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Haddonfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship for Business

January 12, 2014

MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 1, ~~Meeting for Worship,~~+p. 206, Faith and Practice.

30 Friends were in attendance.

Friends approved the minutes of the December 2013 meeting for worship for business. At the December 2013 Meeting for Worship for Business, a Friend asked what portions of the library collection were thought by the members of the Library Group to be more appropriately stored elsewhere. The Clerk reported that Veronica Salaam advised that a couple of antique books that were not specific to our Meeting might be better for Haverford's collection.

Drew Biehl presented the Recorder's Annual Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Bob Brookes presented the Memorial Service and Graveyard Annual Report, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Committee thanked Pam Anderson for her dedicated and compassionate support for the last three years, including her updated graveyard maps. Bob reminded Friends that memorial services and considered community events to be attended by all, not private family events. He thanked Kevin Heizer for his excellent maintenance of the graveyard. The Clerk thanked Bob for his report.

Deedy Roberts presented a report on the Interim Meeting held on January 11, 2014, a copy of which is attached hereto. She asked Friends to mention things that PYM does for members, such as financial assistance for scholarships and retirement support. Christian White stated that Young Friends activities keep them spiritually and emotionally involved in Quakerism. Someone mentioned that his/her meeting brought young adults back at Christmas Eve by choosing one of them to do a Bible reading, which was very successful. Several Friends mentioned that few young people attended our meeting for worship. The Clerk requested that our Worship and Ministry and Membership and Communities season the issue of Christmas Eve meeting for worship.

This year the Clerk made the decision to have only a meeting for worship on Christmas Eve because no committee planned the event. A few Friends commented on why they didn't attend.

The Clerk announced that the next meeting of Haddonfield Quarter will be at our meeting house on Feb. 23, 2014. We normally would have covered dish lunch on Feb. 16. Friends approved moving covered dish to Feb. 23 to host lunch for Quarterly Meeting.

Connie Brookes presented the report of Nominating Committee. The most up-to-date list of committee assignments is attached hereto. Kathy Fastiggi has been nominated



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Tricia Prete for Membership and Community Clerk thanked Nominating Committee for its work.

received from Audrey Greenhall, the Clerk of the John Martin Fund. Funds are available for Friends needing financial assistance. Typically it has been used for elderly Friends or those experiencing illness or accidents. The Trust Committee sometimes approves a loan instead of a grant. Only the Clerk of Care Committee knows the identity of the applicant. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Connie Brookes mentioned that the monks are returning in the fall of 2014 and have asked whether Haddonfield Meeting wants to host them. Friends approved.

Inspira mentioned that Worship and Ministry Committee needs to season the issue of a spring retreat on spiritual gifts. The Committee wants the Meeting to indicate its interest in a spring retreat on spiritual gifts. Friends approved, with some favorable comments on prior retreats. Bob Brookes mentioned the possibility of obtaining a grant for the honorarium given to the facilitator. Mary Noland asked that the Committee consider provision of child care.

The next Meeting for Worship for Business will be held on February 9, 2014. We will consider a number of financial issues at that meeting. There will be an adjusted Recorder's Report.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.



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The figures contained in this report are based upon the following changes in 2013:

1. Kathy Fastiggi and Christian White were approved for membership. Christian will be listed as a ~~Member~~ Child+until he reaches 21 years of age.
2. Meeting Member children reaching the age of 21 (Born in 1992):
Melissa Carpenter 09/17/92

Respectfully submitted,
Drew Biehl

Committee Organization

In 2013, the Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee said goodbye to Pam Anderson, whose second three year term of service on the Committee ended in July. The committee wishes to thank Pam for her dedicated and compassionate service in our ministry. During her time on the committee, Pam hosted all of the committee's meetings, served ably as co-clerk, worked extremely hard on every task we had and was a fountain of good ideas. We already miss her. The committee did not replace Pam this year. The committee consists of Pam Perry, David Smith, Hiltrud Dodge, Art Dodge, Lois Hinski, Lisa Boyell, Anna Mae Sutterley and Bob Brookes (clerk).

Memorial Services and Interments

On February 2, the committee oversaw a memorial Meeting for Worship under the care of the Monthly Meeting for former member Alfred Lintner. Al's cremated remains were buried in our graveyard and a grave marker has been installed.

On June 1, a memorial Meeting for Worship was held for our beloved Meeting member Bonnie Drago, followed by interment in our graveyard.

On August 24, a memorial Meeting for Worship was held for our beloved Meeting member Howard McKinney. Howard donated his remains to science. Eventually the family may wish to bury his cremated remains in the memorial garden with Flora.

The interment of Audrey Lintner took place on September 21. Audrey was buried in the plot adjacent to her husband, Al Lintner.

The interment of John Peterson, husband of Alice Bell Peterson, took place on November 4. John's remains were buried in the grave adjacent to that of Alice. The family has information concerning a grave marker.

As always, the committee thanks Friends who faithfully follow the longstanding Quaker tradition of attending our memorial Meetings for Worship and encourage others to follow their example. The presence of every person contributes to the spiritual power of the Meeting for Worship and to the comfort of the family.

Graveyard Administration

The committee thanks Property Committee and Kevin Heizer for their stewardship of the graveyard, including repair of the wall along Haddon Avenue. The committee is grateful to all of the Friends who have helped us keep the graveyard well-maintained.

meeting. There were no lights and no heat. The agenda was followed without long discussions.

Jenny Sheeks presented the Annual Fund. We've raised \$126,666 so far. Her address is jsheeks@pym.org. Reach her by phone her at 215-241-7115 to find out about the on-line giving service for individuals or for Monthly Meetings.

Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary of PYM spoke.

- He particularly wanted monthly meetings to know that their young people are encouraged to join the wider network of young Friends in the area. That program is run by bcamp@pym.org His number is 215-241-7228.
- Arthur also said that the National Council of Churches has asked us to file an Amicus Brief concerning the practice of religion in a person's home. PYM has asked New York Yearly Meeting to join us in this as the case has come up in the jurisdiction of NYYM. The local government in Teaneck, NJ, wants to prohibit a local rabbi from holding services in his home. Our brief will not take sides but will lift up the history of Quakers meeting in private homes.
- Someone mentioned that they've brought their former young people back at Christmas time by choosing one of them to do a Bible reading. This gave all the young adults a sense of participation and they came back in great number.

Chiyo Moriuchi reported that the search for a new General Secretary is proceeding on schedule. They have received many qualified applicants and will interview in February. Many members would like PYM to be less Philadelphia-centric with a clearer structure.

Lane Taylor says we can find out about our organizations, standing committees and granting groups on www.pym.org

Ed Dreby reported on PYM's Growth Dilemma Project based on the dilemma that economic growth seems unable to solve many of our socio-economic problems and instead is making them worse. FCNL will now carry on this commitment to discernment and advocacy for ecologically integrated economic policies. Ed said we will soon be receiving an FCNL mailing asking us to help them plan their goals for the coming year. Ed suggests we might reach out to his committee to come and speak to our meeting.

We were given lunch and the meeting continued into the midafternoon with a report from the Long Range Planning Group.

Deedy Roberts, Interim Representative