



Middlebury Friends Meeting

December
2019/
January
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Minutes of Nov. 17, 2019

Proposed Budget for 2020

DECEMBER 2019

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JANUARY 2020

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“Small is beautiful.”

— E.F. SCHUMACHER AND TED COLWELL

QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every first Saturday 10:30-11:00 AM ICAN Climate Vigil. New location on Cross Street Bridge
- Sun. Nov. 24 11:15 AM Friendly Forum led by Cheryl Mitchell: Sharing our Stories of Civil Rights and Social Justice Work, at Havurah House
- Mon. Nov. 25 7:30 PM Men's Group, place TBD
- Sun. Dec. 1 10 AM Holiday Gift Fair, 10am, Havurah House
- Dec. 7 and 8, NWQM, Havurah House
- Sat. 5 PM Potluck
- 6-8 Program
- Sun. 8:30 AM simple breakfast
- 9:30 Singing
- 10:00 Meeting for Worship
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1-3 PM QM Meeting for Business
- Sat. Dec. 14 5 PM Memorial Service for David Tier
- Sun. Dec. 15 10 AM Holiday Meeting for Worship and Potluck at Rosenbergs' home [232 Washington Street Extension, Middlebury]
- Wed. Dec. 18 7 PM Women's Holiday Meeting, Sas Carey's house [248 Washington Street Extension, Middlebury]
- Wed. Dec. 25 4 PM Christmas Meeting for Worship, South Starksboro Meeting House
- Sun. Jan 5, 2020 8:30 AM Meeting for Business, Havurah House
- Sun. Jan 12 Earthcare and Worship and Study Meetings, Havurah House
- Sun. Jan 19 State of the Meeting. Potluck lunch at the rise of meeting for worship, followed by the State of the Meeting discussion, at approximately 1 pm

Monthly Meeting for Business

17 November, 2019

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Grace Seale

Present were Tom Baskett, Jean Rosenberg, Brud Leedom, Ruah Swennerfelt, Louis Cox, Tom Dickinson, Chris Stackhouse, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Spence Putnam, Fran Putnam, and Grace Seale.

19:11:01 Opening Worship Jean read a passage from NEYM Faith and Practice, followed by a time of silence.

19:11:02 Review of Minutes Minutes of October 2019 reviewed and approved as submitted.

19:11:03 Clerks' report

- Tom reported Joe Garren's membership has been transferred from Brooklyn Meeting to Middlebury Meeting. We welcome him into membership with us. Tom adds "NYYM is loathe to give him up".
- Lease agreement between Havurah of Addison County and Middlebury Friends Meeting discussed. Chris, Tom, and Jean met with representatives of Havurah House to review the rental agreement.

Clarification of snow removal responsibility and if additional rental fees would be due should the space be used beyond the specified hours is ongoing.

Havurah requested:

- 1] The metal chairs without padding be stored in the basement. (Padded and white ones to be stored as in past.) The metal chairs would be available for use if needed.
- 2] Cushions be placed atop the piano for storage rather than on the chairs.

Chris has volunteered to help Havurah with a design to improve the steps on the front walk which routinely ices in winter. Havurah House has requested his help as well with improving their sign, and has agreed to MFM having a small sign that remains in place.

Meeting for Business agrees to new rental agreement with Havurah House.

19:11:04 Treasurer's Report Report is submitted from Karen Nawn-Fahey as of 17 November. From 21 October through 17 November the Meeting had member donations of \$3245. From 21 October through 17 November Meeting expenditures totaled \$4143.33, including \$133.33 for Children's Program Coordinator, \$40 for Child Care, \$25 for MACA (Middlebury Area Clergy Association), \$420 for the Warming Shelter, and \$3525 for Benevolences. 2019 benevolences are all paid.

When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$1438.19.

The current balance of the Rachel Harper Carey Fund is \$490.

Funds donated for Warming Shelter: \$320.

Funds donated for Solar Panel Project: \$900.

Balance of Vision for Vermont funds: \$486.86.

The finance Committee brought a draft 2020 budget for first review. Friends proposed several several changes. (See this newsletter, pgs. 6-7.) The budget will be brought for approval to the January Meeting for Business

19:11:05 Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee

The committee Tom Dickinson, Jean Rosenberg, Don Peabody, Lianna Tennial, and Mariah Mc Gill) have invited Noah Merrill, Secretary of NEYM, to join our gathering. Jean will send out information and sign-up opportunities soon.

Because of a gathering of Havurah members on Sunday afternoon the 8th, MFM needs to vacate the building by 4 pm.

19:11:06 Worship and Study Committee

- Friendly Forum on 24 November, Rise of Meeting. This event is inspired by John Lewis' book *March 1*. Cheryl Mitchell is facilitating.
- Events include
 - 1] NWQM on the 7th and 8th of December, hosted by Middlebury and South Starksboro Friends, and
 - 2] Holiday Meeting for Worship and Potluck at the Rosenbergs' on 15 December.
- Recommendations from the committee:
 - 1] that State of the Meeting Threshing Session be held on 19 January
 - 2] that January Meeting for Business be moved to 12 January
 - 3] that changes in Meetings not within the terms of the rental agreement are communicated to Havurah House.

19:11:07 Fellowship Committee Events include the 1 December Holiday Gift Fair, and working with the NWQM Planning Committee.

19:11:08 Earthcare Committee

- It was suggested that meetings be scheduled for the same week each month when possible, reducing the potential for conflicting meetings.
- The meeting with Watershed Stewardship on the 10th of November had enthusiastic attendance. (Many positive comments on this.)
- Our Meeting has purchased two Interfaith Power and Light manuals. The talks are available online at vtipl.org.

19:11:09 Pastoral Care Four MFM members attended and appreciated the Eldering Workshop hosted by Burlington Friends Meeting on 26 October.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	'19 Budget	'19 Actual	'20 Proposed	Change
INCOME				
	\$15,970.00	\$12,500.00	\$16,205.00	
EXPENDITURES				
Rent	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00	
New England Yearly Meeting	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Books and Library	\$200.00	\$104.02	\$200.00	
First Day Coordination	\$1,600.00	\$1,467.88	\$1,600.00	
Child Care	\$1,200.00	\$820.00	\$1,200.00	
Materials for Children's Program	\$150.00		\$150.00	
Advertising	\$240.00	\$177.63	\$240.00	
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00		\$20.00	-30
Mail Box	\$110.00	\$118.00	\$120.00	+ 10
Midd Clergy Assoc dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Miscellaneous	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Newsletter and Directory	\$200.00	\$80.00	\$200.00	
COSA: Community Suppers	\$400.00	\$376.92	\$500.00	+ 100
Postage	\$50.00		\$55.00	+ 5
Web page domain	\$20.00		\$20.00	
Worship and Study/Pastoral Care	\$400.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	
Earthcare			\$100.00	+ 100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,245.00	\$10,069.45	\$11,430.00	+ 185
BENEVOLENCES				
Add Cty Relocaliz Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
AFSC National	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Charter House/HOPE Housing	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	-100

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Community Lunch	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Counseling Service of AC	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
FCNL	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Friends Gen Conference	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Friends World Committee	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	
Habitat of Addison County	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
HOPE	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Hospice Volunteers	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Interfaith Power and Light	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	+ 50
John Calvi	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Jubilee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Nomadicare	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Open Door Clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Parent/Child Center	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Peace & Justice Center	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Quaker UN Office	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Spirit in Nature	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Summer Lunch Program	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Contingencies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Warming Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	+ 100
Yearly Meeting Scholarship	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,725.00	\$4,595.00	\$4,775.00	+ 50
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,970.00	\$14,664.45	\$16,205.00	+ 235

Contingencies 2019 paid \$100 to SURJ and \$100 to Women Safe

Former Clergy Rental Fund 2019 paid \$150 to HOPE and \$150 to Charter House for Housing

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Pastoral Care Committee

Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.
Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

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MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day

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