

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
4/13/2014

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 4, "Care for the Meeting Community," p. 208, Faith and Practice.

26 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the Minutes of the Meeting for Worship for Business in March with one change: the Minutes of the Meeting for Worship for Business in February were approved in March.

Friends discussed the question of whether minor members should become adult members of Haddonfield Meeting at age 21. Should it be 18? Should it be automatic? A child may apply for membership whenever he/she becomes so convinced. These issues will be referred to Care Committee.

Justin Loughry gave an update on the Garden Project. A copy of his summary letter is attached. Three new co-coordinators have stepped forward: Mary Noland, Cindi Krammer from Newton Meeting and Lee Parry from Westfield Meeting. Ruth Darlington and Priscilla Adams stepped down effective March 31. The program will resume twice a month beginning on May 1. The transition in co-coordinators is proceeding smoothly. Justin thanks the Meeting for its long time support. The Clerk thanked Justin and Mary Noland for their efforts. Mary noted that the many volunteers participating enjoyed the fact that there is no visible distinction between volunteers and Garrett House residents. K.P. Perkins has become very involved in the knitting of shawls that celebrate each participant's "graduation" from Garrett House.

The Clerk stated that we have received a request from PYM's *Faith and Practice* Revision Working Group. The Working Group plans to bring three sections of the new draft of *Faith & Practice* to Annual Sessions this summer for a "first reading". (The text is not approved until after the "second reading" in July 2015.) In preparation, the Working Group invites monthly meetings to review and comment on the drafts as they are being developed. The Working Group has created an online survey tool to collect responses. One or more Friends from each monthly meeting should be appointed to facilitate the Meeting's review and response to drafts. On June 12 all feedback should be entered in the survey tool. All responses will be considered. The proposed text will be posted prior to Annual Sessions. Judy Owens and Inspira have the links to the survey. Inspira suggests that a group of Haddonfield Friends take responsibility for this project and that Worship & Ministry review the draft(s) also. Individual comments should be directed to Worship & Ministry and the ad hoc group appointed today. Those Friends will submit Haddonfield Meeting's comments to the survey. Bob Brookes, John Donch and Bill Patterson will comprise the ad hoc group.

The Clerk announced that we have received a gift from a former member, Bob Scattergood. He contacted the Monthly Meeting through its website about whether the

Meeting would like to receive a large Eisenstadt water color painting of the Meeting house. The painting was a gift from the artist and his wife. Bob is now moving from Connecticut to Portland, Oregon to be closer to family. A few older Friends remember the Scattergoods. Judy Owens has spoken to a few Friends about insurance, preservation and restoration of the painting. In the painting the now huge trees next to the Meeting House are bushes. Bob Brookes, Lucy Savarese and Pam Anderson will comprise this ad hoc committee.

Connie Brookes presented the Income & Expense report as of 3/30/14 for Finance Committee. A copy is attached hereto. 75% of the year has passed; we should be about 75% of the way through the income and expenses in the budget. We are running behind on expenses (60%), but there are several large expenses that have not been paid yet. We are at 84% of income, but included in that amount are two unusual contributions of \$10,000 each. Contributions are at 61%. Fiduciary income will come in a little over budget. Finance Committee has started working on the budget for the next fiscal year. It will have to consider seriously what income will be expected and therefore perhaps certain expenses will have to be reduced. John Donch stated that Haddonfield Quarter will probably be expecting a smaller contribution from Haddonfield Monthly Meeting for next year.

One of the \$10,000 gifts is the Bonnie Drago bequest. Finance Committee wants to defer the decision on how to use that gift. The Clerk will send a letter to the Drago family expressing the Meeting's appreciation for Bonnie's bequest.

The other gift was for property repairs and maintenance. Finance Committee decided to ask Property Committee for its recommendation on use of that gift. Connie Brookes will send to the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the donor, a thank you letter acknowledging the restriction on the gift. The President of the Board of the Church is the husband of Ventina Hershey, the business manager at HFS.

Bob Turrin reported on Property Committee's recommendation on use of the gift from. The Property Committee shared the following list on possible use of the funds:

- Repaint the kitchen;
- Priority 1 is repair of roof leaks – three 3' square areas above the attic are actually dripping water, and Bob placed buckets there. There is also a minor leak above the Early Childhood Center.
- Repair of the amplification system in the Meeting House;
- Repair gouges on the wall in the Meeting House;
- The commercial range in the kitchen is connected to a gas shutoff valve on the floor beneath the range. One has to slide under the stove to turn it off. This could be replaced;
- The gas meter cannot be read from inside the building;
- A black tar roof over the foyer must be repaired;
- Ceiling tiles must be replaced in the auditorium.

After repair of the roof, safety issues will be addressed.

Bob mentioned that no one is maintaining the Meeting House calendar. Property Committee therefore has suspended requests for use of the building. The Committee will create a set of instructions for handling requests for use of the building.

The Clerk presented a membership update from Care Committee. The following individuals have resigned from membership:

Angel Andrews
Greg Gaul
Gary Shivers
Dan Snyder
Gabriel Williams
Rebecca Williams

Care Committee has not been able to contact the following individuals, who therefore have fallen out of the memory of the Meeting:

Leah Feinman
Tim and Tanya Hogan
Hillary Maitland
Liam McGlaughlin
Gail Nichols
Thomas Polite
Bill Schultz
Jared Schultz
Bill Schmidt
Melissa Tomasetti
Cecelia Wogan
Lynda Yamamoto

Friends approved the resignation and release of the members listed with the exception of Bill Schultz. Further efforts to contact him will be made.

Deedy Roberts reported on the Interim Meeting held on April 12. A copy of her report is attached hereto. Christie Duncan Tessmer, the longtime office manager of Friends Center, has been selected as General Secretary. Ron Ploeg presented the Treasurer's Report. There was a very conservative budget for this year, and personnel expenses are reduced. There is a surplus for this year. FGC is coming up June 25 – July 5. PYM is coordinating the gathering, and it will be held near Pittsburgh this year. Deedy will post information about Christie Duncan Tessmer and FGC on the Meeting House bulletin board.

Deedy Roberts raised concerns about Easter Sunday hospitality. We will have extended hospitality instead of covered dish that Sunday. We will not have covered dish this month.

The Clerk raised the issue of what type of tribute the Meeting will give to Bob and Connie Brookes, who will be moving sometime this summer. Friends interested should speak to Jake McGlaughlin.

The Clerk discussed communications that she has received:

- At Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship, Ralph Green, a Friend from Maine, spoke about Joshua Evans, who is buried in an unmarked grave at Haddonfield Meeting. He was a contemporary of John Woolman and spoke around the country on abolition. Ralph stated that Evans' journal was the best he has ever read. He will send his copy to Pam Anderson. The children were very engaged and excited about the presentation.
- The Envision Peace Museum is asking Haddonfield Meeting to partner with it. The Clerk will post information about it on the Bulletin Board.
- Rocky Wilson will be presenting "Song of Myself: Walt Whitman and Poetry of Rocky Wilson" on Monday, April 28 at the Deptford Public Library.
- Quarterly Meeting is on April 27 in Atlantic City, and the Worship & Ministry Retreat will be on April 26.

Various Friends wondered when the Meeting will get its domain name/website back. The School will be changing its domain name to haddonfieldfriendsschool.org, but it has not moved ahead to do so. Under the License Agreement with the Meeting, it was supposed to have done so 1 ½ years ago. The Meeting/School Liaison Committee will discuss this issue with the School.

The next Meeting for Worship for Business will be held on May 4, 2014. At that meeting we will receive the annual reports of Care Committee and Property Committee, a report on the Library and a Preliminary Budget Report and Balance Sheet Report from Property Committee.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

Interim Yearly Meeting
April 12, 2014

Arthur Larrabee is preparing to leave the office of clerk. He will step down in August.

He announces that a new PYM Directory will soon be in hand.

Chiyo Moriuchi presented the General Secretary Search Committee Report. The committee came to unity on Christie Duncan Tessmer. There was wholehearted joy and Interim Meeting accepted the appointment. See document. Yearly Meeting will welcome her at Annual Sessions.

Ron Ploeg presented the Treasurer's Report. We have a net income of \$450,691. We did not go in the red this year. Andrew Anderson and Linell McCurry said our new budget was conservative because they don't know if there will be a renter at 1515. The budget is only sustainable through our contributions. Please come to thread gathering.

Long Range Planning asks us to read their report on the web. They want this discussion to go to the Monthly Meetings. This will come up at PYM in three months.

Re-Kindling Our Fire

Early Registration for Friends General Conference ends today, Sunday. This is the first time we've hosted and led it since the Cape May Conference. Find car pools etc., etc.

Let Love be the First Motion