

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
May 1, 2016

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 5, "Education," Faith and Practice, p.208.

Friends approved the minutes of the April 2016 Meeting for Worship for Business.

26 Friends were in attendance.

Dayna Sharp presented a Proposal to separate Religious Education/Child Life Committee. It was suggested that a separate committee for child care be established. The child care responsibilities are too extensive for one group to attend adequately while planning adult and children's First Day School programs. Friends approved.

Deedy Roberts presented the preliminary report of Nominating Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. Jake McGlaughlin is recommended for Clerk and Linda Lotz for Rising Clerk. Pat Williams will continue to serve as Recording Clerk. The title for Quarterly Meeting Assistant Clerk should be Haddonfield Meeting representative to the Committee to Assist the Clerk. The committee noted that some people were serving on too many committees, and asked for volunteers to fill the many vacancies.

Linda Lotz presented the Quarterly Meeting Report, including the June picnic information and an Intervisitation request. The picnic will be on June 26 at Medford Meeting House. There will be activities for children. Grilled food will be provided, and attenders should bring supplements. There is a brochure with information about the meetings in Haddonfield Quarter to make Intervisitation easier. At the last Quarterly Meeting there was a good training on Alternatives to Violence. The children's activities were a lot of fun.

The Clerk thanked individuals who organized and prepared food for yesterday's Care/Worship & Ministry Retreat, led by Rose Ketterer.

Louise Senopoulos, Clerk of HFS Board, presented the Haddonfield Friends School Annual Report, a copy of which is attached hereto. This year was very exciting, with non-stop action. The bad news is that there has been a large drop in enrollment since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Fundraising has also been challenging. To address this, there is a new Head of School (HMM member Matthew Sharp) and a new Director of Enrollment. The School has retained a public relations firm to get information about school activities into local papers. About a month ago a decision in a disability discrimination court case involving HFS was issued. Both Louise Senopoulos and Judy Owens, clerk of Meeting, participated in day-long depositions. The judge determined that the School is a religious organization, so it is not required to handle every disability. This was a landmark decision. The new Head of School has been handling two jobs essentially, already participating in School activities and meetings. The Meeting board members are Dave Austin, Louise Senopoulos and Drew Biehl. Robin Morrow, a Haddonfield Meeting attender, is a new Board member. The School has a Facebook

page, which can be accessed by a link on the School's website. The page has 143 likes; Friends are encouraged to "like" the page.

Matthew Sharp commented that the parents he has met have been very supportive. The faculty is a very bright and engaging group. The Middle School experience is getting stronger by the hour. Next year there will be electives such as crocheting, Mandarin, kayaking, etc. It is very expensive to educate children, and tuition cannot cover all costs.

The Clerk mentioned Wednesday morning worship with the School. All are encouraged to attend. It is 9:15 a.m. every Wednesday. There is a Board committee called Quaker Life, in which interested Meeting members and attenders may participate.

Bob Turrin presented the Property Committee Annual Report. The biggest project this year was replacement of the front half of the Meeting House roof. There was no damage to the roof deck. The job was completed successfully. Repairs to the plaster were made. This project required approval of the Borough Historical Commission. The damage to the facing wall was repaired. There is a very large security light over the garage and School wing. The light over the garage malfunctioned but has been repaired. Multiple light fixtures in the hallways were repaired. The carpeting in the building was professionally cleaned. Extensive roof repairs were made in the classroom wing. The top of the roof is white gravel. The entire peripheral edge of the roof was swept so the underlying asphalt and flashing could be repaired. The lighting in the parking lot was improved. A nonfunctioning security light was replaced with two 250 watt lights; PSE&G made this upgrade at no cost to the Meeting. Two additional lights were installed. An enormous branch of a London plane tree hung very close to a power cord; the Committee had it removed. The Committee cleaned out the garage, which had contained many paint and solvent cans. Professional gutter cleaning was arranged for twice a year. If they are not cleaned, rain leaks into the dirt floor basement. Many third parties have used this facility. The garage area has been weeded and cleaned up. The furnace in the caretaker's house had to be repaired under a service contract. There was a problem with the hot water in the building; the mixing valve had to be replaced. Ginny Barker and Bob appeared before the Historical Commission to put shutters on the second floor of the front of the Meeting House. The Commission and Planning Board both approved. This project has been paid for by a donor. Magnetic labels have been put on all kitchen cabinets. Lisa Boyell and Bob provided insurance certificates for the insurance audit that occurred. Bob Turrin will be rotating off the Committee. Clean Up Day on May 15 will focus on the graveyard. Friends thanked Bob for all his hard work.

The Clerk discussed recent correspondence and calendar reminders: We received a request from the President of the senior class at Olney Friends School to use the Meeting House for its multi-day senior trip to Philadelphia. Kevin Heizer would meet with them and give them an introduction to the property. Questions include coordination with the School. Friends approved waiver of all fees for use of the property, including the security deposit, but the usual insurance certificate will be required.

We received the news that Florence and Howard McKinney's daughter, Kathy McKinney/Miller died on April 18. Her memorial service will be held May 7 at Chestnut Hill Meeting at 2pm. She asked that memorial donations be made to the EMIR Healing Center, the Re-evaluation Foundation, or Chestnut Hill Meeting.

The 2016 Friends General Conference Gathering will take place July 3-9 at the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

May 12 from 10 am to 11:30 Drew Smith, Director of Friends Council on Education, will be speaking at Medford Leas.

Tom Hill, the chairperson of the Old Pine Farm Land Trust, advised that it is seeking a caretaker.

The next Meeting for Worship for Business is scheduled for June 12. Reports due that month are:

- Nominating Committee Final Report
- Final Meeting Budget
- Childcare Guidelines
- Care/Worship & Ministry Annual Report
- Religious Education/Child Life Annual Report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

*Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Committee List
2016-2017*

<i>Clerk - ***Jake McGlaughlin***</i>	<i>Alternate Clerk - Pam Perry</i>
<i>Recording Clerk - Pat Williams</i>	<i>Alt. Recording Clerk - Bill Patterson</i>
<i>Correspondence Clerk - Edith Roberts</i>	<i>Council of Churches - Matt Sharp</i>
<i>Treasurer - Lisa Boyell</i>	<i>Meeting Calendar - Pat Williams</i>
<i>Asst. Treasurer - Susan Borkowski</i>	<i>Rep. for AFSC -</i>
<i>Recorder - Drew Biehl</i>	<i>Rep for FCNL - Kathy Fastiggi</i>

*Quarterly Meeting Asst. Clerk -
Quarterly Meeting Nominating Comm. - Bill Patterson*

Committee for Care of Members and Attenders + Worship and Ministry
Ex Officio:

<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Ceil McFadden(2)</i>	<i>Judy Barnes(2)</i>	<i>David Smith</i>
<i>Lois Hinski(2)</i>	<i>Maria Shivers(2)</i>	
<i>Melanie Monk</i>	<i>Anna Mae Sutterley</i>	

Religious Education

<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>David Austin</i>	<i>PJ Bielavitz/ Megan McHenry(2)</i>	<i>Nancy Engle(2)</i>
		<i>Dana Sharp(2)</i>

Child Care Oversight Committee

Ex Officio: Rob McDevitt

<i>2016</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
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Membership and Community + Communication and Outreach

Under the care: Fran O'Neill, Matt Sharp

<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Jake McGlaughlin*</i>	<i>Sarah Greenblatt(2)</i>	<i>Lois Hinski*(2)</i>

<i>Trish Prete</i>	<i>Lisa Boyell(2)</i>	
<i>John Donch</i>	<i>Pam Anderson</i>	<i>Debbie</i>
<i>Partenheimer(2)</i>		

Peace and Social Concerns

2017	2018	2019
Donna Maccherone (2)	Justin Loughry (2) *	Kathy
Fastiggi (2)		
Fred Maccherone (2)	Linda Lotz (2) *	Doug Campbell
		Priscilla Adams

Property Committee

Ex Officio & member: Kevin Heizer

2017	2018	2019
	John Donch (2)	John Sheffield (2)
Ginny Barker (2)	Pam Anderson (2)	
Maria Shivers	Josh Ponter	

Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee

2017	2018	2019
Lisa Boyell (2)	Ruth Podolin	Deedy Roberts
Kathy Donch	Scott Buchheit	Karen Dillon
Ann White		

Nominating Committee

Care Committee has been contacted to fill other slots

2017	2018	2019
Pam Perry (2) *	Melanie Monk (2)	Deedy Roberts
Lisa Boyell (2)		Kathy Donch
Elena Lahr-Vivaz		

Library Group

Librarian - Veronica Salaam

Assts. - Jackie Stevens, Ruth Podolin, Lucy Savarese

Treasurer's Working Group

Treasurer - Lisa Boyell

Asst. Treasurer - Susan Borkowski,

Mary Ann Gaffney

Ginny Barker

Sheryl Harrison - Liaison from Financial Stewardship

Consultant for Fiduciary - Louise Senopoulos

Financial Stewardship Committee

Sheryl Harrison*

Drew Biehl

John Donch

Bill Patterson

May Weldon

Judy Owens

Ad Hoc Group for Hospitality
Hiltrud Dodge 856-429-5524
Therese Barringer 856-220-4250
Toni Weber 856-428-1520
Lois Hinski 856-745-0997
Maggie McVeigh 856-429-4390
Charlotte Chastain 856-429-3628

Report to Haddonfield Monthly Meeting from HFS

Highlights:

Bad News first:

September 2015-September 2016 saw an enrollment drop of 184 to 144. (Tuition is roughly \$15,000/student) Our new Head of School and New Admissions Director are working very hard to get that number back up but it's a slow process. A combination of significant budget cuts, increased enrollment, and increased development needs to happen to get us closer to a balanced budget.

Development Shortfall: Only about 2/3 to our budgeted annual giving goal of \$40,000.

Law Suit – Good news: Claims that we discriminated under the ADA (because we are religiously affiliated and do not receive state funding we are not required to accommodate all disabilities under the American Disabilities Act) were dismissed by Judge Joseph Rodriguez – proclaiming that HFS was in fact a religious school operating under the care of a religious organization. This finally settled after more than 200 years of wondering!

One small piece of the lawsuit still remains and will be resolved in mediation. Peggy and I will attend that on June 3rd.

Good News last:

Head of School Search – Matthew Sharp! Already at work although official start date is July 1.

New Admissions Director – Bob Thomas

PR Firm Media Friendly – Cheryl Squadrito, former HFS parent and huge fan.

Board Members – HMM – Dave Austin, Chris Werner, Drew Biehl, and Myself.

Members of other meetings: Sam Allen and Anne Coleman from Moorestown, Dwight Dunston from Merion Friends Meeting,

Non-Quakers: Errol D'Souza and Karriem Salaam, HFS alum parents, and Nora Jones

Brand new member: Robin Morrow, HMM attender , former board member, and current HFS parent.

You can now see brief bios on each board member on the HFS website.

Facebook – If you're on FB please go to our page and Like us! If you want to just see the page, you can click on the FB icon on the top right hand corner of the HFS website. Website also has pictures and videos.

Trip to Costa Rica- the 8th graders just spent this past week in Costa Rica, where they hiked, toured, studied the environment, but also did service projects including a reforestation project: planting trees on small farms to help create a sustainable habitat for the wildlife.

The 8th graders also collected school supplies to take to a school they visited on their trip

Coriell Science Fair Awards

Four HFS middle schoolers won awards at the Coriell institute science fair and three were eligible to compete at the regional level!

