

**Haddonfield Monthly Meeting**  
Meeting for Worship for Business  
March 8, 2015

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 3, "Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education," Faith and Practice, p.207.

24 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the minutes of the February 8 Meeting for Worship for Business.

Pam Perry presented the Report of the Nominating Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. The attached Report sets forth the current members of these committees. Care Committee has been combined with Worship & Ministry, Religious Education with Ministry of Child Life, and Membership and Community with Communications and Outreach. Mary Noland and Elena Lahr-Vivaz are the co-clerks of the Religious Education & Ministry of Child Life Committee. The committees are currently operating on this basis. Friends are asked to review the Report to determine that they are set forth correctly and see if they would like to serve on any other committee. Friends approved the new structure and thanked Nominating Committee for its hard work.

Bob Turrin presented an update from the Property Committee on the roof. The part of the roof that pitches to the south is in good condition. The pitch to the north is leaking and has been repaired many times. The committee has talked to various contractors on repairing/replacing that half of the roof. The shingles would be removed, an underlayment placed and new shingles attached. The committee recommends that the north half of the roof be resingled for \$10,100. This renovation would be done with 50-year shingles. An alternative would be to use 30-year shingles for \$8,700. The quotes include replacement of any rotted wood that may be discovered. There are no consequences to reroofing parts of the roof at different times. Friends approved the committee's recommendation.

We have about \$7,000 left from the \$10,000 gift the Meeting received for maintenance, and we have received about \$1600 in contributions in the last few months earmarked for the roof.

Another contractor would be utilized for replacing the platform on the flat roof. The School is contributing \$3,000 for the approximately \$9,000 cost.

The Clerk thanked Bob and Property Committee for its hard work.

Drew Biehl reported on the Care Committee recommended approval of the new member application from May Weldon. It is the practice to hold over such recommendations for a month, but the Clerk asked if we need to do so since we know May so well. We will continue to make case-by-case determinations as to whether such applications will be held over or acted upon immediately after Care Committee's

recommendation. Friends approved. Bill Patterson noted his discomfort with not following the traditional process, fearing that this might create two classes of membership. However, he stood aside on the May Weldon application. John Donch, Sheryl Harrison and Bill Patterson will welcome May.

Friends discussed the ad hoc discussions and group meetings concerning the recent letter about crisis in the Meeting.

Lisa Boyell presented the Treasurer's Quarterly Reports as of Feb. 28, 2015, copies of which are attached hereto. Contributions for specific purposes are listed as restricted; they are not included in "Contributions/General." We still have costs for the caretaker, landscaping and child care that must be met. The value of our Fiduciary investments has improved, to a net gain of \$6,000. We will receive another Fiduciary income payment in June. One Friend asked if the report could compare actual results from this period this year as opposed to last year's actual results for the same period. The Treasurer indicated that such reports would be time-consuming and less meaningful because the budgets this year and last year are significantly different. However, it would be helpful to see the general trend. This year for the first time contributions have increased over last year. Outreach expenses include the phone and a periodic newspaper ad.

Ruth Podolin presented a report on the Food from Friends program, a copy of which is attached hereto. She asked for the Meeting's approval to continue the program for another six month or until interest wanes.

The Clerk reported on correspondence that she has received as well as upcoming calendar events.

- April 19 – "State of the School" presentation after Covered Dish.
- April 26 - HMM Quarterly Meeting. Agenda of rescheduled February meeting, including reports from Monthly Meetings and committees, requests for funding, proposed budget; Alice Paul program after lunch.

Lisa Boyell discussed the Newton Graveyard in Camden, which belongs to our Meeting. The City is asking the Meeting to put up a fence and maintain the property. All grave markers have sunk. Friends decided to refer this issue to Kevin Heizer and Property Committee.

The Meeting has now received the correct sales tax exemption certificate.

Friends discussed how to increase donations to Meeting. Since Jan. 4, 2015 we have collected \$445 in the contribution box located in the worship room. 80 people, mostly members, have been contributing. We have almost 250 members. The percentage of people contributing is woefully low. One Friend suggested that people who do not contribute should be called, since they do not respond to mailings. The Clerk reported that Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting makes annual visits to members to discuss contributions.

Melanie Monk, John Donch, Sheryl Harrison and Lucy Savarese offered to make such phone calls. Francie Pagell volunteered to organize a phone campaign. There also needs to be some strategizing on how to approach the problem.

Contributions may be made through the PYM website. Gifts may be made on a one-time or recurring basis. Every quarter PYM sends a report showing the name of the donor and amount given. Charges can be made on a credit card or as a withdrawal from one's bank account. Jenny Sheeks is the Director of Fund Development for PYM and is a resource for monthly meetings to raise money. PYM has on its website "best practices" for generating additional contributions.

Lisa Boyell mentioned that we already can receive one-time or recurring contributions via members' electronic bill payment processes.

Bill Patterson volunteered his technical expertise.

The Membership & Community Committee has discussed that people who attend social events may want to contribute if there is a box or basket available at the event. Fund-raising events in general could be organized.

April's Meeting for Worship for Business is scheduled for April 12.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

## Food From Friends – 5 month progress report

The Westfield Food From Friends Program has been providing meals to Haddonfield Meeting since October. Approximately 14 people have ordered meals, and on average about 8 people order 24 meals every week. Our donations have covered the minimum requested amount of \$6 every week, and many weeks have covered the greater amount (which varies) of the actual cost of the meals. Currently we have three coordinators, Ruth Podolin, Mary Noland and Judy Owens. We organize the food orders, collect the donations, have a counter-signed money count, then deposit the amount into our personal checking accounts and write a check in that amount to Westfield Monthly Meeting. We then send the order for the next week to the Westfield cook and program head. Each of us is willing to continue our involvement with the program on a once a month basis, so meals will be available on the first, second and fourth Sundays of each month. We have recently sent a request for participants to tighten up the process and make it easier for us to complete the necessary tasks. Many participants have expressed gratitude for the well-prepared meals. We would like to ask Meeting's approval to continue the service for another six months, or until interest seems to wane.