

Middlebury Friends Meeting

August/Sept
2008



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*“When we truly discover love,
capitalism will not be possible
and Marxism will not be necessary”*

—WILL O’BRIEN

QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Saturday	10:30 AM	Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
Sun. Aug. 10	12 NOON	Potluck and afternoon at Kingsland Bay State Park. If weather is poor, the event will be cancelled. Call Wendy Goodwin if in doubt (385-1900).
Wed. Aug 13	6:00 PM	Men’s Group will meet at Tom Baskett’s, 1008 Hemenway Rd., Bridport. 758-2055.
Wed. Sept. 10	6:00 PM	Men’s Group will meet at Spence Putnam’s NEW HOME (!), on Morgan Horse Farm Road in Weybridge. 388-1644.
Tues. Aug. 19	7:00 PM	Outreach & Social Action Committee at Karen Nawn-Fahey’s (989-3081)
Wed. Sept. 10	7:00 PM	Men’s Group at Spence Putnam’s (388-1644)
Sun. Sept. 21	11:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Fri. Sept. 26	5:00 PM	Community Supper at Congregational Church hosted by MFM. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, call Karen Nawn)Fahey at 989-3081.

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Monthly Meeting for Business

17 July, 2008

Clerk: Carrie Reed

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Win Colwell, Wendy Goodwin, Stuart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, and Karen Nawn-Fahey.

08.07.01 Minutes from 15 June 2008 were accepted as printed in the newsletter with one correction: The last sentence under item #2, should be amended to say that Spence Putnam has been asked, and agreed, to serve as co-treasurer, pending approval by monthly meeting.

08.07.02 Co-treasurer nominee, Spence Putnam, was approved, with gratitude for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

08.07.03 Treasurer's Monthly Report and Finance Committee Report (from Laura Asermily). "During the month of June, the final month of the fiscal year, we had income of \$2,346 and expenses totaling \$767.85 (\$203.85 Books, \$21 Newsletter, \$240 children's program, \$13.00 miscellaneous, \$40.00 Friend's Journal ad, and \$250 Quaker camps). For the entire year our income was \$9,468.46, \$566.54 less than the \$10,035 anticipated by the budget. Expenditures for the entire year were \$9,752.25, or \$282.75 less than the budget amount of \$10,035. The cash balance rose from \$3,903.28 at the beginning of the year to \$4,306.76 at the end of the year. This includes \$3.60 remaining in the Memorial Fund for Frankie Kirkaldy and \$700.00 in the Carry-over contingency fund. So far in the Month of July we have had income of \$273 and expenditures of \$1224, leaving us with a bank balance of \$3455.76."

FOLLOW-UP:

- Laura, and new co-treasurer, Spence Putnam, met for a transitional meeting with outgoing Treasurer, Becky Stratton. It was decided that Laura will handle deposits, disbursements and accounting; Spence will prepare reports.
- It was agreed to transfer the remaining \$3.60 from the Frankie Kirkaldy Memorial Account into the general account.
- A request has been made to support a Friend who would like to attend a workshop, "Rediscovering Eldering," at Powell House. It was approved to provide

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tuition coverage for this workshop which will benefit MFM when the participant returns and shares the content with us.

08.07.04 Worship and Study Committee (presented by Win Colwell)

- The completed Spiritual Life Survey was presented. The committee will circulate this survey among all MFM participants. Everyone expressed approval of the content, spirit and intention of this survey.
- On July 23, the Ticonderoga Worship Group Clearness Committee met at New York Yearly Meeting at Silver Bay, NY. Jean Rosenberg and Carrie Reed attended from MFM. Carrie reported that there is concern about the low attendance and concern about the difficulty of asking Friends to cover for Mark and Mary Kay when they are away. However, It was the sense of this committee for the worship group to continue.

08.07.05 Pastoral Care Committee (from Carrie Reed) did not meet this month. John Beattie will begin to serve as convener.

08.07.06 Fellowship Committee (from Wendy Goodwin) will next meet in September. There are currently two active members of the committee and they would welcome increasing their number. They will ask the Nominating Committee to identify additional members. Any Friend who feels led to serve on the Fellowship Committee should speak to Cheryl Mitchell, Nominating Committee, or Wendy Goodwin or Fran Putnam, Fellowship Committee members.

08.07.07 Outreach and Social Action Committee (from Karen Nawn-Fahey, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

- June Community Supper: A thank you note was received from Dottie Neuberger, Community Supper coordinator. \$59 was donated by guests at the supper, all of which was given to the church to help replace the food they lost when the freezer broke. Friends are reminded that they can donate “turkey” points from Shaw’s to the Community Supper at any time.
- Future Community Supper: We have been offered two dates: September 26 or October 3 to host our next Community Supper. A “localvore” theme has been suggested, enabling us to showcase local food, and our garden bounty.

FOLLOWUP: September 26 was chosen as our preferred date. We agreed to repeat our June meal of vegetarian lasagna and fresh salad which was very well received. *A chair, or co-chairs, are needed to coordinate the Sept. 26 meal. Anyone interested should talk with Karen or any other Outreach Committee member.*

- Post Office Box #1026 is our new MFM mailing address. We suggest a “Calling All Publications” by individual Friends who receive publications or other mailings

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on behalf of the meeting. It is recommended that Treasurer, Laura Asermily have a key. The other key might go to someone who can check the box easily from town and bring mail to meeting for distribution.

FOLLOWUP: The second key will be kept by either Karen Nawn-Fahey or Stuart Kirkaldy. They will decide between themselves.

- College Outreach: Efforts are underway to coordinate with Laurie Jordan and Ellen MacKay at Middlebury College to facilitate communication about MFM Meetings and Events that would be of interest to college students.

Monthly Meeting ended with a few moments of silence.

LETTER FROM DOTTIE NEUBERGER,
COORDINATOR, FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS

June 14, 2008

Dear Karen et al,

Many thanks from all the guests that benefitted from that wonderful meal you put on last night!! Many people told me what an excellent meal it was and I could attest to that myself. Everything went smoothly despite our problems with the freezer earlier in the day and we certainly appreciate the donation you made to help us re-supply our stock of meat, etc. All the workers were very helpful and gracious to the guests who respond so well to the kindnesses shown them. The harpists were an added plus - their music was beautiful and peaceful.

This program only works because people like you are willing to put in the time and effort to make one of these meals. It is truly a community effort that serves the community in which we live. And to you Karen, a special thank-you for organizing the meal as well as all those nights you have been the guru in the clean-up spot.

We look forward to seeing you again in the early fall.

News of Quakerly Interest

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"If you don't like the news, go out and make some of your own!" — Scoop Nisker

FRAN AND SPENCE PUTNAM are just settling into their new energy efficient house, a process made a little more challenging by the desire to "downsize." They appreciate all the help they have gotten from members of the Meeting. Their phone number and address remain unchanged.

The members of ACO_rN (Addison County Re-Localization Network) hope to see many Friends at the Harvest Festival on the Middlebury Green, on Saturday September 6, from 12 to 4 pm. There will be a local food potluck lunch, workshops on eating locally, and lots more delicious fun! Also, please save the date for the Conservation Congress at Mt. Abe- the place to come together and find solutions to our energy woes! The congress will take place on October 25. Many thanks to Laura Asermily for all her work on sustainable energy!

Joanna Colwell

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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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