

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING



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Saturday June 1

“Peace Puzzle: Finding Our Way Through Troubled Times.” Annual Conference of the American Friends Service Committee in Vermont. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Zia Mian, “Empire as a Way of Life? - The US and the World in the 21st. Century.” Workshops include “Middle East Crisis, Non-Violence, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, Enemy & Self. Music by Raging Grannies. , Registration 9:00 AM. Bethany United Church of Christ, 115 Main Street, Montpelier, VT. Information: (802) 229-2340. Donation requested.

Saturday-Sunday, June 1-2

Northwest Quarterly Meeting at the Farm & Wilderness Camps, Plymouth, VT. Committee meetings, Meeting for Worship, Business Meeting and time for sports and socializing – great for kids.

*I don't believe in charity. I believe in solidarity.
Charity is so vertical. It goes from the top to the bottom.
Solidarity is horizontal. It respects the other person.
I have a lot to learn from other people.*

~Eduardo Galeano

Sunday, June 2	10 AM	Last Day of First Day School Classes. Childcare available during summer months.
Monday, June 3	7 PM	Men's Group Meeting at home of Ted Colwell (388-3632).
Sunday, June 9	8:30 AM	Ministry & Counsel Meeting.
Sunday, June 16,	11:20 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business.
Friday, June 21	6 PM	Potluck and Celebration of the Summer Solstice at the Rosenberg's (388-6453). No program – just joyous time to be together as summer begins.

Middlebury Friends Meeting has created a special fund to be able to help Brion McFarlin and Ladybelle Fiske during this time when Brion is receiving medical care. Friends are encouraged to make a contribution to our treasurer with a note explaining it is for the "McFarlin Fund." And let us hold Brion and their family in the light!

MINUTES, MEETING FOR BUSINESS

MAY 19, 2002

Co-clerk: Priscilla Baker

Acting Recording Clerk: Ted Colwell

The meeting began at 11:35PM with a time of silence. Present were Priscilla Baker, Co-Clerk, Fran Putnam, Olive Colwell, Treasurer, and Ted Colwell, Acting Recording Clerk.

02.05.01 – Minutes. The minutes of the April 21, 2002 meeting were approved, with a change of name “Planning Committee” to read “Growth Committee” and adding the name of Priscilla Baker to this committee

02.05.02 – In the absence of any members of Ministry & Counsel, Ted Colwell read the report of the April 5, 2002 meeting. Among the issues discussed were plans for the Celebration of Life on May 12th, childcare for the summer months, reading of the Queries on May 19th, and that Meg Langworthy will represent the meeting at the June session of Northwest Quarterly Meeting to be held at Farm & Wilderness Camps.

02.05.03 – Financial Report. Olive Colwell reported of our financial situation as follows: “During April contributions totaled \$652.00. We also continued to receive gifts for a Special Fund set up for a family needing help. Our expenses amounted to \$1,776.80, which included rent, giving to NEYM and NWQM, cost of printing the newsletter, postage, and gift certificates for books for graduating high school seniors. During the first ten months of our fiscal year we have received contributions of \$6,808.00 and spent \$7,244.86, net of the Special Fund. Our cash balance as of April 30, 2002 was \$1,563.12.

To date in May we have received \$295.00 in contributions, and a prior month adjustment of \$.99. We have spent \$27.60 for printing of the May newsletter. Our cash balance today is \$1,831.50. “

It was called to our attention that our fiscal year ends on June 30th, and we are running somewhat behind last year’s contributions. Friends are encouraged to send contributions to the Treasurer.

02.05.04 – Proposed Budget for Fiscal year 2002-2003. Olive Colwell presented a budget for the coming fiscal year. After discussion, it was agreed that we would keep the same level of contributions and expenditures as last year. Some minor changes were made from the prior year. A copy of this proposed budget is printed in the June Newsletter. The budget will be further discussed at the June business meeting and approved, subject to any additional changes.

02.05.05 – Nominating Committee. Ted Colwell presented the slate for the coming year, and a copy is printed in the newsletter. The names will be presented for approval on June 16.

02.05.06 – Growth Committee. Priscilla reported that members of the committee recently met with representatives of the Parent/Child Center to review preliminary plans for a proposed “carriage house” to be built adjacent to the existing building and which will provide larger spaces for all users of the Center. These plans are still very much in the “wish list” stage and more joint consultations will take place.

02.05.07 – Quaker Grove. Ruth Barenbaum has held discussions with the family of the late Shep Colman Parker about their interest in contributing a tree to be planted in a memorial grove on the P/C Center grounds. She reported there is positive interest from Shep’s family. Ruth has agreed to continue the discussions with the family, clear the project details with the Center, and arrange for the purchase and planting. As it apparently costs \$100.00 to have the nursery plant the tree, Ruth believes people from the meeting can handle the digging of a hole, etc.

02.05.08 – Passage with Care Committee. Priscilla Baker has finished packets prepared by the committee, which contain much helpful information for Friends to utilize in planning the arrangements needed at the time of the death of participating Friends. To keep some control on these packets, meeting participants are asked to let Priscilla know that they would like a packet for the use of their family. Priscilla has volunteered to be the depository for forms as they are filled out.

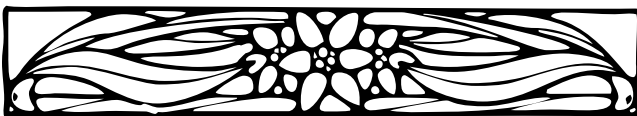
02.05.09 – New England Yearly Meeting Correspondence.

A. We have been asked to check the information that goes into the NEYM Minutes each year. Priscilla Baker will follow this up.

B. Ted Colwell will clarify a request for an Update form for existing and new monthly meeting participants, which will be used for sending people copies of the Yearly Meeting newsletter, for notices of retreat information, etc.

C. The next Yearly Meeting will take place at Bryant College, Smithfield, RI from August 3 to 8. If any of our participants are planning to attend it would be helpful if they would let one of the Co-Clerk know. We are anxious to have one or more official representatives at this important gathering. We currently have funds budgeted to help people desiring to attend this gathering – or other Friends’ events.

After setting dates, the meeting ended at 12:39 PM



MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING PROPOSED 2002-2003 BUDGET

CATEGORIES	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 4/30/02	EST.	BUDGET 2002-03	PROPOSED
			ANNUAL 2001-2002		vs 2001-02 BUDGET
Rent	1500	1500	1500	1500	0
NEYM	2000	2000	2000	2000	0
NWQM	800	800	800	800	0
Midd. Clergy Dues	25	25	25	25	0
Books	150	92	150	150	0
Newsletter & Directory	500	388	470	450	50
Postage	290	273	340	325	35
Children's Programs	200	175	200	200	0
Gifts to Young Friends	50	75	75	50	0
Peace & Social Concerns	100	0	0	100	0
Miscellaneous	170	91	100	175	5
Friends Journal Ad	30	30	30	30	0
Expenses re NWQ Meeting	0	100	100	0	0
Purchase NEYM F & P Book	0	49	0	0	0
Purchase of "The Peace Book"	0	47	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL - EXPENSES	5815	5645	5790	5805	10
AFSC-National	300	300	300	300	0
AFSC-Vermont	150	150	100	150	0
ACCAG	400	400	400	400	0
Clergy Rent Fund	125	125	125	125	0
FCNL	100	100	100	100	0
QUNO	50	50	50	50	0
FGC	50	50	50	50	0
Quaker Camps & Conferences	250	0	250	250	0
Alternatives To Violence Program	125	125	125	125	0
Habitat for Humanity/Addison Cty.	100	100	100	100	0
Contingencies	300	200	300	310	10
SUBTOTAL BENEVOLENCES	1950	1600	1900	1960	10
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7765	7245	7690	7765	0
DONATIONS	7765	6808	7700	7765	0

Contingencies - \$200 for Fiske Fund



CHERYL MITCHELL was recently named a National Governor's Association Early Childhood Policy Fellow, one of twelve appointed in the country. The fellowship is funded by the MacArthur Foundation and is designed to explore policy options and practices that will enhance early childhood education and care throughout the nation. Vermont Governor Howard Dean nominated Cheryl to this important forum of leaders. Cheryl is the Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Human Services in the state of Vermont. She is also one of the founders of the Addison County Parent/Child Center and an active member of our meeting. In the same family, Cheryl and Don Mitchell's daughter, ANAIS MITCHELL, has just released a new CD of her original folk-style songs titled "The Song They Sang When Rome Fell." It is an exciting recording, well performed, and we hope is the prelude to a great career. Copies of the CD can be obtained from Cheryl. We received a note from JO GOING. She is heading back to her home in Alaska after a successful winter as a visiting artist at The Banff Centre. Jo had heard of the birth of WREN COLWELL and was most happy at the news. Our intrepid explorer of the Gobi Desert in Mongolia, SAS CAREY, is heading back there this summer and will be taking laboratory equipment and supplies for the Manlai Sum, the South Gobi hospital, which desperately needs all kinds of medical materials. Sas hopes that a number of Friends will make a contribution to The Center for Northern Studies, which is assisting her in the project. All those interested can call Sas at 388-7684 for further details. It is a splendid way to help a small hospital that is struggling with all sorts of disease, logistics, and adequate supplies. JEAN BURFOOT was recently made a citizen of the United States after successfully meeting all the requirements imposed by the INS. The ceremony was performed at Jean's home due to her mobility problems, the result of a bad back. It was a great joy to welcome back ELEANOR GIBSON to Middlebury after her winter stay in Columbia, SC. Accompanying her on her flight back were her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Lois Gibson. We have all missed Eleanor during her time in the south. On the same First Day, we had another treat, seeing MARTHA MOSELEY who was visiting Middlebury from her new home in Alexandria, VA. She reported that she is busy writing a children's book, that her husband, CHAS, likes his new work with the U. S. Government, and that their two children are well and busy with new careers. ELIZABETH ROSENBERG is returning from Cairo, Egypt at the end of May after a year of study at the American University in that Middle East capital. She was continuing her study of the Arabic language and Arab culture. She will be working this summer at Farm and Wilderness Camps in Plymouth, VT and then continuing her studies at New York University in the Big Apple. Her brother, ELI ROSENBERG, has finished an exciting year of teaching middle school students in Hardwick, VT and will be moving to teach next

year in the Montpelier Middle School. LAURINE WARFIELD, mother of Cheryl Mitchell, is making a splendid recovery from a serious heart by-pass operation. Despite her problems she did an amazing job of preparing the charming friendship quilt for newly born Wren Colwell, putting in many hours of sewing. With the help of many in the meeting making squares for the quilt, it is a beautiful piece of work. Finally, once again we are all indebted to ROZ GOLDWAY and BURT KNOPP for their wonderful hospitality in once more hosting the annual Celebration of Life on May 12, Mother's Day. Despite a dark and rainy day, a good gathering enjoyed the fellowship of a deeply spiritual Worship Sharing, followed by a sensational potluck lunch and then a moving songfest, which turned out to be both musical and loud. All in all, it was a most successful time and the tiny guest of honor, Wren, behaved beautifully on her first real encounter with the wide, wide world.

- Ted Colwell

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Meeting for Worship

10:00 AM every First Day

Parent/Child Center, 126 Monroe Street, Middlebury

<http://community.middlebury.edu/~jmcbride/mfm.htm>

Please send newsletter submissions to the address above
or to winslow@well.com

on the cover: The quilt square made by Dune and
Aidan Mayberger and Sas Carey for Wren Colwell.