

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
November 8, 2015

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. Drew Biehl clerked the meeting in Judy Owens' absence.

20 Friends were in attendance.

John Donch reported for Property Committee that Kevin Heizer completed painting the ceiling in the Worship Room.

The Clerk reported that Mt. Holly Meeting's Treasurer has embezzled \$81,000. Do we want to make a financial contribution? Maria Shivers reported that Ventina Hershey has recommended a meeting for healing. Lois Hinski mentioned that Lisa Boyell has requested support for her work as Treasurer. Have we heard and responded to her requests? May Weldon and John Donch have assisted her by preparing the budget and the annual appeal letter. Friends discussed whether to make individual or a corporate gift. Friends decided to season the issue for a month. Inspira will follow up with the Quarter to determine if members of other meetings can visit the Treasurer, who is in custody. We will ask Judy Owens to contact Mt. Holly Meeting's Clerk to ask what expressions of support and friendship might be needed.

Pat Williams mentioned that she was experiencing strong feelings of sadness and betrayal that the Meeting did not respond in a similar manner when Haddonfield Friends School experienced a much larger loss. There was no discussion at that time of offering financial, personal or spiritual support to the School Committee or the School.

Deedy Roberts reported on Continuing Sessions held yesterday at Westtown Friends School. Maria Shivers and Inspira discussed that the theme of PYM this year is how to overcome racism and white supremacy in Yearly Meeting. The next Continuing Sessions meeting will be held on March 19 at Arch Street Meeting House.

Linda Lotz reported on the business meeting held at Continuing Sessions. A conflict of interest policy will be developed for the Administrative Council.

Judy Owens, Ruth Podolin and Mary Noland will not be able to continue their work with Food from Friends after Dec. 31. Their own schedules have gotten so complex that they are not able to continue this work. Is anyone interested in taking on the responsibilities? She wants to give the cooks at least 1 ½ months' notice.

Birth right Friend and Haddonfield Meeting Member Jean Landis died on Oct. 15, 2015.

The next Meeting for Worship for Business is scheduled for December 13.

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

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk