



HADDONFIELD MONTHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER

Meeting for worship

10 am Sunday ~ 9:15 am Wednesday

May 2015

A Plea from your Clerk

I yearn for more time in worship. Not only silent meditation, but the rich, communal worship we have together. Our meeting's culture has recently been shifting to a later and later start for our precious time, and I'm struggling with how to help us all pay more attention to a ten o'clock beginning. I confess that I am a "counter", and our number easily doubles between ten and twenty minutes after the hour.

Years ago, Friends would anxiously check their watches on their way to Meeting, and if they were not going to make it by ten o'clock, they would turn around and go home, hoping to get an earlier start the following Sunday. Sometimes that was my family turning around, since getting two adults and three children dressed and fed and out the door took longer than we planned. I remember the disappointment I felt, and I do not want to return to those days.

As each person enters the meetinghouse, I'm so pleased to see them, whether they are familiar or new. I welcome them into the sanctity of our space.

But I yearn for more time in worship. I believe our silence will be deeper, our messages more meaningful, if most of us are settling in by ten. Shall we give it a try?

Judy Owens



Hospitality Help Still Needed

We are currently looking for people to fill an ad hoc committee to assist hospitality as needed. If you would be willing to serve the Meeting at rise of meeting coffee, during covered dish, or for an occasional special occasion, please let Pam Perry know. You would be called upon when the appointed committee was unable to provide refreshments for themselves.

Echoes from the Past

This poem was sent to us by John Benson, the son of a meeting member and poet, who was part of a writers' group active in our meeting in the 1950's. A large collection of poetry from this long ago group will be available in the library. This is from Blanche Champion:

Friendship

*How is it with you, my friend?
May I reach out and touch your hand,
Or give you just a gentle nudge
That you may hear with me
The symphony of the birds?
Or, may I point out a tree
It's autumnal beauty you to see,
Or listen to a bit of verse
When for an instant our minds touch.*

*Perhaps together find we may
The effortless of truth
On that narrow and lofty perch
Of paradoxical yea and nay.*

OUR BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS....

...need lots of care. The HMM Gardening Group plans to be active this year. If you can help **in any way** for **any amount of time**, please e-mail Judy Barnes at barnes.judy1@comcast.net and tell her so. Don't pain over your offer; just send her your name. Judy will contact you to discuss what you feel you can do. The list of suggestions is long and it contains items that don't require you to be on your hands and knees.



Library Corner

Pendle Hill has an exciting announcement: "For at least the next six months, QuakerBooks will operate from the site of the current Pendle Hill bookstore. Pendle Hill will now have over a thousand new titles to serve the 4,500 annual campus visitors." The Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Library Committee will plan a field trip to visit the new bookstore. If you have any book suggestions, please contact one of the committee members.

Our library now owns Season One of "Quaker's Speak" a weekly video series that features Friends from around the country discussing Quaker issues from their perspective. New videos are released every Thursday on their web site <http://quakerspeak.com/>

Remember to stop by the library on Sundays before or after Meeting for Worship to check out the latest Friends Journal or Pendle Hill Pamphlets.

Veronica Salaam



Meeting for Worship for Healing

Plan now to participate in the Meeting for Healing, Mondays, 5/18 and 7/20, 7 pm in the Meetinghouse. We pray for the healing of mind, body and spirit of those we know and for others in this world. All are welcome.

Queries From the Financial Stewardship Ad Hoc Committee

Do you feel a strong connection between your financial contribution to the Meeting and your spiritual beliefs?

Do you feel you have a sufficient understanding of the Meeting's finances?

Do you feel engaged in the Meeting's financial decision-making process?

What do you think the Meeting should do to improve the level of financial contributions?

Is there anything in the process that in your opinion hinders financial giving?

Nobody has ever measured,
even poets, how much the heart
can hold.

- Zelda Fitzgerald

Just Among Friends

Deedy Roberts is enjoying her new home in Medford Leas.

We extend our condolences to Hiltrud Dodge for the loss of her mother.

Prayer

May today there be peace within.
May you trust that you are exactly where
you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite
possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have
received, and pass on the love that has
been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a
child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones,
and allow your soul the freedom to sing,
dance, praise and love.

Teresa of Avila

Summary of April 12, 2015 Meeting for Worship for Business

Property Committee Update. Kevin Heizer reported for the Property Committee. Kevin has painted the kitchen! All agreed it looks wonderful. The roof over the hallway in the foyer has been repaired, and later this spring, the repair to the north side roof of the worship room will also be repaired.

Financial Stewardship ad hoc committee. Sheryl Harrison, Bill Patterson and John Donch shared the group's focus of increasing meeting contributions. Bill presented an analysis of the 2009 giving, and promised a current study when recent date is available. Sheryl then presented several queries and led a discussion about financial giving. The group will continue reporting to Meeting in future business meetings.

Proposed Covenant Contributions. The clerk conveyed Lisa Boyell's report that Haddonfield Meeting's proposed contribution to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for this fiscal year is \$5000. Our proposed contribution to Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting for this fiscal year is \$1000. These amounts were approved.

Community/Outreach Committee. Lois Hinski asked for help with a busy Third Sunday agenda, since we have invited guests for our adult First Day School panel, as well as the Haddonfield Friends School presentation during covered dish luncheon. Several Friends volunteered to help in the kitchen.

Faith and Practice Update. Linda Lotz reported that PYM's revision committee is currently focusing on the Queries. She distributed several copies of the current revision, and requested help with the review being requested of our Meeting. Deedy Roberts and Judy Owens will meet with Linda on this task.

Interim Meeting. Deedy Roberts reported that a new website is in the works that will connect all the Meetings throughout the Yearly Meeting. We are encouraged to be generous with PYM's Annual Fund drive and to attend Continuing Sessions at Westtown Board School on November 7, 2015. A film and discussion continued the work of the called meeting on racism. We are asked to hold the climate change policy in the Light as the House of Representatives consider the wording.

Clerks' Correspondence. We are invited to several programs on April 26, including the Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting. Hal Taussig, author *of A New New Testament*, will speak at Central Philadelphia Meeting on May 3. Our Newsletter deadline is April 22; printed copies are available. The next Meeting for Worship for Business will be held on May 3rd, since our usual date, May 10th, is Mother's Day

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Mother's Day			7 pm Worship & Ministry/Care			
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Covered Dish						
	7pm Meeting for Worship for Healing		Newsletter Deadline for June			
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End of Year Celebration and Picnic						

