

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship for Business

August 13, 2017

MINUTES

Opening Worship – 7th Query: Social Responsibility and Witness

- How does our Meeting work to overcome social, legal, economic, and political injustices, locally and in the wider world?
- How does our Meeting work for the funding of community services that does not rely on gaming income?
- Does our Meeting serve the community through action on concerns for civic improvement?
- What actions are we taking to assure everyone equal access to education, health care, legal services, housing, and employment as well as equal opportunities in business and in the professions?
- When a member has lifted up a concern, how does our Meeting respond?
- Does our Meeting encourage those seeking clearness for their convictions of conscience to hold up such convictions with prayerful openness to the Light?

17 Friends attended.

The Clerk updated Friends on events since last MFWFB: The Meeting really pulled together for the Quarterly picnic. Rob McDevitt is still coordinating child care. Megan Gaffney will be joining soon. Becca Whiting has already started working. All the volunteers (interns) will attend Red Cross child care and first aid training. We finished one year with the Refugee Assistance Fund. We have applied again for the grant from the D'Olier Fund. We received a \$15,000 gift to Meeting from Stu Harris' family. We have also received an unplanned \$5,000 gift, which will be used for one or more special projects. The plastic caps that are not supposed to go into recycling may be collected and used to manufacture benches. They are very attractive and look like beautiful wood and require no maintenance. They weight 125-150 pounds. The Boy Scouts are collecting them and delivering them to the factory. We will support the Boy Scouts' collection project. Doug Campbell will deliver the collection to the Boy Scouts. We can buy one or more of these benches. (Meeting approved the benches last month.) Property Committee has already approved the idea of purchasing these benches.

Judy Barnes presented the Annual Report of Care/Worship & Ministry Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. Friends accepted the report with appreciation.

The Clerk announced that we are deferring the Treasurer's Annual Report.

Inspira reported on Annual Sessions. Haddonfield Quarter has indicated how much it appreciated Inspira's work. PYM sent out emails daily during Annual Sessions. Sarah Willie-LeBretton, the chair of the Anthropology Department at Swarthmore, and Inspira ran two workshops on how to make our meetings more welcoming. Who comes to meeting? Who comes and never returns?

Who comes and then joins? It was hard to work on this, because it was decided to hold these workshops only two weeks before Annual Sessions. Many people complimented the workshops. Upper Dublin read its only African American member out of the meeting. That issue was referred to the Quaker Life Committee. There was continuing discussion of staff issues at PYM, referred to the Personnel Committee. It was decided to have a multicultural audit of PYM. This will cost money. PYM approved exploring the expenditure of funds for this purpose. The update of Faith & Practice was approved.

Haddonfield Quarter has created Outreach and “In-reach” Committees to improve the welcoming nature of our meetings.

The Clerk discussed upcoming events:

- Temple Beth El returns
- American Guild of Organists – we are going to sponsor a service here during its Annual Conference in 2019.

The Clerk reported on upcoming construction in the atrium. The soil in the atrium is marl, which fills with water and just holds it. It is creating hydrostatic pressure against the basement. All the plants will be removed and a new 3 ½ foot cover will be laid down. A drain will be installed to drain rain water. Topsoil will then be added and some or all plants replaced.

Some committees need additional people. Anyone interested, or with a recommendation, should contact Melanie Monk.

Sunday October 1 is World Quaker Day. The Quarter wants each meeting to note it in some way. The Quarter has priced banners. We will consider whether we want to purchase a banner at our next Meeting for Worship for Business.

Friends approved the minutes of the June 2017 Meeting for Worship for Business.

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

NEXT MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS: September 10, 2017

Reports due in September, **2017**

Finance Committee Annual Report

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

August 13, 2017

Care, Worship & Ministry Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Annual Report 6/2016 – 5/2017

In order to protect the privacy of our community, much of what Care, Worship & Ministry does throughout any year is “behind the scenes.” We made contact with many members of our community to explore, provide and assist with various needs. These include: home worship, discernment with clearness committees, contact with friends whom we’d not recently seen, assistance obtaining financial support, meals for Friends who were recuperating from illness or surgery, rides for Friends who were undergoing various medical treatments and counsel to Friends on the practices of our community, both immediate and extended throughout the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

Other activities in which Care, Worship and Ministry participated are:

- This year we happily prepared and welcomed for membership: E Domras with her son Alex, Robbin Morrow, Matt and Dana Sharp with their boys Nate and Jonah, also P. J. Bielavitz and Megan McHenry with their boys Oscar and Emmett.
- This year we also happily facilitated transfer of membership from their previous Meetings to HMM for Doug Campbell and for Deb Reese.
- We also happily facilitated the wedding of Alexandra Shivers and Zac Ottoson at our Meetinghouse and registered a minute in support of the wedding of Alexandra Kolaski and Joseph Nagle in Moab, Utah.
- We met occasionally with Community and Membership Committee to aid them in providing a spring retreat at Pendle Hill.
- Monthly we sent a representative to oversee the child-care program.
- We continued to support the Meeting for Worship for Healing ministry.
- We offered a First Day School program on Vocal Ministry.
- With sadness and a sense of loss we acknowledged the passing of KP Perkins, Bill Schultz, Ranon Banerji and Marietta Donovan.
- Also with sadness we accepted a request from Pam Anderson to withdraw from our community.

We have struggled with the question of whether or not this committee can adequately fulfill its mission statement, “*Care/ Worship & Ministry Committee attends to the spiritual, emotional and physical welfare of HMM members and attenders. It strives to maintain a caring community, one secure in the practice of Spirit led worship and Quaker beliefs. The committee oversees quality of worship and supports member’s leadings, individual ministries and testimonies. It aids, supports and facilitates conflict resolution when necessary, holding those involved in the Light each step of the way.*” or whether it should step back into two separate committees allowing Care to attend to physical and emotional concerns within the community and Worship and Ministry to concentrate on its spiritual nourishment. We feel led to divide but not until/unless each of the separated committees can have five active members. Our hope is that four more souls will offer their time and energy to this work thus bringing our number to ten and allowing us to divide.

Members of our committee are: Ceil McFadden, Maria Shivers, Judy Barnes, Lois Hinski, Melanie Monk, David Smith and Anna Mae Sutterley.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Shivers and Judy Barnes, Co-Clerks: Care, Worship & Ministry