

Middlebury Friends Meeting



July
2015

JULY 2015

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, July 3	1:00 pm	Pastoral Care at Wendy Goodwin's
Sun, July 19	8:30 am	Worship and Study, at Havurah House
Tues, July 21	4:00 pm	COSA at Dickinson's
Sun, July 26	8:30 am	Monthly Meeting summer meeting (for July & Aug)
Sun, Aug 9	8:30 am	Earthcare, at Havurah House
Sun, Aug 16	12 noon	Lake Dunmore picnic
August 1-6		NE Yearly Meeting at Castleton State College
Sat./Sun. Sept. 12 & 13		Quarterly Meeting at Bethany Birches
Sun, Oct 11	7:00 pm	Rise Up Singing concert, Middlebury
Sat, Oct 17		VT Interfaith Power and Light Conference, Montpelier

“Summer afternoon, summer afternoon;
to me those have always been the two
most beautiful words in the English language.”

— HENRY JAMES

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Please note these additions to the list of committee assignments:

COSA: Faith Lowell and Ladybelle Fiske
Fellowship: Chris Hansen

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

21 June, 2015

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell
Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Tom Baskett, Sas Carey, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Lucy McKeon, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Peter Schenck

15.06.01 The meeting opened with a reading from Leonard Kenworthy about the uniqueness of Quaker conduct of business

15.06.02 Correction to May, 2015, Minutes: Nominating Committee report was presented by not yet approved.

15.06.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey)

All statements in this report are as of May 31, 2015. During May the Meeting had member donations of \$945. During May, Meeting expenditures totaled \$267/25. This includes \$160 for Childcare and First Day School Coordination, \$15 to Wren Colwell for childcare, and \$92.25 to Win Colwell for name tag expenses.

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When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$7663.55.

FOLLOW UP: Memorial donations, in honor/memory of Stewart Kirkaldy, have been received. It was agreed to track these and consider some way to honor Stewart, in a way that reflects his particular interests.

Karen reported that funds have accumulated over the past several years and could be available for any capital expenses we might have. There ensued a conversation about possibly replacing the folding chairs many of which are uncomfortable, especially for an hour of silent worship. The first step will be to talk with Havurah about our interest in replacing the folding chairs. The Finance Committee will consider how to manage the surplus for now and into the future. Volunteers to serve on an ad hoc chair committee are Don Peabody, Tom Dickinson and Laura Asermily.

15.06.04 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam)

1. Addison County Interfaith Climate Action Network (ICAN): Two projects have been identified. * First is a “climate revival.” Bill McKibben has agreed to be a part of this event if we can find a suitable date. ** The second initiative is to develop a solar generating project. A possible site is being investigated. Besides helping increase alternative energy the hope is to have some sort of benefit to low-income people.

The exchange of announcements and other information is an important function of the group. Next meeting: July 16, 8:00 AM, Weybridge Congregational Church. All are welcome.

2. Friendly Forum: Seven or eight people attended the most recent one to talk about alternative transportation (walking, biking, public transportation). We estimate over thirty people have attended at least one of our events.

3. Composting potluck on June 6 was attended by 20 people, including children. People liked the idea of traveling from one home to another and learning about different approaches to composting.

4. New Business: Several possible projects include replacing lights at Havurah with LED bulbs and organizing a food processing event in connection with HOPE or the Community Coalition.

15.06.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action - COSA (Don Peabody)

1. Changes: We welcome Faith Lowell, anticipate being joined by Ladybelle Fiske, congratulate and thank Tom Dickinson for taking Mark Moss’ place on the Northwest Quarterly Meeting’s Ministry and Oversight Committee, and note with sadness the absence of Stewart Kirkaldy, a spirited and stalwart COSA member.

2. Don Peabody presented, for the committee’s review, a draft “COSA calendar” which he and Ted Colwell put together.

3. COSA asked Don to inquire about specifics of a workshop, “Journey of Healing,” offered in furtherance of NEYM’s repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (Minute

2013-52) which pledges Friends to “consider the moral and spiritual implications of how we benefit from and have been harmed by the Doctrine of Discovery.” (Minute 2014-18)

4. Tom Dickinson pointed out that because there is no monthly meeting between the scheduled summer monthly meeting in July and the September COSA and monthly meetings, it would be easy for the September 26th Community Supper to sneak up on us. A subcommittee should be set up to work over the summer. Don Peabody is willing to repeat as Coordinator and will connect with Fellowship Committee and others from the April Community Supper to see who’s willing to do a repeat performance.

15.06.06 **Worship and Study Committee** (Tom Baskett)

1. Jean Rosenberg informed us that she has reviewed about 400 Pendle Hill pamphlets and posted this information online through www.librarything.com/profile/QuakerReviews. We discussed how to get this information into circulation so Friends can access her reviews.

2. Priscilla Baker shared that on 10/11/15 Quaker musicians, Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, who put together the oft-used song book, Rise Up Singing, will be giving a performance, with several other folk musicians, at the Middlebury Methodist church. More information will be coming.

3. There was a considered discussion about Monthly Meeting for Business covering such areas as the quality of listening and speaking (do we pause ?), listening for Spirit within business meeting, the relationship between the W&S Committee and the business meeting, possible queries to be read and pondered that pertain to meeting for business, the role of the co-clerks, etc.

4. We discussed confidentiality within our group including when to share documents and notes with others.

5. 1st Day School and AARE (Everybody Lessons): There will be a break during the summer with plans to continue in September at the Intergenerational Meeting on September 20, 2015. A review of the first year of AARE will be held in October, 2015. FOLLOW UP: Lianna Tennial reported the Children’s Program committee is preparing

for Paige’s departure in August. Paige began to provide child care in 2008 and, since then, has consistently provided care, attention and a much valued presence with the children of the meeting. Lianna will prepare a job description and posting on Quaker Listserv, seeking a new child care provider.

15.06.07 **Fellowship Committee** No report this month.

15.06.08 **Pastoral Care Committee** (Sas Carey) Pastoral Care helped to organize the Memorial Service for Stewart Kirkaldy held on June 20, at Havurah House. About 55 people attended and shared messages and memories. A lovely time of refreshments and fellowship followed.

15.06.09 Nominating Committee (Sas Carey) An updated report was presented with a few new additions since last month. The report was approved by MFM and will appear in the newsletter. To be considered in the future will be additional members on Fellowship and Worship and Study committees.

FOLLOW UP: A Clearness Committee has met with and recommends Tom Dickinson to serve as MFM representative to Northwest Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee. In addition, MFM expresses its gratitude to Lianna Tennial and Don Peabody as co-clerks of the QM Planning Committee as well as reporters of QM activities to MFM. They will deliver a report to MFM every few months.

15.06.10 Welcoming Newcomers: Because no one from Fellowship Committee is present at this meeting, inter-committee consideration of how to best coordinate our collective response to visitors and newcomers is postponed until July 26 monthly meeting. Friends are asked to think about the spiritual and practical aspects of welcoming visitors and newcomers. Each committee will be asked to report on their role in doing this.

15.06.11 A support committee met for over 4 years with a Friend following her leading in spiritual leadership. She has moved away and the committee has been laid down.

15.06.12 Last clerking of monthly meeting: This was the last monthly meeting Cheryl Mitchell clerked in her role as co-clerk, to be replaced, next month, by Tom Baskett. Middlebury Friends expressed their deep appreciation for Cheryl's excellent leadership and clerking skills.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

NEW INTERNET SITE OF REVIEWS OF THE PENDLE HILL PAMPHLETS

Jean Rosenberg has created the QuakerReviews (one word) site on librarything.com, which includes reviews of 318 of the Pendle Hill Pamphlets (with more to come). The reviews briefly describe the content of each pamphlet and assess the quality, plus a 0-to-5 star rating. Tags, or subject categories, are assigned, such as spiritual development, spiritual disciplines, testimonies, individual journey, aging & end of life, Quaker theology, Quaker history, leadings and ministry, etc. It's easy to find the good PHPs that cover a particular topic, or find all the 4- and 5-star ones. The URL for the site is www.librarything.com/profile/QuakerReviews.

Go to the MFM website for complete directions on how to find, navigate, and use the site. Or ask Jean!

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Mary Kay Glazer
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KAREN NAWN-FAHEY has accepted a job teaching math at Rutland High School this fall after working for many years at the Hannaford Career Center in Middlebury. Her daughter Meg graduated from Teachers College of Columbia University with a Masters in Ed, specializing in English as a Second Language. And her son SEAN recently was chosen to lead the Special Olympics athletes in the athlete oath at the Summer Games at UVM.

JEAN AND DAVID ROSENBERG are off to a big family reunion at the beach in South Carolina for a week, three generations from a baby to those 70 and over. “Wow,” they say.

MARK MOSS AND MARY KAY GLAZER are settling in to their new home in Madison. Most things are unpacked and only one room still needs putting together in their apartment. Mark is enjoying his new job in the dental bureau of the Wisconsin Health Department. Mary Kay is, among other things, preparing to facilitate Bible study at New York Yearly Meeting at Silver Bay. She will be glad to be back in the North Country of NYS, and glad to see MARTIN, who is working at Silver Bay this summer. Address is: 5103 Brookfield Parkway #201, Madison, WI 53718. Mark’s phone: 518-955-2975; MK’s phone: 952-905-4847.

Note from Mary Kay: I have really enjoyed writing the News of Quakerly Interest. This is my last one, and the work is now passed into the hands of Lucy McKeon. This piece of the newsletter feels like ministry to me – a way of serving the meeting community in ministry, knitting us together with “gossip” – in the best sense of that word. From the online etymology dictionary: Gossip comes from the Old English word “godsibb.” It originally meant sponsor or godparent – God + sibb, meaning relative (sibling). “Extended in Middle English to ‘a familiar acquaintance, a friend, neighbor’ (c. 1300), especially to woman friends invited to attend a birth, later to “anyone engaging in familiar or idle talk.’ (1560s).” This kind of information sharing is what weaves a community together. May we continue to know each other more deeply, through the many ways that we engage in the spiritual practice of “godsib.”

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Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.
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