

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
May 3, 2015

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 5, "Education," Faith and Practice, p.209.

23 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the minutes of the April 12 Meeting for Worship for Business.

Bob Turrin presented the Annual Report of the Property Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. The report sets forth the items from the to-do list that have been completed. The Committee made good use of the \$10,000 gift from the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in Mount Laurel. The Elizabeth Haddon chairs have been re-rushed and are on display in the Meeting House. The Committee survived its annual insurance company audit. We now have approved guidelines, rental contract and fee schedule for use of the Meeting House, as do other religious organizations. The cast iron fence was completely re-furbished, primarily by the School. This was the year of roof work. Roof leaks over the classroom wing have been repaired. One chimney has been capped. The gas shutoff valve in the kitchen has been moved and is now more accessible. The kitchen has been completely repainted and looks great. Some of the structures of the old roof over the foyer had to be torn out and replaced. Bob Turrin checked after a rain storm; the ponding no longer occurs. The water seeping along the side of the stage and into the garage has been stopped. In June some very large branches fell from the oak trees. They were removed and dead wood on the tree was also cut off. A grave collapsed and was repaired. A Knox box was installed on the outside of the foyer so the Fire Department can enter the building without knocking the door down. A contractor repaired and reinforced the original windows that had been in storage. The fireplace in the library was repointed and reconditioned and has been used safely several times. The oversize shelving unit in the kitchen was replaced with a wire shelving unit. "No Parking" signs were installed in the parking lot, and fewer outside cars have been parking there. The Committee circulated a project list and received \$2970 in contributions. HFS contributed \$3,000 to the roofing work over the foyer. The Clerk and Friends applauded the work of Bob Turrin and the Property Committee. Jeff Riddle offered to try to obtain at a reduced cost a title search to document whether the Meeting holds title to a piece of property in Camden used as a graveyard. He will follow up with the Property Committee.

Linda Lotz presented an update on Queries from the *ad hoc* committee on revision of Faith and Practice, a copy of which is attached hereto. Last month the committee circulated a draft set of queries that might be included. The committee noted that certain items are missing from the draft:

- Transitions in family structure and the increased diversity of family structures;
- More attention needs to be paid to racism and injustice within the Friends' community;

- Barriers to communication, such as hearing assistance, etc.

There was a real effort to reflect that as humans we share and need to protect this planet. However, the committee thought that there was too much emphasis on climate change. One Friend stated that there were not enough references to the Christian basis of Quakerism. There is a good bit on faith but few references to Jesus. One suggested query acknowledges that each monthly meeting deals with Biblical orientation and asks how the meeting deals with the Universalist vs. Biblical basis of faith.

Pam Perry presented the preliminary report of the Nominating Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. Members of the Committee may be contacting Friends to ask where they wish to serve. There are possibilities for Friends to contribute service to Meeting by providing hospitality for a few selected dates, as opposed to serving on a committee that meets monthly.

Friends discussed the *ad hoc* committee on increasing financial stewardship in the Meeting. This committee was established at a business meeting and is not appointed by Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee can put it on the list just for a centralized location for committee information.

Susan Borkowski is receiving, depositing and recording financial contributions. The Treasurer noted that no committee or individuals in the Meeting are supporting her in paying bills, keeping within budget and recording financial transactions. We may have to hire someone to perform that function. Some Friends noted that this is a very inadequate financial control for an organization that handles significant sums of money. One Friend suggested that an individual from Haddonfield Quarter may be able to help.

Lisa Boyell presented the Treasurer's Report as of April 30. A copy of the Income and Expense Report is attached hereto. Included in Contributions is a large gift for operating expenses from a donor who is not known to the Treasurer. Therefore, it may appear that contributions exceeded the amount budgeted, but that profit is not likely to recur. The *ad hoc* financial stewardship committee will develop best practices for communicating fundraising efforts and successes to the Meeting.

This year we have no amounts budgeted for corporate giving, such as contributions to AFSC, FCNL, etc. The contributions to PYM and the Quarterly Meeting have been approved and will be distributed before June 30.

The Clerk thanked Lisa Boyell for her hard work.

The Clerk discussed recent correspondence and calendar reminders:

- Clerks' Meeting, 6/6
- Quarterly Picnic, 6/28
- Newsletter deadline, 5/22
- News from Ann Miller: She and Carmen celebrated their first anniversary, and are happy that they are now "officially" married in NC. Audrey will be attending University of Chicago's PhD program in cell/molecular biology, and Dana just finished her first year at Bowdoin. Ann and Carmen are members of Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting.

- Fellowship of Friends of African Descent Gathering, Aug. 21-23 at Arch St. Meeting House.

June's Meeting for Worship for Business is scheduled for June 14. The following reports are due in June

- Religious Education/Child Life Annual Report
- Final Nominating Committee Report
- Worship & Ministry/Care Annual Report
- Community/Outreach Annual Report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

Property Committee Annual Report – May 2015

This past year was a bit unusual because we started the year with a gift of \$10,000 from the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in Mount Laurel. This gift was very helpful in dealing with numerous property issues that confronted the Committee.

The following list summarizes our activities.

1. All of the Elizabeth Haddon dining room chairs were re rushed and have been displayed throughout the Meeting House.
2. We survived a fire inspection without incident
3. We had an insurance company audit and we provided copies of all insurance certificates from all contactors used over the last two years.
4. We finalized the process by which outside groups can rent meeting space. All documents (the use guidelines, rental agreement, and fee schedule) were completed and approved by the Meeting. .
5. The cast iron fence surrounding the Graveyard was completely refurbished by Camden Iron Works. The project was initiated by HFS, but the Meeting contributed funding to pay for the work.
6. Roof leaks were repaired over two of the lower building class rooms.
7. The gas shut off valve in the kitchen was relocated for easy access.
8. The kitchen was completely repainted
9. Roof over the foyer was patched before winter and then repaired in the spring of 2015.
10. Drainage issue next to garage was addressed by relocating a downspout to keep water away from the garage space
11. While inspecting our roofs, we discovered that both attic exhaust fans were non-functional. New motors were installed in both fan units - which will prolong the life of our roof.
12. In June, an enormous branch fell from one of the oaks in front of Meeting House. That branch was removed and we had both oak trees trimmed to remove dead wood.
13. We had a grave collapse - soil was added to fill in the hole
14. Property Committee declined the request of a local bee keeper to store his bees and hives in the graveyard next to the upper building.
15. A Knox box was installed at the front door of the Meeting House to allow for fire department entry.
16. The Meeting's original eyebrow windows were found in the attic, broken and battered. We had them refurbished and reinstalled.
17. A chimney cap was installed on the chimney servicing the library fireplace.
18. The library fire place was repointed and equipped with wood grate and an ash tray.
19. The over-sized shelving unit in the kitchen was removed and replaced with an attractive wire shelving unit.
20. No parking signs were installed in the parking lot.
21. The Meeting received \$2970 in Property related donations in response to the Property Committee's circulation of the project list.
22. HFS contributed \$3000.00 towards the roofing work over the foyer.

23. The City of Camden asserts that Haddonfield Friends is the owner of graveyard within City limits and they have asked the Meeting to provide proof of its tax exempt status.

Peace.

**Report from the ad hoc committee
reviewing the draft Queries for the updated
PYM Faith and Practice**

5/3/15

In reviewing the draft queries provided by the committee revising the PYM Faith and Practice, our committee appreciated the work of the drafting committee and their attempts to provide brief but comprehensive queries.

In looking for "what is missing", we saw a need for more attention to:

- * encourage people to draw on lessons from Friends' history**
- * support all transitions and appreciation of diversity of family structures**
- * welcome everyone; address concerns about racism/injustice**

As Quakers we express our spiritual beliefs in action about humanity and the planet. However, the committee noted numerous references to God's creation and the environment, some of which were vague or felt "piled on." Overall, the number of such references was out of proportion with other issues of deep concern for Friends. We are well aware of the dramatic climate changes occurring in each and every day. We will suggest that some of the references to God's creation be eliminated or modified. We will also recommend the addition of a specific query addressing personal and corporate responsibility re: ongoing damages to the environment and climate change.

We would appreciate feedback from members of the meeting who have reviewed the handout/proposed draft queries. A detailed review of our committee's recommended comments will be presented to the May 13 meeting of Care/Worship and Ministry.

We note that the revised draft of the sections reviewed last spring have not yet been posted on the PYM Website.

**From:
Judy Owens, Deedy Roberts and Linda Lotz**

*Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Committee List
2015-2016*

<i>Clerk - Judy Owens</i>	<i>Alternate Clerk - Pam Perry</i>
<i>Recording Clerk - Pat Williams Patterson</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 Williams</i>	<i>Meeting Calendar - Pat</i>
<i>Asst. Treasurer - Susan Borkowski Edith Roberts</i>	<i>Rep. Interim Meeting -</i>
<i>Recorder - Drew Biehl</i>	<i>Alt. Rep. Interim Meeting</i>
<i>Rep for AFSC</i>	<i>Rep for FCNL - Kathy</i>
<i>Fastiggi</i>	
<i>Quarterly Meeting Asst. Clerk - George & Sheryl Harrison</i>	
<i>Quarterly Meeting Nominating Comm. - Bill Patterson</i>	

*Committee for Care of Members and Attenders + Worship and
Ministry*

Ex Officio: Judy Owens

<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Inspira Williams (2)</i>	<i>Ceil McFadden (2)</i>	<i>Judy Barnes (2)</i>
<i>Drew Biehl (2) *¹</i>	<i>Lois Hinski (2)</i>	<i>Maria</i>
<i>Shivers (2)</i>		
<i>Lucy Savarese</i>	<i>Melanie Monk</i>	

Religious Education + Ministry of Child Life

Ex Officio: Rob McDevitt

<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Elana Lahr-Vivaz (2) *</i>	<i>David Austin</i>	<i>Mary Noland (2) *</i>
<i>Nancy Engle</i>	<i>Christian White</i>	<i>MeganMcHenry/</i>
<i>Caitlin Murphy Grace</i>	<i>Francie Pagell</i>	<i>PJ Bielavitz (2)</i>
<i>Dana Sharp</i>	<i>George Harrison</i>	
<i>Deb Whiting</i>		

Membership and Community + Communication and Outreach

Under the care: Fran O'Neill, Matt Sharp

<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Lois Hinski*</i>	<i>Jake McGlaughlin*</i>	<i>Sarah</i>
<i>Greenblatt (2)</i>		
<i>Deedy Roberts</i>	<i>Trish Prete</i>	<i>Lisa Boyell (2)</i>
<i>Debbie Partenheimer</i>	<i>John Donch</i>	
	<i>Pam Anderson</i>	

¹ Clerks of Committees are noted with an asterisk (*).

Peace and Social Concerns

2016

Jake McGlaughlin (2)

*Loughry (2) **

Kathy Fastiggi

2017

Donna Maccherone (2)

Fred Maccherone (2)

2018

Justin

*Linda Lotz (2) **

Property Committee

Ex Officio: Kevin Heizer

2016

John Sheffield

2017

**Bob Turrin(2)*
Ginny Barker(2)
Maria Shivers**

2018

**John Donch(2)
Pam Anderson(2)**

Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee

2016

**Pam Perry(2)*
David Smith(2)
Scott Buchheit**

2017

**Lisa Boyell(2)
Kathy Donch
Ann White**

2018

Nominating Committee

2016

**Deedy Roberts
Kathy Donch**

2017

**Pam Perry(2)*
Lisa Boyell(2)
Elena Lahr-Vivaz**

2018

Melanie Monk(2)

Library Group

Librarian - Veronica Salaam

Assts. - Jackie Stevens, Ruth Podolin, (Lucy Savarese)

Finance Group

Treasurer - Lisa Boyell

**Assts. - Susan Borkowski, Mary Anne Gaffney
Consultant for Fiduciary - Louise Senopoulos**

Ad Hoc Group for Hospitality

Ad Hoc Financial Stewardship Committee

This Committee is not a standing committee of the Meeting and does not get staffed by Nominating Committee. The committee is included to invite those who are interested in developing best practices for financial giving to participate.

Sheryl Harrison*

John Donch

Bill Patterson

Judy Owens (Ex Officio)