

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
December 11, 2016

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. Melanie Monk and Judy Owens read Query # 12, "Integrity and Simplicity," Faith and Practice:

What does our Meeting understand to be the meaning and implication of our testimonies on simplicity and integrity?

How do our Meeting's actions demonstrate this understanding?

As a Meeting, what are we doing to encourage members to embody integrity and simplicity in their everyday lives?

21 Friends attended.

The Clerk reported on the Clearness Committee for the marriage of Alexandra Shivers and Zac Ottoson. The Committee recommended that the Meeting approve holding a meeting for worship for the marriage at the Meeting House on April 22, 2017. Friends approved. The Oversight Committee will consist of Pam Perry, Scott Buchheit, P.J. Bielavitz and Megan McHenry.

Judy Owens presented an update from the Financial Stewardship Committee. There is a significant need for additional contributions before December 31, 2016.

Justin Loughry presented the Peace and Social Concerns Committee's Annual Report, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Committee approved the first request for financial assistance from the Refugee Assistance Fund. The d'Olier Fund approved a \$7,500 grant for refugee assistance. 100% of moneys donated will be used to relieve poverty. Checks should be made payable to the Meeting, with a notation of the project which the donor intends to support.

The Committee has been very busy with other activities, including support of FCNL projects such as letter-writing. Several members participate in AFSC meetings and committees. A movie event focused on the wide-ranging impacts of the fashion industry. The Committee sponsored a week-end long Alternatives to Violence training workshop, attended by about 20 people. The Amnesty International write-a-thon held yesterday was a great success.

The Committee has scheduled a Winter Film event for Friday, January 13 at 7 pm at the Meeting House. Some of the content is still to be determined, but there will be a video about refugee experiences. Contributions for the Refugee Assistance Fund will be solicited.

There is a lot of energy in the Committee, but more participants are welcome. New members are sought.

Friends accepted the report.

Justin also presented the Shared Quaker Statement: Facing the Challenging of Climate Change, a copy of which is attached hereto. Friends meetings from around the world have signed the Statement, asking our leaders to recognize the problem and its human causes. Catastrophic consequences are not inevitable if we take action.

PYM has made several statements concerning climate change and stewardship of the earth. This Statement is another iteration. One Friend stated that he wishes to see Quakers taking more concrete action instead of just signing the Statement, such as attending Pinelands Commission meeting.

Friends approved Haddonfield Meeting's signing the Statement. The Clerk will send a letter to the appropriate body.

The Clerk announced the following holiday events:

Christmas Breakfast 12/18 8:30 AM - Bread
Christmas Eve Worship and Carol Sing 7 pm – Bring cookies
New Year's Eve Meeting for Worship 11:45 pm – 12:15 am. The Meeting House will be open at 10 pm.

Susan Borkowski mentioned the Meeting's \$5,000 investment in The Reinvestment Fund, which is maturing now. We can choose 0% interest, 1%, 2.5% or more. Should we renew the investment and, if so, at what interest rate?

Friends approved reinvestment at 0% interest for 10 years. Friends minuted their concern that members and attenders personally invest in the Meeting community.

The HFS Holiday Program will be this coming Thursday.

Friends approved the minutes of the November 2016 Meeting for Worship for Business.

Reports due in **January, 2017:**

Memorial and Graveyard Committee Annual Report

Monthly Meeting Recorder Report

The next Meeting for Worship for Business is scheduled for January 8.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.