

Middlebury Friends Meeting

July
2008



JULY 2008

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Saturday 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
- Wed. July 9 6:30 PM Men's Group will meet at the Ferrisburgh Town Beach (off Sand Rd., near Kingsland Bay St. Park). Bring a canoe, kayak, and swimming togs. Boat coordinator is Bill Schoonover 453-7595, or 989-8711 (cell).
- Thurs. July 10 4:30/5 PM Women's Group Swim/Paddle at Ferrisburgh Town Beach (off Sand Rd., near Kingsland Bay St. Park). Call Wendy Goodwin at 385-1900 for more information.
- Sun. July 20 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee meeting. Upstairs at Havurah House.
- Sun. July 27 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business.
- Sun. Aug. 10 12 NOON Potluck and afternoon at Kingsland Bay State Park.
- 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.

“Everything changes. Or rather, everything is revealed. There are no more secrets. The plan of the world seems plain, like an easy sum that one writes in big figures on a child’s slate. One wonders how one could have ever wondered about anything. Space is not; every place that one has seen or dreamed of is here. Time is not; into this instant is crowded all that one has ever done or dreamed of doing. It is a moment, and it is eternity. It is the center of the universe and it is the universe itself. The eternal light rests on and illuminates the eternal heart of things.”

—E. NESBIT

OUR NEW ADDRESS!

The Meeting has decided to open a post office box to have a more consistent way of receiving information and mail (including donations).

Please use the following address beginning July 1, 2008;

Middlebury Friends Meeting
Box 1026
Middlebury, Vermont, 05753

If you receive mail meant for the Meeting, please tell the sender our new address!

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

15 June, 2008

Clerk: Carrie Reed

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Joanna Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Mary Kay Glazer, Mark Moss, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg, and Becky Stratton.

08.06.01 Minutes from 17 May 2008 were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

08.06.02 Treasurer’s Monthly Report and Finance Committee Report (from Becky Stratton, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk). “During the month

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of May, 2008, we took in contributions of \$1,621.00. Our expenses were \$25.00 for dues to the Middlebury Clergy Association, \$23.20 for the newsletter, and \$60.00 for childcare. We paid out \$300.00 for the children's project to make money for HOPE (\$200.00 from the community supper line item, which would not be used this fiscal year, and \$100.00 from the Frankie Kirkaldy memorial fund.) We also sent \$100.00 from the Frankie Kirkaldy fund to the Summer Lunch and Recreation program. We ended the month with a balance of \$2,925.01.

"So far in the month of June we have had income of \$1,355.00. We paid out \$13.00 for an annual subscription to the Pastoral Care Newsletter, \$21.00 for printing, and \$90.00 for childcare. Our current balance is \$4,216.01, which includes two special funds (2007 carryover contingency fund and Frankie Kirkaldy Memorial Fund). Anticipated expenses before the end of this fiscal year include, \$200 for books to be purchased by the meeting librarian, \$150 for childcare, \$191 for the Community Supper we hosted on 6/13/08, and \$21 the June newsletter.

"Thanks to all for your contributions. We have now raised \$8,477.46 during this fiscal year. We had set a very optimistic goal of \$10,036. in our budget, which means that we have raised all but \$1,558.54. Thanks again!"

Follow-up:

- In addition to expressing gratitude to the Finance Committee for the recent appeal they sent out requesting donations, it was suggested that they submit a quarterly report on the financial health of the meeting as well as encouragement for donations throughout the year if donations fall behind.
- It was suggested that Friends may need to be reminded, periodically, that we have a very small budget and relatively few financial needs because we do not own and maintain property.
- Friends are reminded that there is a Quaker camps and conferences line item in the budget for the purpose of encouraging and supporting Friends to attend Quaker camps, conferences, workshops, and meetings, such as New England Yearly Meeting and Woolman Hill. It was decided that whatever balance is left in this line item at the end of the month/fiscal year be sent to Farm and Wilderness Foundation and Camps.
- It was suggested that the Finance Committee explore how to set up automatic withdrawals from bank accounts and credit cards and provide guidance for Friends who choose to make monthly contributions in this manner.
- Friends approved the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009, as published in the last newsletter.

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- Spence Putnam was approved as Co-Treasurer, and will soon be able to sign checks and receive donations.

08.06.03 Worship and Study Committee (presented by Tom Baskett and edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

- The committee continues to develop ways to support and nurture our Meeting's spiritual life. Among our initiatives is a spiritual life survey which we have drafted and hope to have completed in July for presentation to the Meeting in the Fall. We plan to organize small group discussions, perhaps at a potluck supper, based on queries developed from the survey. The survey is intended to heighten Meeting's awareness of the spiritual life of Meeting and, in so doing, deepen our communal life together.
- Other ideas to support our spiritual life revolve around using our time together, e.g., to check in with each other about our worship experiences following worship.
- We will continue to offer Friendly Forums on various spiritual topics.
- Mary Kay Glazer noted that on July 23 there will be a meeting and discussion about the future of the Ticonderoga Worship Group, which started 2.5 years ago under the joint care of Middlebury Meeting and Chatham (NY) Meeting. Jean Rosenberg and possibly Carrie Reed will attend for Middlebury Meeting. The meeting will be held during the session of New York Yearly Meeting at Silver Bay.

08.06.04 Pastoral Care Committee (from Carrie Reed) continues to work on completing the latest update to the meeting directory.

08.06.05 Fellowship Committee (from Fran Putnam)

- An outdoor potluck will take place after Meeting in Middlebury, on Sunday, August 10, at Kingsland Bay State Park in Ferrisburgh.
- In the fall, the committee will organize a reconfiguration of Friendly 8's for the coming school year.

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

- **Community Supper:** Thanks to all who made our Vegetarian Offering on June 13 such a success. We came in just under our \$200 budget. We served over 140 people. Lovely music from Margie Bekoff and beautiful flowers from Ruth Barenbaum created a peaceful, elegant ambience for our dinner. Watermelons, bread, eggs, and tasty desserts were donated by Friends and local stores. A tremendously energetic, enthusiastic and efficient volunteer staff, many of whom worked from 2:00 until 6:30, made the evening a wonderful experience for our guests. \$59 was left in the contribution basket during the evening. This was

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donated to the community supper general fund. Thank you to all who contributed to this demonstration of Quaker simplicity in action.

- **Community Supper (future):** We hope to host another community supper at the end of September with a “localvore” theme enabling us to showcase local food and our garden bounty. We are looking for a chairperson to step forward to organize our efforts.
- **A Post Office Box** will be available in July. All Friends who receive mailings on behalf of MFM, should give information about the organizations involved to the O/SC Committee and we will facilitate converting all official mailings to the POB address. We will determine who will be the two keepers of the POB keys and regularly retrieve mail.
- **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.
- **Web Site:** Please take a look at the newly enhanced web site: www.middleburyquakers.org In particular, read the statement drafted by Stewart Kirkaldy to give visitors to the website a sense of the Meeting. If you have comments or suggestions about the web site, please let us know.

08.06.07 Nominating Committee Report (from Jean Rosenberg). Becky Stratton has been asked to become the newest co-clerk. Laura Assirmily has agreed to serve as Treasurer. A co-treasurer is needed to serve with Laura. Anyone interested in filling this position should speak with Jean Rosenberg or Cheryl Mitchell. MFM Friends approved these two nominees and expressed gratitude for their willingness to serve.

08.06.08 Ad Hoc Facilities Committee (from Tom Dickinson) has completed its task of formulating a facilities questionnaire which will be distributed by email in the Fall.

08.06.09 Vermont Citizens Action Network (VCAN) conducts research and education about nuclear power, with a specific interest in the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Vernon. Friends agreed they would like an opportunity to learn more about the pros and cons of nuclear power. The Outreach and Social Action Committee will plan a threshing session for the fall after, Middlebury College is in session.

08.06.10 Helping Hands Healing Balm, as reported by Joanna Colwell, has sold \$511 worth of tins with the entire proceeds going directly to HOPE. More balm will be made in the future as the current supply is either sold or has been distributed to selling sites.

Monthly Meeting ended with a few moments of silence.

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

WORK AND LEARNING: CHERYL MITCHELL shares that SUSANNAH McCANDLESS led a workshop on "Migration/Immigration" which was very well received at the AFSC statewide gathering.

SAS CAREY writes from Mongolia! "I am in the capital of Hovsgol province. We had a safe and productive trip to the ends of the earth and back. I successfully navigated the horse rides through thick mud without falling off but I was scared. I can't say the same for reindeer rides. I fell off twice, once on a hot day into a wet area and once over the head and antlers of a reindeer who had fallen forward. I don't know if I broke the antler or if he did falling, but his antler was bleeding. Neither one hurt me. I am fine and looking forward to luxuries like water to drink, toilets, level bed to sleep on, and delicious veggies."

MARY KAY GLAZER writes that she, MARK, and MARTIN will be at the FGC Gathering in Johnstown, PA June 28–July 5. Mary Kay will be leading a workshop on living a life of prayer, Mark will be taking a workshop on the spiritual and other changes called for by the changing climate, and Martin will be participating in the youth program, which he loves.

FRAN PUTNAM writes that CHRIS and MATT PUTNAM-POULIOT and RICO are moving from Elizabethtown, N.Y., to Enfield, N.H. this summer where Chris has a new job as the librarian at the Hartford (VT) Middle School. They're looking forward to their new community and Chris is excited about her new school.

MOVING, NEAR and FAR: FRAN and SPENCE gratefully acknowledge the many hours of Friendly help contributed to the painting parties at their new energy efficient house. They plan to move at the end of July. Contact information, including snail mail address, is expected to remain the same.

KEVIN and TANYA LEHMAN have exciting news of coming adventure. Kevin has been accepted into the 2-year graduate program in photography at Ohio University, and they plan to move to Athens, OH in mid-August. Kevin is looking forward to following a dream that has been with him for a long time, but they will miss many things about Vermont, not least of which is the Friends community. They will, however, enjoy being closer to Kevin's family, especially while Asher is small.

AWARDS AND HONORS: And, careful readers of the *Addison Independent* will have noted that CLAIRE ARMSTRONG earned an honorable mention in the 2008 Vermont Secretary of State's Poster and Essay contest, for her poster "Vermont and the Civil War". Congratulations, Claire!

LAURA ASERMILY tells us that the next round of the *Low Carbon Diet: A 30 day Program to Reduce 5,000 Carbon Pounds* will meet for five Mondays from 7-8 pm at Middlebury's Ilsley Library beginning 7/28. Look forward to lively discussion and immediate energy cost savings.

Joanna Colwell

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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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