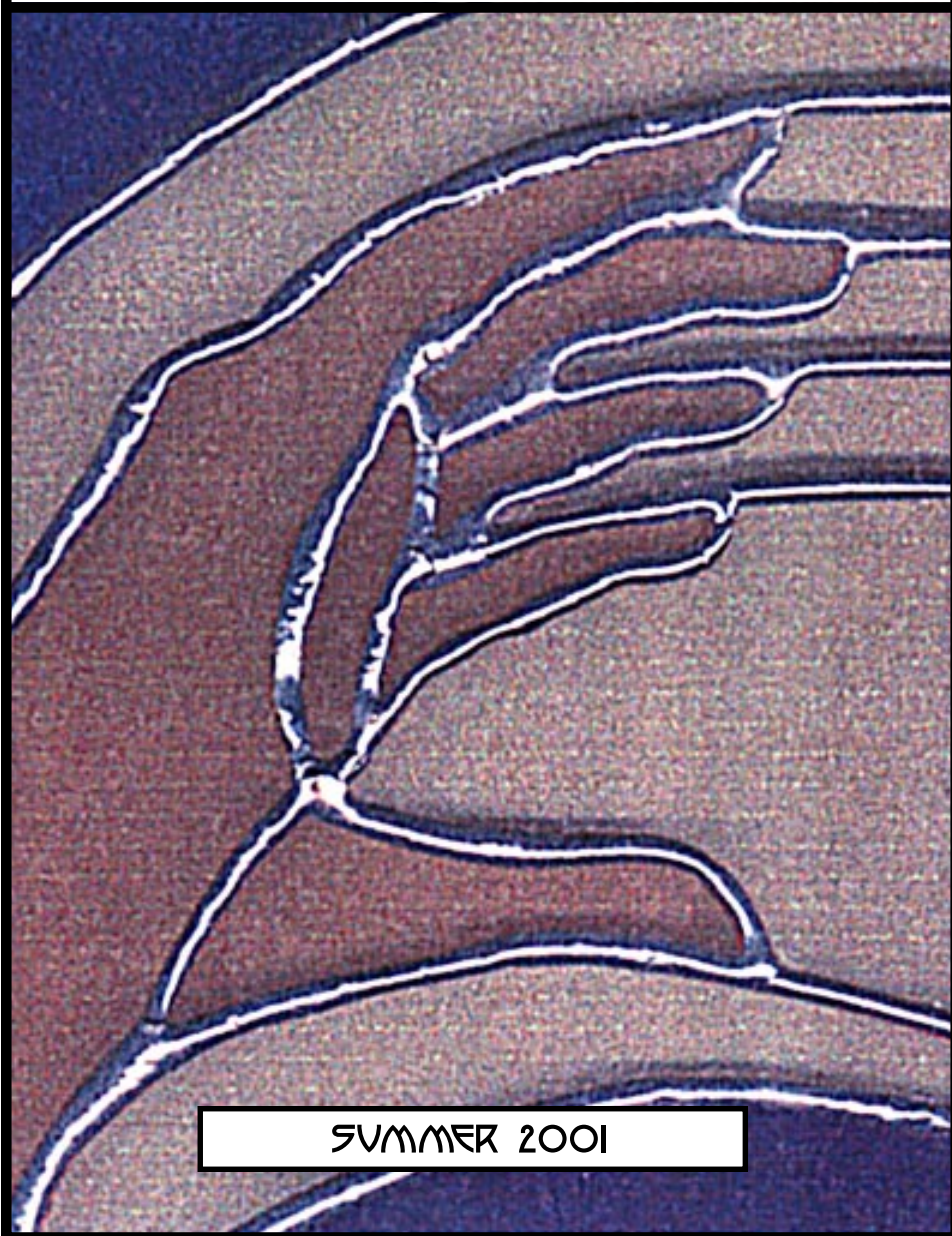


# MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING



SUMMER 2001

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- Monday, July 2. 7 PM Men's Group Meeting. We will meet in Lincoln, at the site of Chris Stackhouse's latest construction project. Let's gather at 6:30 at Chris' house to caravan (12 Seminary St, Middlebury; 388-9224).
- Wednesday, July 4 10:30 AM Bristol 4th of July Parade with Float Celebrating Local Sustainable Agriculture
- Sunday, July 8 8:30 AM Ministry & Counsel Meeting. This will be the Crossover meeting when old and new members meet.
- Wednesday, July 11 5 PM Peace & Social Concerns Meeting The Gazebo, 278 Washington St., Middlebury
- Sunday, July 14 7-9 PM Benefit Concert with Anais Mitchell and Friends Treleven Farm, New Haven, VT (the Mitchell Farm) A benefit for the exchange between the Young Adult Friends of Cuba and New England Yearly Meetings. Freewill offering: suggested donation \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 seniors and children. Bring a picnic blanket and



# MINUTES, MEETING FOR BUSINESS

JUNE 17, 2001

Co-clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Laura Asermily

The meeting began at 11:30 AM with a moment of silence during which Co-Clerk Jean Rosenberg read a passage from Faith and Practice in which we were reminded that “to be inwardly still is to be aware of the center.” The center is what is most real, most truly important. Nine people attended including Jean Rosenberg, Laura Asermily, Olive Colwell, Fran and Spence Putnam, Joanna Colwell, Cheryl Mitchell, and Grace McGrath.

1. Minutes: Approved the minutes of the May 20, 2001 Meeting For Business.
2. Ministry & Counsel: A report was given of the June 3, 2001 meeting. Items not discussed later in this report included an update from Jerry McBride on Quarterly meeting which he attended. He reported on how other meetings handle pastoral care and special funds. Burlington Meeting reported that hundreds of people were provided with overnight accommodation during the recent protest action in Quebec. All meetings were represented at Quarterly Meeting except Putney.
3. Treasurer’s Report: The proposed 2001-2002 budget of \$7,800 published in last month’s newsletter was approved without changes. As of June 20, 2001, we met our 2000-2001 budget of \$7,400. Included in May expenses were payments for a scholarship to Friends Camp, the printing of the newsletter, and purchase of a large stapler for use on the newsletter. June expenses included purchase of stamps and summer child care.
4. Nominating Committee: The May 20, 2001 report of the Nominating Committee was approved. It was noted that the meeting was still looking for a third First Day school teacher to cover the spring session.
5. First Day School Report: A report of the June 10, 2001 First Day School meeting organized by Donna Belcher was shared. All parents and teachers were able to attend. John Benson will continue teaching. Joanna Colwell will teach in the fall. Another person is needed for the spring. Donna will offer training late in the summer and ongoing support. The teachers for this past year were dedicated and enthusiastic and the children loved it. Teachers created their own lessons based on the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values curriculum. Cheryl Mitchell expressed gratitude for knowing that this was happening. The meeting supports having children share silence with us for the first 10 minutes of Meeting for Worship beginning in the fall as had been the practice in the past. It was agreed that we should continue to discussion about expanding the size of First Day School to include our older children. Currently, First Day School includes three girls aged 5-8. It was suggested that older children might be supported financially by the meeting in

attending Junior Yearly Meeting which many remembered making a significant difference for their children into coming more fully into the Quaker community.

6. Child care: Summer child care will be covered by Middlebury Union High School student Heather Jenkins at \$10 per Sunday whether or not children show up. Back-up child care providers include Terra Nicholson and Anna Heather-Lea.

7. Parent Child Space: PCC asked if we wanted to have input into their plans to build a garage with a meeting space larger than our current space above it. Some concerns were expressed regarding whether this space would suit our needs, for instance, if toxins were to come up from the garage. Some recognized that being in a separate space from First Day School, as is the successful practice in Burlington and South Starksboro, could be advantageous. Some wondered if we should consider sharing Havurah space. We agreed that we would continue discussion of our space needs. We also agreed that we could still support PCC in some way with their expansion plans whether we stay in our current space or move since they value our use and guidance.

8. Special Funds Committee: Spence Putnam reported that a committee was formed consisting of himself, Jerry McBride, Ted Colwell, and Faith Lowell to discuss issues of requesting and setting up special funds. The committee has met once and plans to recommend a procedure for requesting special funds. Input from Friends on this topic is welcomed.

9. Peace & Social Concerns Committee: Joanna Colwell reported that the committee met to draft a letter of support to Jim Jeffords for his courage in speaking truth. Individual friends are urged to write also. She announced that bake sales will be organized to support their next large action against globalization and that a float celebrating local sustainable agriculture will be prepared for the Bristol Fourth of July Parade. Anyone interested in helping on the float or being in the parade can speak with her. In other business, the committee will meet to draft a minute on the death penalty that could be expanded to include a reverence for all life.

10. Passage with Care Committee: This is the new name of the Death and Dying Committee. Forms are being updated and will be distributed to Friends wishing to express their wishes regarding their deaths. The committee is also putting together a packet of information on resources to be available to those who are interested. They are in touch with the memorial Society, currently in Williston, and the Funeral Alliance in Hinesburg. Both give information regarding simplicity in funeral arrangements. A list of places where people could have memorial services will be offered.

11. Volunteers for Peace: The meeting will ask Ruth Barenbaum if she needs assistance with the Volunteers for Peace Group. ACCAG has not reported their needs as yet.

12. Earth Charter: Jean Rosenberg reported that a discussion on the Earth Charter will be held at her home at 7:30 PM on July 15, 2001.

The meeting ended at 1 PM with a reverent time of silence.

## A SIMPLE WAY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF

Friends are reminded that it's always a good idea to express your opinions on current issues by writing, calling, faxing, or emailing our elected officials. The Friends Committee on National Legislation has a simple way for people who are online to send a letter or an email. Go to their home page at [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org) and click on the button that says LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER. You can send one of their previously composed messages on a wide variety of topics, or write a letter of your own. They see to its delivery. They are also a source of all Washington D.C. and Montpelier addresses and phone numbers if you want to do things the old-fashioned way.

## NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

A fine photograph of JOHN BENSON appeared in local papers, showing him and one of his paintings which was to be auctioned at the Elderly Services Auction. Both the work of art and John, another work of art, looked great. We recently spoke on the phone to HELEN LATHROP, who has been living in Reading, PA for the past thirteen years but still has her heart back here in Vermont. She reported that she was feeling quite well, and had turned 90 in December. A very independent lady, she regrets not being able to drive her car any longer, but her son lives near by and makes sure she gets around. She is attending the Reading Monthly Meeting and likes it very much. She sends her greetings to all those at MFM who remember her, and especially to the Proctors who frequently would stop by in Reading on their way to Georgia each winter. There was news from LADYBELLE FISKE advising that she and BRION McFARLIN were back in their home on Quarry Hill in Rochester, VT after a winter spent in Burlington. She indicates that she will do her best to get over the Middlebury Gap and come to some meeting with us this summer. SAS CAREY distributed her latest brochure on the courses in Life Energy Training that she will be teaching over the next year. In August she will be off to Mongolia for more training in Traditional Mongolian Medicine and some video filmmaking. There was a recent clipping from the local press to the effect that COLIN SPENSLEY has been awarded a \$2,500 state scholarship by the Discover Card Tribute Award Program. His father, STEVE, sent a copy of the Saltash Serenader's most recent CD, *Songs from the Next County*, which is excellent. HOLLY EARLE also made the papers with a photo as well, showing her receiving an award for being a winner in recent Math League competition. She finished first in the State of Vermont and fourth in New England! Middlebury College has promoted ALAN WILLIAMS to Boiler Plant Operator recently. Alan had been working for a number of years with the college's food service and had assignments on most First Days – we will

hope he can get back to Meeting for Worship now. ANN TAYLOR has a new residence, after a frustrating search that lasted several months. Her new address and phone follow. ENKTHUR AYUSH was recently invited to give presentations at a festival of the Mongolian American Cultural Association, which met in New Brunswick, NJ. He spoke on "Spirits of Our Ancestors," showed his video "Hearing the Sounds of the Shaman's Drums," and hung an art show. Back in school is ELIZABETH ROSENBERG, studying Arabic at the Middlebury Language School and living on campus. Our hearts and sympathies go out to JERRY McBRIDE on the death of his mother, Judy McBride, on June 18 in California. Jerry had flown out on the 16<sup>th</sup> and was able to be with his mother before she passed away. His mother had been ill for some time, and Jerry had earlier this spring been out on the West Coast for several weeks to be helpful to her in the hospital and at her home. Those who met Judy during her visit to Middlebury a year ago know what a very charming individual she was.

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