

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
August 9, 2015

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 8, "Peace," Faith and Practice, p.211.

20 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the minutes of the June 14 Meeting for Worship for Business.

Lucy Savarese presented the Annual Report of the Care/Worship & Ministry Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. Care and Worship & Ministry Committees have successfully been merged. The merged Committee hosted a Thread Gathering and a workshop on eldering. It has also hosted farewell gatherings for Bob & Connie Brookes and Diane Snyder. It continues with its project of reviewing and updating the Meeting's membership list. She read the membership request letter from Dayna and Matthew Sharp. The clearness committee established by Care/Worship & Ministry recommends approval of their request for membership. The new Faith & Practice now states that such requests may be held over for 30 days instead of shall be held over. Meeting approved membership of Dayna, Matthew, Nathaniel and Jonah Sharp.

Linda Lotz reported on the upcoming meeting of Haddonfield Quarter. She has clerked the Long Range Visioning Committee for the last two years. It has considered how to build new networks among members of the Quarter. On the last Sunday of October Haddonfield will host Quarterly Meeting, which will focus on criminal justice. There will be speakers about what is happening on this issue in South Jersey. This meeting will require a new level of coordination from Haddonfield Meeting. The Quarter will contribute some funds for this purpose. All the meetings are being asked to collect books for the Books through Bars project. There are criteria for the types of books being sought. One volunteer from Haddonfield is sought to coordinate receipt and delivery of these books, hopefully in one day. The quarterly meeting will start at 10 am, with one-half hour of worship. There will be two 15 minutes long periods of worship later in the day. Douglas Campbell will coordinate hospitality. Mary Noland will work with the Religious Education Committee on child care. John Donch will welcome attendees. John Donch and Maria Shivers will help with hospitality.

Maria Shivers reported on Annual Sessions. A lot happened on the last day of Annual Sessions. Many people have spent a lot of time working on the issue of racial justice since the called meeting in January. There has been much attention to the phrases of "Friends of color" and "white privilege." Maria stated that she does not feel comfortable with the separation of Friends of color and white Friends and found resonance with this issue with other fellow attenders. One of the highlights was seeing Jada Jackson speak to the children as a Friend, not just as a Friend of color. The younger Friends (20s and 30s) opened up on this issue on the last day. The keynote speaker started a house for families that have lost a child to gun violence. At first the group was only for black families, but it has now opened up to all families.

Linda Lotz also reported on Annual Sessions and its focus on racial justice. A copy of her report is attached hereto. There is much work left to be done. The draft of Faith & Practice is on the PYM website. Some of our input was reflected in the revised draft. The new version will be presented for approval at next year's Annual Sessions. The committee is seeking favorite quotes to be added to the end of Faith & Practice. Friends Fiduciary has worked to develop a "clean" portfolio. It will not invest in any company that produces guns or weapons. There is a video on the PYM website on the restructuring of the yearly meeting. Linda will be a member of the new Administrative Council. Penny Colgan Davis, the principal of Frankford Friends School, will be the new Clerk of PYM. PYM recommends that Friends visit at least two other meetings and report on their experience on the PYM website. PYM Connect is an online set of discussion groups on various topics, and new topics are welcomed.

John Donch praised Linda Lotz's hard work in compiling substantive comments on the prior draft of Faith & Practice.

Rose Ketterer reported on how important the Administrative Council will be for the success of the "new" PYM.

John Donch volunteered to assist Lisa Boyell in her work as Treasurer.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

Haddonfield Friends Meeting
Committee on Care of Members and Attenders
Worship and Ministry Committee
No Moving forward as Care, Worship & Ministry Committee
Annual Report
6th month 2014 through 5th month 2015

Committee Members:

Ruth Podolin, Inspira Williams, Melanie Monk, Maria Shivers, Ceil McFadden, Judy Barnes, Lucy Savarese, Linda Lotz, Drew Biehl (clerk), Judy Owens (ex-officio)

We have successfully combined Care and Worship and Ministry committees into the Care, Worship & Ministry committee. Our newly combined committee now splits our regular meeting time between the responsibilities of both former committees.

Over the past year we've taken on several projects: This past Christmas Eve worship featured Jake McGlaughlin and Elsie McKee leading the Christmas carol singing. For many years our Christmas Eve worship was led by Deedy Roberts who accompanied the singing with her violin. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Deedy for the many years of leadership and we are deeply indebted to her for keeping the tradition of our Christmas Eve worship alive. Additionally we'd like to acknowledge her beautiful music during refreshments after our worship and singing.

This past year Care, Worship and Ministry also hosted a thread gathering worship on March 15th, a workshop on eldering, and ongoing meetings for healing. Our committee has joined some members, who are unable to attend first day meeting for worship, in their homes for meeting for worship. We've arranged for some members to receive food, loving prepared by the rest of us, when they've needed some extra assistance due to illness or other reasons.

Care, Worship & Ministry has also hosted farewell gatherings for Bob & Connie Brookes and Diane Snyder. We completed clearness for May Weldon and transferred the membership of Karin Sannwald, Judy Kruger and Stu Harris to other meetings. We also provided funds for one of our members to attend a clerking workshop at Pendle Hill.

Finally we have regularly encouraged our members to arrive to meeting for worship on time and continue to move forward with our ongoing project reviewing our membership list for accuracy. Care, Worship & Ministry is very active and will remain so in the year to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Drew F. Biehl

Report on PYM Annual Sessions 2015

From Linda Lotz

Exactly 500 present – almost broke record for attendance, but only 5 percent.

Some documents can be found by googling PYM and then selecting Annual Sessions, Meetings for Business, and Advance documents. Currently posted are underlined below:

[Faith & Practice- Draft \(July 9, 2015\)](#) Please review - individual and group input welcomed by end of December. Reads better than original drafts [Faith & Practice Report](#)

[Friends Fiduciary](#) - Louise gave report - we should ask her to talk here some time.

[FY2016 Budget](#)

- [Financial Stewardship: Lines of Responsibility for Financial Resources](#)

Approved; some reserves this year if all covenants are paid, but expect no reserves by three years based on income estimates and small COLA for staffing

[Implementation Committee Report](#) to annual sessions - moving towards formation of two councils, Quaker Life and Administrative Council, which begin October 1. See video presentation on the new structure and ways for people to engage. Formation and how friends get involved: Threads, resource people, sprints, committees, bridges

<http://www.pym.org/annual-sessions-2015/meeting-for-business/overview-of-new-structures-and-strategic-directions/>

Strategic directions:

- [Connect Friends across the yearly meeting through effective communications and technologies](#)
- [Develop and widely communicate clear messages about Quakers and PYM](#)
- [Simplify and focus governance and administration](#)
- [Broaden community and deepen relationships in our yearly meeting](#)
- [Facilitate PYM-wide corporate witness and social action](#)
- [Ensure our communities are welcoming and safe for all people](#)

ALSO:

[General Secretary's Report](#) - Connect - Gen Sec visits - making PYM ours - Niyonu Spann, consultant to work with them for two years

[Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust Report](#) - just received 60,000 Pew Grant to develop new presentation

[Eco-Justice Working Group Report](#)

[PYM-FCNL Network Report](#) - now focusing on Iran treaty. Booker is key.

Outgoing comments by Jada

Incoming - Penny Colgan-Davis, Principal of Frankford Friends School

Continuing Sessions — November 7, 2015

We Were Reminded to Visit Two Meetings This Year

We Heard from Tribe one, and Victoria Greene, Founder of *Every Murder is Real*

Brown Girl Dreaming was selected for one book, one yearly meeting