committee. Friends approved.

Lisa Boyell presented the year end budget to actual report as of June 30, 2013, a copy of which is attached hereto. The line items for Fiduciary Investment Income and Maintenance have been corrected. She also presented the budget to actual report as of October 8, 2013, a copy of which is attached hereto. Three line items under "Miscellaneous" have been broken down, for Sale of Lawn Mower, Interest Earned and Insurance Dividend. Bob Turrin noted that Property Committee has already expended a large percentage of its budget for Tree Removal & Maintenance. Property Committee wants to keep within budget and therefore may refuse requests for some expenditures for the balance of the year. Friends accepted the reports with thanks.

Diane Snyder presented Care Committee's Update on membership. Letters were sent in June to all members who have not been heard from, and have not contributed, in at least three years. Angel Andrews, Dan Snyder, Becca Williams and Gabe Williams have resigned from membership. Friends accepted their resignation.

Deedy Roberts reported on yesterday's Interim Meeting; a copy of her report is attached hereto. Arthur Larrabee reported an unrestricted \$30,000 bequest from the estate of Russell Tuttle. There is an energy at the National Council of Churches which bends toward concerns for peace and social justice and which very much resonates with Quaker concerns and energies. The Search Committee for the New General Secretary presented the job description for the position, which Interim Meeting approved. Listening Sessions are planned in various corners of the Yearly Meeting to share thoughts with the Search Committee. In 2014 General Sessions will be held at Muhlenberg College July 23 -27, 2014.

The Clerk reported on correspondence received. Quarterly Meeting will be held at Westfield on Oct. 27. We will have additional attendees at Covered Dish on Oct. 20, since the School is specially invited to that Meeting. Quakerism 101 will start on Oct. 24. PYM Middle School Friends will stay in this Meeting House the weekend of Oct. 25-27.

The next Meeting for Worship for Business will be held on November 10.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

Interim Meeting - October 12, 2013

After a period of silence **Arthur Larrabee presented his report.**

- We have received an unrestricted \$30,000 bequest from the estate of Russell Tuttle.
- On our relationship with the National Council of Churches. "...although our PYM language is less Christocentric, I find there is an energy at the NCCC which bends toward concerns for peace and social justice and which very much resonates with Quaker concerns and energies."
- He wrote "...as General Secretary, I have been concerned that we have not done a very good job of figuring out how to effectively engage our meetings and members on matters of concern which some among us believe call for PYM-wide witness and action." He feels the need for a Yearly Meeting wide discernment process. Yearly meeting wants to engage the monthly meetings on matters we care about which we would like to speak in the name of us all.

Wonderful things happening in other meetings

- Chestnut Hill has a new meeting. skyspace@chestnuthillquakers.org
- Medford Meeting continues to hold peace vigils.

Search Committee for New General Secretary. Chiyo Moriuchi presented the job description. Interim Meeting approved. From now until December the committee will be soliciting applications. Listening Sessions are planned in various corners of our Yearly Meeting to share our thoughts, wishes and ideas with The General Secretary Search Committee. Our local area meeting will be at Arch Street Meetinghouse on November 9th at 1:00 P.M. There will be child care and refreshments. If you can't attend this meeting share at <http://tinyurl.com/PYMSurvey2> Some related comments:

- Need for a prophetic vision of our mission.
- There may be a transition in PYM's future to a new kind of structure
- We are a horizontal, not a vertical organization. It could be conceived as the three floors in a house with the monthly meetings on the ground floor, the quarters on second floor and Yearly Meeting up in the attic. There are plenty of stairs and communication and we are all in the same house.

PYM Long-Range Planning Group Report (some points) PYM will:

- Assist local meetings in fostering dynamic, Spirit-led faith communities....
- Connect Friends through effective communications and technologies.
- Develop and communicate widely clear messages about Quakers and PYM
- Simplify governance and administration
- Foster a climate conducive to innovation and change within PYM
- Plan and hold annual sessions and other PYM-wide gatherings
- Facilitate effective PYM-wide corporate witness and social action
- Partner with other Quaker organizations to achieve common goals

Sessions Planning: Philadelphia is a more expensive venue than college campuses for PYM. The numbers were lower for children this summer because we did not give scholarships. In 2014 we will be again meeting in Muhlenberg College. The dates are July 23rd to 27th. The theme will be "Worship is a door to love."

Submitted by Edith Roberts, October 12th, 2013