

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
4/14/13

APRIL MINUTES

The Meeting for Worship for Business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk read Query # 4A, "Care for one another," p. 208, Faith and Practice.

26 Friends were in attendance.

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

Diane Snyder presented the Care Committee annual report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Connie Brookes presented the first draft of the Committee list proposed by Nominating Committee, a copy of which is attached hereto. This is a very preliminary list. Scott Buchheit would like to step down from the responsibility of handling the calendar. It would be appropriate for the person who handles rentals of the Meeting House to assume that responsibility. Anyone who is interested should advise a member of Nominating Committee. There are still spots to fill on many of the committees, so those who are interested should speak up.

Sarah Greenblatt mentioned that she is not on the School Board of Trustees. Deedy Roberts is on the PYM Nominating Committee, not Virginia Barker. Bill Morad was ill and probably should not be listed on the Religious Education Committee. These changes will be made.

For Finance Committee, Connie Brookes presented an update on contributions to date, a copy of which is attached hereto. Contributions to date are 72% of budget, although the year is only 67% of the way through the year. More people give every month and when tax returns are received. We are encouraged to give more if possible. If anyone makes a contribution through electronic transfer, that person should advise Lisa Boyell.

The Clerk mentioned the break-in of the contribution box. There probably was only a small amount of cash lost. We will not use the box for the near future. Contributions should be mailed to the Treasurer, Susan Borkowski.

The Clerk asked the Meeting to consider the needs of the entire Meeting when considering Property Committee's report on new chairs. Bob Turrin presented the Property Committee's proposal concerning new chairs and presented a model. The Committee thinks this chair is better than the first chair recommended because they are stackable and easier to store. This chair is also not as tippy as some others considered. The Committee recommends a purchase of 70 chairs @ \$37/chair. It is available at Office Depot for more than \$70/chair. The Committee is also proposing to purchase 5 dollies and 3 folding chair for the library. The folding chairs cost \$25 each. The total cost for the chairs and dollies is \$3285, inc. shipping.

Pam Anderson remarked that Sarah Greenblatt is raising funds for the purchase. To date she has raised a little more than \$500. Deedy Roberts mentioned that the chairs might not work for short people. Connie Brookes mentioned that Friends should keep in mind the needs of the Meeting as a whole. In addition, as part of the chair evaluation process the Property Committee purchased four other sample chairs, which may work for a few people who don't like the proposed chair and which can also be used in the Sewing Room. Also there are several folding chairs in the Library which are very comfortable.

With respect to the old chairs, Property Committee recommended that we offer them to other meetings. If other meetings don't take them all, we will offer them to Meeting members. As a last resort, we will put them out on the curb.

Bob Turrin mentioned a few other items. The fire sprinkler system process is not moving forward as quickly as hoped. The vendor is having difficulty in contacting the Water Dept. official, who must determine the necessary water pressure. When that is identified, he can present a plan to the Borough. The gutter on the side of the lower building classrooms will be repaired. No smoking signs have been put up on the parking lot. The pilot lights on the kitchen range have been going out on cold days, and the Committee thinks that has been repaired. When the pilot lights go out, there is a strong odor in the building, so we will know for sure when it gets cold again. There was a problem with mice coming into the stage door. Someone has repaired that door. The Committee is selling the lawn tractor, because Alpine Lawn Care has been doing such a good job for many years.

Veronica Salaam presented the Library Committee's proposal concerning the use of the Meeting library during School hours. It would be available for use by parents, staff and teachers. This was a request from the School's Quaker Life Committee. The Library would be open during hours that the Meeting House is open. Friends approved the proposal.

Justin Loughry reminded Friends that Suraya Sadeed, the founder of Help the Afghan Children, will visit the School and Meeting on May 14. The Peace & Social Concerns Committee has been raising funds for this group. He asked for the Meeting's blessing and support for this activity. Friends approved.

He also announced that Peace and Social Concerns Committee will host Gordon MacInnes, President of New Jersey Policy Perspectives, who will speak on "Skyrocketing Corporate Subsidies and High Unemployment" on April 30 at 7 pm. He is a former NJ state assemblyman, state senator and assistant state education commissioner. Friends approved hosting this program. The Committee has created a study group that has been reviewing these issues. Suggested materials are on the Meeting website.

At a recent First Day School, Friends discussed suggestions to be passed on to FCNL on priorities for the upcoming year. FCNL received these suggestions and has expressed its gratitude.

Linda Lotz mentioned the PYM Peace & Social Concerns thread Gathering at Woodstown on April 27. Friends will be car-pooling from the Meeting House. Friends interested in attending must register and should contact Linda.

Deedy Roberts reported on the activities of PYM Nominating Committee. Volunteers are being sought for the search committee being formed to find a new General Secretary. It is important for our meeting to be represented on that and all PYM committees.

The Clerk summarized the correspondence the Meeting received over the past month. She has many copies of the Haddonfield Quarter newsletter. FGC has circulated an Advance Program for the Gathering in July. The Meeting is participating in the Haddonfield PTA/Tricentennial Committee Passport Program. Next Saturday is the HFM Clerks Committee meeting. Clerks who cannot attend should send a representative.

Connie Brookes mentioned the PYM Finance Thread Gathering on Saturday, April 20.

FGC is seeking candidates for its open Development Associate position.

The next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business is scheduled for May 5, 2013. Note that this is not the usual First Day of the month for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business because of Mother's Day.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kane Williams, Recording Clerk.

Annual Report of the Committee for Care of Members and Attenders – April 14, 2013

Members of Care Committee – Judy Barnes, Drew Biehl, Bonnie Drago, Ceil McFadden, Jack McGlaughlin, Ruth Podolin, Maria Shivers, Inspira Williams, Diane Snyder, Clerk, Judy Owens, ex officio

Care Committee appointed clearness committees to interview prospective members and recommend them for membership.

We met jointly with Worship and Ministry in May and November to discuss issues that our committees can work on together. We jointly hosted a workshop on Aging Gracefully in October, and began a series of Meetings for Healing every other month. These two committees also share the responsibility to maintain contact with members and regular attenders on the directory.

Care Committee is beginning the process of reviewing the membership list and attempting to contact those who have not been an active part of Meeting life in the past three years.

Two members of Care Committee took part in the ad hoc committee for Child Life with representatives from Religious Education and Worship and Ministry. This committee discussed issues related to childcare, First Day School, and others related to families in Meeting, and will be making recommendations to the Meeting in June. The Meeting's Child Safety/Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures will be updated to include input from the new Child Life committee that will be formed. Care Committee members take turns on a monthly basis to randomly monitor childcare and to assure these policies are being carried out.

The clerk participates in the quarterly Clerk's Meeting with representatives from each committee.

Care Committee continues to assist ailing members and attenders with calls, visits, meals, and referrals to community resources, and enlisting volunteers from the Meeting at large.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Snyder, Clerk of Care Committee

Contributions Year-to-Date: Connie Brookes reported for the finance committee that contributions were at \$61,818 through February vs. a budget of \$85,000. Contributions received to date are 72% of budget when we are 67% of the way through the year. This should be reassuring except that historically December is by far our largest month for contributions. Having said that, the finance committee recognizes that more people are contributing on a regular monthly basis or contributing their annual amount after receiving their tax return, so we are hopeful that we will make budget.

Still, we ask that you please consider making an additional contribution if you can or making a gift if you have not yet done so.

Monthly Contributions: Please let Lisa know if you begin making automatic payments through your bank. For example, since our account is at PNC, if you are a PNC customer you can choose to complete a monthly electronic transfer or to have them send a check from your online bill payment. If you send a check, we know the contributor but EFTs only show the amount and a sending account number, so Lisa must call the bank to find out from whom we received the contribution.