

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
3/10/13

MARCH MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 3, "Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education," p. 207, Faith and Practice. Pam Perry clerked the Meeting in the absence of Judy Owens.

26 Friends were in attendance.

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

Drew Biehl presented the Care Committee report. Meeting approved the membership of Christian White, and Mary Noland, Jake McGlaughlin, George and Sheryl Harrison and Judy Barnes will visit to welcome him.

Inspira presented the Annual Report of the Worship and Ministry Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. This is a small, active committee. It selects a person to sit on the facing benches. The function of sitting on the facing bench is to help the meeting to settle and to indicate the rise of meeting. Homebound friends have been visited. The Committee has organized Peace P (£3.5 Million Pounds Sterling) prayer meetings at the beginning of each season. Members of the Committee join Religious Education Committee regularly. An Aging Gracefully retreat was held in October, and the Committee supported the Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship. There is a Quarter-wide Spiritual Formation group, which began its nine months of work in February. It is hoped that the closing retreat of this group will take place in Haddonfield in November.

The Clerk reminded Friends about the \$10/square stitch-along project.

Lois Hinski stated that on Tuesday, May 14 Suraya Sadeed, founder of Help the Afghan Children will visit the Meeting and the School.

The Clerk announced that the new chair being considered for purchase is available for examination in the auditorium.

Pam summarized the correspondence the Clerk has received this month.

The Clerk announced several requests for use of the Meeting House from Young Friends, Middle School Friends, Young Adult Friends and a Young Friends Working Group. Judy Owens wants to know whether she, as Clerk, can grant this permission without bringing the requests to Business Meeting after clearing that availability of the space on the calendar. We must remember to coordinate these events with Kevin Heizer. Friends decided that Property Committee should handle these events and bring proposed events to Meeting for Business for approval. The contact person for Young Friends and Middle School Friends is Hannah Myers, who may be contacted at YoungFriends@pym.org 215-241-7222. Friends approved this process but decided to hold over insurance and liability issues until next month.

Friends approved the Young Adult Friends event on May 24-26 (Memorial Day Weekend) and the Young Friends Working Group event on April 13-14.

Rose Ketterer asked that requests for use of the Meeting House also be transmitted to her, as she is working with the Burlington Meeting House Transition Committee. That Committee is working to revive use of the Burlington Meeting House as a conference center.

Linda Lotz announced that Kitty Mizuno is asking for \$200 in financial aid to attend the White Privilege Conference in Seattle from April 10-13. We could ask her to provide a little report back for the Monthly Meeting and/or Quarterly Meeting newsletters. There are funds left over from the Show Me the Franklins project in June 2011 and also some funds available in the Peace and Social Concerns Committee budget. Friends approved this financial assistance.

The Clerk reminded Friends of the March 23 Peace Pagoda Walk and the "Planning a Family Directed Funeral" workshop on the same date. The workshop is a project of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. More information on both of these events is posted in the lobby.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee is leading a study group on corporate subsidies and April 2, 16 and 30.

Deedy Roberts reported on Interim Meeting held yesterday; a copy of her report is attached hereto. There have been four thread gatherings since October, which have generated a lot of positive energy. There is a William Penn lecture coming up on "Continuing Rev_l_tion" to be held on March 23. Arthur Larrabee announced his retirement on September 1, 2014. There was a lengthy discussion on gun control. Seaville Monthly Meeting has 40 members and wrote a document on this issue to state, federal and local officials. It was also published in the Atlantic City Press. It supports comprehensive background checks and a ban on assault and automatic weapons.

The PYM budget is balanced, enabled by large scale layoffs and a better financial climate. Restricted funds have been restored.

There is a new protocol for consideration of minutes from other bodies. PYM will consider minutes only from a monthly meeting that have been seasoned by review at the quarterly meeting.

John Woolman's Walk from Mount Holly to Wyolusing PA is being re-enacted on June 8-23.

Annual Sessions will be held on July 24-28 at Muhlenberg College. This is a joyous event and all are encouraged to attend.

Chris Glennon mentioned the Property Committee's thoughts on the ten Elizabeth Haddon chairs donated to the Meeting by Elizabeth Haddon in 1762. The seats must be recaned. It is very rare to have a set of 10 chairs with historical significance from this time period. He will tighten some of the chairs and seeks authorization to spend up to

\$175 per chair to have them rerushed. The funds would come out of the Property Committee's budget. Friends approved this expenditure. How to properly safekeep the chairs and whether we should even continue to own the chairs will be considered at a later time.

The next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business is scheduled for April 14, 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
Worship and Ministry Committee
Annual Report
March 10, 2013

Our Worship and Ministry Committee has been small and active this year. We have made certain to have someone on the facing bench each First Day. We want everyone to know that anyone is welcome to sit on the facing bench. People designated to sit there have the responsibility to close meeting, however, all are welcome.

- Peace Prayers have been held at HMM and led by Judy Barnes at the change of the seasons.
- In-Home visiting for worship to a few home-bound Friends have been continuing, particularly to Ranan Banerji, Judy Kruger, and when possible Howard McKinney.
- Members of W&M committee attend the Religious Education Committee Meetings regularly to maintain communication between the two committees.
- Joint committee meetings between Care and W&M are held twice a year.
- A Retreat was held on May 5, 2012 on "Holding Each Other in the Light". It was led by Kate de Riel. As a follow-up we have been holding Meetings for Healing bi-monthly.
- The *Aging Gracefully* retreat was held on Saturday, October 20, with George Schaefer from PYM staff. The morning focused on our personal paths as we age, with the afternoon focusing more on how meetings can support their members as they age. Worship and Ministry helped with publicity and recruitment to attend.
- Thanksgiving Day worship and Christmas Eve activities were supported by W&M.
- The clerks from Worship and Ministry throughout the quarter have been meeting regularly to support each other's work. One outgrowth of this is a Spiritual Formation group with members from several meetings.

In June, Judy Barnes, Drew Biehl, and Maria Shivers rotated off the committee. Judy Owens was asked to be clerk of Meeting so she left the committee. Melanie Monk began service on the committee in July. Continuing members of the committee are Bob Brookes, Linda Lotz, Inspira Williams, Francie Pagell, Mary Anne Gaffney, and Lois Hinski.

Respectfully submitted,

Inspira

Interim Meeting
March 9, 2013

Arthur Larrabee, our general secretary, announced:

- the retirement of Nancy Gibbs. She has been Director of Arch Street Meeting House since 2007.
- He also let us know that we have received \$34,087 as an unrestricted gift from the estate of Dorothy Carroll.
- There have been four thread gatherings since October which have generated a lot of positive energy.
- Come to the William Penn Lecture on March 23rd at Arch Street. "Continuing Rev_olution: Love, Truth, Soulforce and the Future of the Religious Society of Friends?"
- There is a new look at the website: www.pym.org Check it out.
- Finally Arthur announced his upcoming retirement on September 1st, 2014.

Lengthy discussion on gun control

Minutes came from Haverford, Western and Haddonfield Quarterly Meetings. In addition small Seaville Meeting wrote a very complete document which I will put on the bulletin board. They reminded us that time is of the essence. There will be congressional meetings on this as early as tomorrow. Seaville broke with protocol and so can we all. They sent a message to their senators, representatives, the president, the governor and our assembly men to the freeholders and to the mayors in all of Cape May County. Their message was also were published by the Atlantic City Press. Seaville has forty members. Jada Jackson, Interim Clerk, said that there are 103 meetings in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and nothing is stopping them from doing as Seaville did. At the same time Yearly Meeting will follow procedure and produce a minute.

Ron Pflug presented the budget.

Our budget is balanced. This was enabled by the large scale lay offs and a better financial climate. Our cash and checking accounts are now separate. We have been audited and our books are in good order. Restricted funds which had been moved to "unrestricted" during the financial crisis are now back covering their original intentions. The fiscal year is now regularized.

There is a new protocol for consideration of minutes. (clerk's packet)

Growing Meetings: What are you doing which is allowing you to grow? Find the answers on the website www.pym.org