

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

December  
2015/  
January  
2016



# DECEMBER 2015

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“When you were born,  
you cried and the world rejoiced.  
Live your life so that when you die,  
the world cries and you rejoice.”

— CHEROKEE EXPRESSION

#### QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Dec 6	ALL DAY	NWQM at Green Mountain College, Poultney
Wed. Dec 9	7:15 PM	Experiment with Light meditation, Cheryl's house
Sun. Dec. 13	8:30 AM	Worship and Study Committee meeting at Havurah
	8:30 AM	Earthcare Committee meeting at Havurah
Sun., Dec. 13	11:15 AM	MFM Holiday fair
Wed., Dec 16	7 PM	Women's holiday meeting, at Sas Carey's
Sun., Dec. 20	10 AM	Holiday meeting at the Colwell's
Sun. Jan 17	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun. Jan 31	3-5 PM	State of the Meeting meeting, Location TBA

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

## Monthly Meeting for Business

15 November, 2015

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Sas Carey, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Wendy Goodwin, Brud Leedom, Lucy McKeon, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, and Lianna Tennal.

**15.11.01 Monthly meeting opened** with a reading from 1985 NEYM Faith and Practice.

**15.11.02 Oct. 18, 2015 minutes:** Several corrections were made. Item #3, COSA's role regarding the choice of benevolences was clarified. COSA receives suggestions and makes recommendations of benevolences for the Finance Committee to consider. Item #4, Followup: Havurah liaison, Laura Asermily, and members of the Chair Committee, will clarify with Havurah the ownership of the chairs and whether or not the sanctuary is locked. Item #7, Followup: Worship and Study Committee is asked read and discuss the revised queries sent by the Yearly Meeting Interim Faith and Practice Committee.

**15.11.03 Treasurer's Report** (Karen Nawn-Fahey) During October, the Meeting had member donations of \$990, including \$100 for the Warming Shelter..

During October, Meeting expenditures totaled \$2334. This includes \$80 to Claire Armstrong for childcare, \$30 reimbursement for Community Supper expenses, \$900 to Warming Shelter, \$600 to Havurah, \$599 to NEYM, and \$125 to NWQM. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$5902.51.

Karen made a presentation of the proposed budget for 2016. Friends discussed and proposed several adjustments. These changes will be reflected in the proposed budget to be published in the newsletter. It was decided to consolidate the budgeted allotments for Worship and Study and Pastoral Committee into a single line item, Committee Needs and Resources. COSA allocation remains separate since it is specifically for the two community suppers we host each year. It was decided to ask COSA to prepare recommendations for an ad hoc committee to review benevolences. Based on COSA recommendations, the co-clerks will appoint a committee.

Treasurer, Karen Nawn-Fahey, attended a workshop, sponsored by NEYM, for monthly and quarterly meeting treasurers, held on Nov. 7 at Wellesley Meetinghouse. She reported that it was informative and useful, and expressed appreciation to MFM for supporting her attendance at this workshop.

**15.11.04 Earthcare Committee** (Fran Putnam):

1. The committee discussed the evaluation of the Year of Earthcare and the idea of having a year-long theme. We have solicited more feedback but have not received any. We suggest leaving this until the State of the Meeting meeting for further discernment or for the Worship and Study committee.
  2. We will focus on following up with individuals in the Meeting who would like assistance and support to weatherize their homes.
  3. We discussed several food-related projects we could undertake, including assisting with the HOPE gleaning project, connecting with the Unitarians on their monthly food-related meetings, sharing our harvest with one another (crop swap), and other projects of this nature. We will seek to link food waste to climate change as well as to food insufficiency in our community.
  4. Laura will update the MFM carpooling map and Chris Stackhouse will get in touch with the Havurah building supervisor about weatherizing the building.
- 15.II.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action - COSA (Don Peabody)**
1. Journey of Healing workshop: This NEYM Workshop, is planned for April 30, 2016.
  2. Advocacy Letter Writing and a “Ministry of Mail:” We continue to explore implementation of suggestions made by Meeting members and will ask Monthly Meeting to indicate an after-worship date when we could try out these ideas.
  3. The Peace and Justice Center is “interested in hosting an event” in the Middlebury area focused on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, commonly known as “drones.” No member of COSA felt led to organize such a venture, but Don will follow-up with P&JC staff to get more information about their request and contact Reggie Spooner of Veterans for Peace.
  4. COSA is in favor of adding the Warming Shelter to MFM’s on-going, budgeted benevolences.
- 15.II.06 Worship and Study Committee (Jean Rosenberg)**
1. Report on the MFM Committee on Welcoming: Priscilla reported that this committee has met and will host a threshing session for MFM on this topic.
  2. State of the Meeting: The annual meeting with a focus on the 2014 State of the Meeting will take place on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016, from 3 to 5 pm, to be followed by a potluck. Priscilla will be the recorder; lianna will arrange childcare; we will ask Fellowship committee to arrange a location. We have yet to appoint a facilitator who, we hope, will encourage the gathering to consider all aspects of the state of the meeting, including those of concern as well as those to celebrate.
  3. The holiday meeting will take place on Dec. 20, with further logistics to be worked out by the Fellowship committee.

4. Introduction to Quakerism: We noted several ideas of how to support education on Quakerism for newcomers as well as everyone in MFM. We might prepare several small handouts on various topics. We can sponsor periodic sessions that allow for questions and discussion, perhaps set up with a Quaker-Quest style panel of speakers. We could offer mentorship relationships to newcomers or anyone with questions.
5. Peter and Jean looked over the queries from the NEYM Faith and Practice revision committee. We imagine using them within W & S by reading and reflecting on one at each committee meeting. We may plan a W & S retreat to consider them in greater depth.
6. Two agenda items were moved to next month's meeting: Friendly Forums for the new year and how to use the proposed queries from NEYM F&P revision committee within the Meeting as a whole.

**15.II.07 Fellowship Committee:** Plans are under way for the Holiday meeting in December and the State of the Meeting meeting and potluck in January. All agreed the monthly calendar of events, sent on the listserv, is very helpful.

**15.II.08 Pastoral Care Committee:** No report this month

**15.II.09 Ad Hoc Welcoming Committee (Wendy Goodwin)** The committee met and begin by discussing what constitutes a welcoming interaction with newcomers, and barriers to this happening. Many ideas were discussed for more conscious welcoming. The committee suggests a potluck and open discussion among the entire MFM community, perhaps in February. The committee will meet before the potluck to plan.

**15.II.10 Ad Hoc Chair Committee:** New chairs will be ordered this week. The committee has clarified specifics of ownership, storage, and removal of old chairs to the basement. The approximate purchase price is \$928. Friends readily agreed to move forward on these purchases.

**15.II.11 Wilderness Meeting has sent a minute to NWQM** and all monthly meetings asking that we consider the proposed Advises and Queries proposed by the F & P Revision Committee. Wilderness Meeting has a concern about the absence of Friends' Testimonies in this section. The co-clerks seek volunteers for an ad hoc committee, to be convened by Tom Baskett, to pursue this request.

**15.II.12 A Travel Minute**, prepared on June 26, 2013, for Mary Kay Glazer, has been returned to MFM with endorsements from four meetings where she led workshops and retreats. These have been noted by MFM and will be archived.

**15.II.13 Burlington Friend, Louis Cox, seeks endorsement from MFM** of an event on December 12. It was agreed to refer this to the Earthcare Committee for endorsement by them.

Meeting closed after a brief moment of silence.

# MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

## PROPOSED BUDGET, 2016

	2015 Budget		\$2,016.00 Budget	
INCOME				
	\$15,306.00		\$15,735.00	
EXPENDITURES				
Rent	\$2,400.00		\$2,400.00	
New England Yearly Meeting	\$2,400.00		\$2,800.00	Increase
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Books and Library	\$200.00		\$200.00	
First Day Coordination	\$1,600.00		\$1,600.00	
Child Care	\$1,750.00		\$1,500.00	
Materials for Children's Program	\$150.00		\$150.00	
Advertising	\$240.00		\$240.00	
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Mail Box	\$96.00		\$100.00	Actual Cost
Midd Clergy Assoc dues	\$25.00		\$25.00	
Miscellaneous	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Newsletter and Direct	\$50.00		\$175.00	Annual Directory
COSA: Community Suppers	\$450.00		\$450.00	
Postage	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Web page domain	\$20.00		\$20.00	
Worship and Study	\$150.00		\$350.00	Comb Worship & Study and
Pastoral Care	\$200.00			
Quaker Camps and Conferences	\$250.00		\$250.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,681.00		\$10,960.00	
BENEVOLENCES				
Add Cty Relocaliz Network	\$100.00		\$100.00	
AFSC National	\$300.00		\$300.00	

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VT Action for Peace (Gainza)	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Clergy Rental Fund (HOPE)	\$300.00		\$300.00	
Community Lunch	\$300.00		\$300.00	
Counseling Service of AC	\$200.00		\$200.00	
FCNL	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Friends Gen Conference	\$75.00		\$75.00	
Friends World Committee	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Habitat of Addison County	\$300.00		\$300.00	
HOPE	\$600.00		\$600.00	
Interfaith Power and Light	\$100.00		\$100.00	
John Calvi	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Nomadicare	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Open Door Clinic	\$300.00		\$300.00	
Parent/Child Center	\$300.00		\$300.00	
Peace & Justice Center	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Quaker UN Office	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$50.00		\$100.00	
Spirit in Nature	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Summer Lunch Program	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Contingencies	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Warming Shelter			\$100.00	
Yearly Meeting Scholarship	\$400.00		\$400.00	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,625.00		\$4,775.00	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,306.00		\$15,735.00	

## NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon  
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LADYBELLE MCFARLIN writes that her son ANDREW D.F. MCFARLIN graduated Magna Cum Laude from Vermont Law School and is now working as a Deputy States Attorney in Washington D.C., giving special attention to abused women and children.

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Middlebury Friends Meeting has received a number of endorsements with respect to retreats and workshops MARY KAY GLAZER has given at Powell House and other friends meetings. These were universally grateful and appreciative of Mary Kay's sensitive presence and her thoughtful spiritual insight. Mary Kay and MARK have moved to Wisconsin.

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CLAIRE ARMSTRONG was named to the Vermont Coaches Association Division I All State Girls Soccer Team for 2015.

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SEAN FAHEY recently spoke on the topic of HOPE at the CSAC (Counseling Service of Addison County) Annual Meeting. Also, both Sean and KAREN are featured in a short film commissioned by the Vermont Special Olympics for fund raising. You can watch it at <https://vimeo.com140704787>. Be sure to watch, you will love it.

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The Middlebury College and Community Chorus had three MFM members in its ranks for the Fall Thanksgiving concert. MIMI LOVE-NICHOLSON, WENDY GOODWIN and NORM TJSOSSEM sang beautifully in a program that included local composers as well as Romantic age pieces and others.

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"Farm to Feast" will be opening at the Jackson Gallery, THT Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM. MIMI LOVE-NICHOLSON will be one of 24 artists showing their work. The show runs through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Gallery is open noon-5 PM, Mon.-Sat.

—Lucy

## MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Editor: Win Colwell

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Priscilla Baker  
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### Treasurer

Karen Nawn-Fahey  
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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.

Sas Carey (388-1301)  
Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)  
Brud Leedom (623-7533)

Grace McGrath (388-6576)

We welcome your submissions! — [winslow.colwell@gmail.com](mailto:winslow.colwell@gmail.com)

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