

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
11/10/13

NOVEMBER MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 11, "Stewardship of Resources," p. 213, Faith and Practice.

18 Friends were in attendance.

Judy Barnes presented an update on the Gardening Group. In August she proposed a minute to authorize funds for the retention of a landscape architect. Part of the group's planning involved drainage difficulties of the property. Meeting at that time approved expenditure of \$180 to retain the landscape architect. Subsequently Property Committee and Gardening Group discussed the fact that Property Committee had not been brought into the deliberations. The expenditure would come from Property Committee's budget, which is lean for this year because of certain unusual expenditures. The Gardening Group still would like the Meeting community to be involved in plans for the property. Therefore, there will be a significant delay in carrying out the August minute. The Group is considering how to raise funds for this project. It will continue to involve members of Property Committee in its deliberations. Connie Brookes stated that the budget is a guideline, and the Meeting can rationally and carefully consider alternatives for payment of important property-related expenditures. She also stated that perhaps next year's budget should include a line-item for the Gardening Group.

The Clerk stated that Property Committee will continue to work with the outside groups who are storing items behind the stage.

Deedy Roberts reported on the deliberations of Interim Meeting on November 9. A copy of the handouts she received is attached hereto. She also attended a meeting to envisage the type of Clerk PYM should have. She summarized the communications from the Long Range Planning Committee and identified the established Thread Gatherings. A breathing exercise was particularly helpful in clarifying the purpose of the Thread Gatherings to weave together the perspectives and experiences of PYM members and meetings. Interim Meeting considered and approved the job description for the new General Secretary.

The Clerk raised the question of whether Worship & Ministry Committee will take on the responsibility of organizing a meeting for worship on Thanksgiving Day. It will meet this week and advise Deedy Roberts of their decision, so Deedy can communicate it to e-mail recipients.

The Clerk summarized upcoming holiday events. Religious Education Committee is organizing a Simple Gifts First Day School program on December 1 and carol-singing at Cadbury on Dec. 15. The carol-singing is intergenerational and a meaningful event for all participants. The group will join in a pot luck lunch at the Meeting house after worship

and before convoying to Cadbury. Membership and Community Committee is sponsoring the following activities:

Christmas AM Potluck Breakfast, 12/25 – Mary Noland is the point person for this event.

Bob and Connie Brookes Breakfast 12/22

Thanksgiving Service, 11/28 – Worship & Ministry Committee.

Carol Sing 12/24 (tune piano!) - ??

Melanie Monk and Veronica Salaam were responsible for last year's Carol Sing, which was very successful. Meeting agreed that we should hold the Carol Sing again this year. Kate Varevice, a pianist, has agreed to work with the children to prepare for the Christmas program and Cadbury. This preparation may help with the Carol Sing also. The worship room piano is tuned one half-tone lower than concert pianos, so that it cannot be played with a concert instrument. Hopefully by December Meeting for Worship for Business we will have an ad hoc committee organized for the Carol Sing.

Lois Hinski will be responsible for creating a handout summarizing Meeting and School holiday events.

The next meeting of the Meeting and Community Committee is scheduled for Nov. 20.

The Spiritual Formation Group of Haddonfield Quarter will hold its Final Retreat in our Meeting House next weekend. Fourteen participants will share worship and lunch with us.

The Clerk raised a concern about the need for paid staff. Some monthly meetings have part-time paid clerical staff. The mechanical steps for our meeting to draft and mail correspondence can be burdensome for the Clerk and committees. Quarterly Meeting clerks are discussing this issue, which will be reviewed at the next Quarterly Meeting in January 2014. Bob Brookes mentioned that the Meeting and Community Committee had discussed the creation of a more robust Correspondence Clerk position, to handle both incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Other concerns: Michelle Tartar mentioned that on Nov. 24 the First Day School program will center on her College of New Jersey writing program at the women's prison in Trenton. Two recent college graduates who have been involved will speak of their experiences.

The next Meeting for Worship for Business will be held on December 8. The annual reports of the Library Group and the Memorial and Graveyard Committee are due at that meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.