

Minutes of Meeting for Worship for Business
May 14, 2017

MFWFB began with a period of silent worship during which Friends shared excerpts of the fifth query from Faith and Practice.

Drew Biehl stood in as recording clerk in the absence of both recording clerk, Pat Williams and alternate recording clerk Bill Patterson.

The clerk reported on the Shivers-Otterson wedding held at the Meeting on April 22. The wedding was a beautiful event in which many Meeting members participated by helping to clean and spruce up the building and grounds. Additionally, Matthew Sharp reported on the school fundraiser held last evening at the Fortnightly. It was an outstanding success, with much money made from the auction. These two events have brought a recent energy to both the Meeting and the School.

Pam Perry presented the preliminary nominating report as attached. The committee continues to look for members to fill open spots on several committees. We expressed our gratitude to the committee for its continuing work.

The clerk circulated a proposed budget (attached). The document depicts two tiers of budgeting for the coming year: one tier shows a bare bones, basic budget that keep the meeting running; the second tier shows an enhanced budget that gives us an ability to participate more fully in outreach and support of our mission both within our own Meeting community, and in the wider Haddonfield community. There was much discussion about the numbers and how we might put to good use additional funds. Very good ideas were brought up and excitement grew. The Clerk asked the Financial Stewardship along with the treasurer and Finance committee to review and report with a final proposal for the next month.

Stuart Harris' children have donated \$15,000 for Meeting House maintenance in memory of Stu. We discussed use of the funds in accord with Stu's lifelong contributions to the Meeting. Additionally, a memorial of some sort will be considered.

HFM will host the Haddonfield Quarter annual picnic on June 25th. The Meeting will need all hands-on deck to help host this event. We will move forward as we plan for the event and others will be asked to help.

On Saturday, June 3, the Meeting will be setting up the Memorial to the Lost. The Memorial is a T-shirt display that represents gun deaths in Camden, Gloucester, and Atlantic County in 2016. There are almost 100 T-shirts, each bearing the name of an individual killed by gun violence, the date of death, and their age when they died. For more on this, see <https://blogs.swarthmore.edu/academics/pcs/2016/09/13/memorial-to-the-lost/> . We will be starting to put up the supports on Saturday 6/3. Volunteers are needed to put the shirts on the supports on that day. Contact the Doug Campbell (cell 856-291-1532 or email weightyfriend@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Though promoted by Haddonfield Friends, we have the support of all of the churches represented by the Haddonfield Council of Churches on this project. They have agreed to be co-sponsors. A formal kickoff for the program will be on Sunday June 4 at 2 PM with speakers at Grace Episcopal Church. Then we will walk through the downtown to the graveyard wall with a closing remembrance of 2016's gun violence victims, with prayers from Rabbi Abby, Rev. Bill Getman, and an Imam. The Haddonfield police will close off street parking along the graveyard wall for the afternoon for safety and visibility.

The Clerk reminded us to keep track of all spending we do for the Meeting. We are encouraged to seek reimbursement; however if we choose to our expenditures as in-kind donations, the clerk would still like to be told the amount so all events and related spending can be tracked.

A Minute of Affirmation and Support for the wedding for Alexandria Zofia Kolaski (a former child member of Meeting) and Joseph Michael Nagel was circulated. The Meeting approved the minute stating that the meeting is in full support of the union. The wedding will be held June 3, 2017 in Utah.

Meeting for worship for business closed with a period of silent worship. The June meeting will be held on June 11, 2017.