

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
12/9/12

DECEMBER MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read extract #65 on Worship in Faith and Practice.

25 Friends were in attendance.

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

Connie Brookes and Lisa Boyell presented the Finance Committee Report for November 30, 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto. We are almost half-way through the year and contributions actually received equal only 23% of the amount budgeted. Expenses are at 28% of the amount budgeted. The Outreach Budget is at 48% because we bought pamphlets for the monks' event. Landscaping is at 53% of budget; expenditures for that category will probably not begin again until spring. There will be another \$3250 on the paving bill. Meeting accepted the report with thanks.

Bob Brookes presented the annual report of the Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. There were only two memorial services, for Kay Tatum and Harry Haines Bell. The concern from a few years ago that people not connected to the Haddonfield Meeting would want to be buried there has not materialized. Maps need to be updated. The Committee is exploring the idea of placing a historical sign at the gate to the graveyard. Pam Anderson and Bob made a presentation to the PYM/Haddonfield Quarter Workshop on Aging on the topic of environmental stewardship.

Bob also presented a draft minute of thanks to the Friends of the Drepung Gomang Monastery and the monks themselves, a copy of which is attached hereto. He also read a shorter minute thanking the individuals who helped to organize the event. The Clerk read a note of thanks from Liz Abuschinow, who represents the Monastery in the area. Connie Brookes expressed her appreciation of the many members of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting who volunteered to assist in the event.

Veronica Salaam presented the report of the Library Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Committee has purchased several books and a book cart. The Clerk expressed her excitement at having the catalog online.

The Clerk summarized the minutes of the Tricentennial Worship Committee. A copy of the minutes is attached hereto. The Tricentennial Meeting for Worship will take place on Sunday, January 27, 2013.

The Clerk reported for the Property Committee that the last payment for the pavement work is being withheld until the job is redone, to which the vendor has agreed.

Lois Hinski presented an update on the Afghan children project. An Afghan restaurant in Eagle Plaza has expressed interest in catering an Afghan dinner for the community.

Lois Hinski summarized the work of the *ad hoc* Christmas Eve committee. Meeting for worship is scheduled for 6 p.m. The new time was approved several months ago, because the 7 p.m. time was difficult for families with young children. This new time has been published to the community. A piano tuner will come before Christmas Eve so the piano should be in good shape.

PYM has asked whether Haddonfield could host a large meeting on a Saturday for a Thread gathering. PYM will pay our child care provider(s) our regular hourly. Someone from Haddonfield Meeting would have to coordinate wi-fi availability with the School for this meeting. The group would use the worship room, auditorium and kitchen. John Donch commented that we need to clarify whether PYM will pay the child care provider(s) directly or reimburse the Meeting. In the latter event, PYM would have to reimburse Haddonfield for payroll taxes. Meeting approved allowing the group to use the Meeting House for this purpose, so long as all costs are reimbursed and cleanup provided for.

Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting is holding a memorial service on February 9 for the unknown slaves who died escaping from bondage before the Civil War and were buried in that meeting's graveyard. The Clerk will bring the invitation back for further discussion at the January Meeting for Worship for Business.

The next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business is scheduled for January 12, 2013.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

**Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee
2012 Annual Report to the Monthly Meeting**

Committee Organization

In 2012, the Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee had no personnel changes. The committee consists of Pam Anderson, Pam Perry, David Smith, Hiltrud Dodge, Art Dodge, Lois Hinski, Lisa Boyell, Anna Mae Sutterley and Bob Brookes. The co-clerks are Pam Anderson and Bob Brookes.

Memorial Services and Interments

The committee oversaw two memorial services in 2012.

In April, the committee oversaw a memorial Meeting for Worship under the care of the Monthly Meeting for Harry Haines Bell, a member of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting at the time of his death in France, where he resided for many years. Harry's cremated remains were buried in the grave of his first wife, Mildred Bell, in our graveyard.

A memorial Meeting for Worship without interment was held July 20 for our beloved Haddonfield Monthly Meeting member Kay Tatum. There was no interment here since Kay donated her remains to science and eventually interment will be in Southwestern Burial Ground in Upper Darby, where her husband is buried.

The interment of Martin Beer's ashes took place on August 1. Martin's remains were buried in the grave of his wife, Winifred Cadbury Beer. The existing grave stone has been updated with Martin's date of death.

Friends approved interment of the cremated remains of Charles Andrew Evers in a plot adjacent to that of his parents, who were Monthly Meeting members Elaine and Ernest C. Evers. Subsequently, however, the family requested that the interment be delayed and we have not heard from them as of this report.

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

Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee continued to work with Property Committee on maintenance of the graveyard property. Thanks to the continuing efforts of Property Committee and Kevin Heizer, the overall appearance of the graveyard is better than it has been in many years. Pam Perry has taken a special interest in beautification of the area around the entry gate, and several Friends have volunteered to help maintain the memorial garden. The Property Committee did major tree work in

2012, for which the committee is appreciative. The committee is grateful to all of the Friends who have helped us keep the graveyard well-maintained.

The graveyard maps are with Art Dodge being updated to reflect recent burials. The committee is discussing who might provide this service after Art retires.

The committee held discussions on the idea of an historical site sign that would also ask visitors to respect the solemnity of our burial ground. Web will follow up on this next year.

PYM/Haddonfield Quarter Workshop on Aging

In October Pam and Bob made a presentation at the PYM/Haddonfield Quarter Workshop on Aging on the topic of environmental stewardship in burial and cremation practices.

Submitted by Memorial Service and Graveyard Committee:

Pam Anderson (co-clerk)
Anna Mae Sutterley
Pam Perry
Lisa Boyell
David Smith
Lois Hinski
Hiltrud Dodge
Art Dodge
Bob Brookes (co-clerk)

December 2012

PROPOSED MINUTES CONCERNING THE VISIT BY THE MONKS OF DREPUNG GOMANG MONASTERY

Thanks to the Monks and Friends of Drepung Gomang Monastery

At its Meeting for worship for Business on December 9, 2012, Monthly Meeting approved the following minute and instructed the clerk to send the minute, with a covering letter, to the Friends of Drepung Gomang Monastery organization.

“For five days in November of this year our Monthly Meeting community was blessed to be visited by several monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in India. In our Meeting House, the monks constructed a mandala, a beautiful drawing of sand in three dimensional form. The creation of the sand mandala was accompanied by ceremonies in which the monks consecrated the site and called forth the forces of goodness through chanting mantras accompanied by flutes, drums and symbols.

Many visitors from our Meeting, from Haddonfield Friends School and from the outside community came to witness this remarkable event. When the mandala was finished, to symbolize the impermanence of all that exists, the colored sands were swept up, and some grains of colored sand were shared with those present, while others were poured into a nearby stream where the waters may carry healing energies throughout the world.

We at Haddonfield Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) thank the monks of the Drepung Gomang Monastery for sharing with us the beauty, compassion, wisdom and deep spirituality of the ancient Tibetan Buddhist culture. We thank the Friends of Drepung Gomang Monastery for facilitating the monks’ visit and we wish them well in their mission of preserving and supporting the monastery and educating the world about its traditional religion and culture. We hope that the monks can visit our community again in the future.”

Thanks to HMM Community Members:

The Monthly Meeting thanks the many members of our community who helped make the recent visit of monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery and the construction of the sand mandala a great experience.

Report of the Library Committee, Haddonfield Meeting December 2012

The Library Committee consisting of members Ruth Padolin, Jacquelyn Stevens and Clerk Veronica Salaam have been meeting once a month since being appointed earlier this year. All members have professional library experience and the clerk has served on the committee for several years.

The Committee met in November with all members in attendance to begin organizing the library and discuss the progress of the new online catalog. The book swap in the corner of the library was reorganized. Several books, which were in poor condition, duplicates or severely outdated were donated to a local public library. Weeding of the library as whole still needs to be done.

Online Catalog

<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/Haddonfieldmeeting>

Jackie Stevens continues to enter new titles in the catalog from our existing library. When a few more titles have been added the URL will be sent to Pam Anderson to add to the new web site. Several local Meetings use Library Thing for their cataloging so we were able to get an idea of which subject headings to use for our books.

Budget

The committee began this year with a balance of \$200 in its' budget. Several books have been purchased and advertised on the Meetings web site (please see the web site for full list.) The books were purchased from the Quaker bookstore in Philadelphia on the committee's book buying trip. A new library cart and various library related supplies have been purchased. The new cart will be used to display book during covered dish and such events so as to promote the libraries materials. A lifetime subscription to an online catalog service called Library thing was purchased for \$25.

Committee members have not sought reimbursement yet; the new library cart purchased for \$163 from Gaylord and Co. will use most of the funds.

Goals for 2013

The committee will attempt to make significant progress in getting the collection into the online catalog. A used book sale will be held sometime this winter. More promotion of the collection through the Meetings website and using the new book cart will be done.

Respectfully Submitted

Veronica Salaam, Library Committee Clerk