

**Haddonfield Monthly Meeting**  
Meeting for Worship for Business  
October 11, 2015

MINUTES

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

26 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the minutes of the September Meeting for Worship for Business.

Sheryl Harrison presented an update on the work of the Ad Hoc Stewardship Committee. She distributed queries for Friends to consider:

- What do you treasure about Haddonfield Meeting and would feel a loss if it disappeared? Friends mentioned the building, Quaker process.
- How is your financial giving to Haddonfield Meeting a gift to you? One Friend mentioned keeping alive a community that is very important to her. Another stated that she can't do it alone. She prays at home but feels like she must be here in this community. She feels that she has to do her part. It is a gift to the Meeting and that gift returns to her. Another mentioned that he has no feeling of receiving a gift in return when he contributes.
- "My Meeting needs me." How true is this belief to you? One Friend mentioned that this belief is self-evident.
- What resources does Haddonfield Meeting need that you are in the position to supply? Each of us can contribute by our presence. The physical presence is what makes the Meeting. Everyone can contribute something, even if that person has little money. One Friend mentioned an individual who used to make many repairs to the building.

Sheryl said that these are all threads of the Quaker fabric. However, because of the world we live in, we must provide financial resources.

Bill Patterson led a discussion about patterns of our giving. Attached are graphs that demonstrate how many families contribute and the amount of contributions by families at different annual contribution levels. Most families give less than \$500; that group contributes a total of \$8,000 – 9,000. Those that contribute \$2,500 or more contribute a total amount of \$23,000. Each contribution has a significant impact on the Meeting's ability to function. One Friend commented that no graph can show the circumstances of each family. Each family should make the Meeting one of the top two or three recipients of its contributions.

May mentioned some updates to the budget. These changes will be explained and presented for approval next month.

Meeting minuted its appreciation to the work of the Ad Hoc Financial Stewardship Committee and all those who have worked on summarizing our financial situation.

Linda Lotz presented details on the Oct. 25 Quarterly Meeting. She emphasized the need for books for the Books through Bars project. She is collecting the plans of individuals to contribute food for the lunch. Preregistration for child care is required. One Friend mentioned that Quarterly Meeting has become a wonderful occasion because of the planning that went into it. Linda described the history of the Quarterly Meeting, as it has to adjust to PYM's financial crisis. PYM staff for quarterly meetings were terminated, and the quarterly meetings have now transformed into networking as well as business events.

Veronica Salaam presented the Annual Report from the Library Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. It supports the Meeting by purchasing books that it thinks will be of interest to members and attenders. At the end of the fiscal year, the committee took a shopping trip to Pendle Hill's bookstore and spent the balance of its budgeted amount. It has started a Library Corner in the monthly newsletter. It maintains the Pendle Hill pamphlets and other PYM publications. 500 books were catalogued. One Friend noted that the Library is "just smoking" in its delivery of quality service.

Bob Turrin presented an update on the work of the Property Committee. The Meeting received a request for use of the auditorium by the Lucky Nickle Theater Company to conduct its rehearsals and performances from Dec. 5 – 12. The total amount of the rental is \$630. There will be no Meeting person in the building for all of those rehearsals and performances. The Scheduling Coordinator will inquire as to the name of the performance. The theater company has requested to store props on the stage during their use of the property. There will be no extra fee charged for that storage. However, Friends approved increasing the security deposit from \$150 to \$300 to cover the risk of having to remove a lot of props if the theater company does not clean out the space. Friends approved the use of the property by this company contingent upon the Scheduling Coordinator's approval of the nature of the play.

The Property Committee is also looking into updating the hearing assistance equipment in the worship room. It is having the extra carpeting that it purchased when the worship room carpeting was installed bound to cover heavily used areas. The shutters in the basement are not serviceable. Three leaking valves associated with the boiler are being repaired.

The Clerk reported on correspondence received in the last month:

- Roberts/Webster Wedding – Clearness Committee to be assigned by Care/W&M- The Clerk read the letter from Deedy Roberts and Dick Webster requesting their marriage under the care of the Meeting. Care Committee will appoint a clearness committee to meet with the couple and bring back its recommendation for approval.
- Brookes' letter of transfer – It has been a year since Bob and Connie Brookes retired to New Hampshire. They have been attending Ware Monthly Meeting and have enjoyed worshipping there. They are now requesting that their membership be transferred to Ware Monthly Meeting. Care Committee has recommended approval of the transfer. Friends approved, with regrets.
- Continuing Sessions- Continuing Sessions takes the place of PYM Interim Meetings.

## Continuing Sessions at Westtown School November 7, 2015



Come to Continuing Sessions, a new and meaningful way to be together, and follow our leadings in the world!

It's one day to conduct the business of PYM, worship and facilitate our common interests so that we can all do the work that is meaningful to each of us in relationship with one another.

We will work on one query together which was discerned at Annual Sessions: "What is God calling PYM Quakers to do next to end racism and white supremacy in the Religious Society of Friends and Beyond?"

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- John Woolman Memorial Celebration – 10/17 – Mount Holly Meeting.
- Elena Domras – Web Calendar with help from Sarah Greenblatt
- Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust fundraiser at Arch Street – 10/23
- Newsletter reminder – The newsletter can be richer and more helpful if the editor receives more contributions. Judy Owens will not be able to remind people of the newsletter deadlines and copy the newsletters for the next two months. A volunteer to take over these responsibilities is needed.
- Friendly 800s -

The next Meeting for Worship for Business is scheduled for November 8. Drew Biehl will clerk in Judy's absence.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

HMM Library Committee  
Annual Report  
October 2015

The Library Committee continues to support the Meeting by purchasing books and materials that enhance the learning and enjoyment of members and attenders. Several materials purchase where at the request of members and to support other committee, especially Religious Education.

The current members of the committee are as follows: Clerk Veronica Salaam, members Ruth Podolin, Jacquelyn Stevens and Lucy Savarese. Lucy joined the committee this year and has been an asset since she is an avid reader of Quaker books and publications. Jacquelyn continues to catalog our collection; we have over 200 books already in our online catalog on Librarything. Ruth does much of our advertising in the Meeting Newsletter in our "Library Corner" segment; she also takes the meeting minutes.

This year the committee took our annual shopping trip in June to Pendle Hill where *Quaker Books* has relocated. We used the remainder of our budget for the fiscal year. The entire \$400.00 budget was spent for the year and the committee was reimbursed for purchases made. We did extensive weeding of the collection earlier this year of book that were outdated, damaged or inappropriate for the collection in order to make room for new materials. Many of these books were placed on our "Book Swap" cart; others were donated to area libraries. The book Swap has not been very successful this year; we have only made about \$5.00 so we may need to try something new. Several books have already been purchased during this new fiscal year including books to support upcoming First Day school programs. Jackie makes it a priority to catalog new purchases so all of our new books can be found in our catalog. We also continue to display new books on the spinner in the library.

The Pendle Hill Pamphlets and the Friends Journal and various Yearly Meeting publications are maintained and purchased by the library committee. A new index to the Pendle Hill Pamphlets was acquired on our shopping trip.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> the Library Committee hosted a “Library Tea” a First Day School program to promote our collection and online catalog. We believe the tea was very successful and plan to do it again in the future. Some of the books suggested by attendees have already been ordered.

The committee has had a successful year and continues to meet quarterly or as needed. We are open to new members and attenders who are looking to become involved in our Meeting.