

Middlebury Friends Meeting

March
2015



MARCH 2015

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Mar 8 8:30 AM Earthcare Committee at Havurah House
- Sun., Mar 8 8:30 AM W & S Committee at Havurah House
- Sun., Mar 8 10:00 AM Everybody Lesson
- Tues., Mar 10 4:00 PM COSA Committee at Dickinson's
- Wed., Mar 11 4:00 PM Interfaith Environmental group, Weybridge
Congregational Church
- Fri., Mar 13 3:15 PM Pastoral Care Committee at Norm Tjoessem's
- Sun., Mar 15 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun., Mar 22 11:30 AM Friendly Forum: Peace on Earth, Peace with Earth
- Sat., April 11 Addison County Sustainable Living Expo at MUHS
- Fri., April 24 Community Supper at Middlebury Congregational
Church
- Sun., April 26 11:30 AM Friendly Forum: Traveling Gently on the Earth
- Sun., May 10 10:00 AM Celebration of Life

“I think careful cooking is love, don’t you?
The loveliest thing you can cook for someone who’s close
to you is about as nice a valentine as you can give.”

— JULIA CHILD

Middlebury Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business

22 February, 2015

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell
Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Steward Kirkaldy, Brud Ledham, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Karen Nawn-Fahey, and Laura Asermily.

15.02.01 The meeting opened with a group reading of the draft of the State of the Meeting (SOM) report, after which Friends settled into silence.

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15.02.02 Treasurer's Report (prepared & presented by Treasurer, Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of January 31, 2015.

During January the Meeting had member donations of \$450.

During January, Meeting expenditures totaled \$1630. This includes \$160 for Childcare and First Day School Coordination, \$120 to Paige Keren for childcare, \$600 to NEYM, \$600 to Havurah for rent, and \$150 to NWQM.

When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$6838.57.

Please note that I overpaid the donation to NEYM by \$101. When I pay the donation in April, it will be \$398. Also, I overpaid the donation to NWQM by \$25. I will adjust the donation in April accordingly.

FOLLOW UP: When Friends wish to donate something, e.g., food for a Community Supper, or any other out of pocket, Meeting-related expenses, they are urged to submit an invoice for the amount spent for goods and materials, for which will then be reimbursed. Friends then have the option, if they wish, to donate the same amount to MFM. This is especially important because it help the Meeting maintain an accurate view of what our expenses are.

Finance Committee member, Spence Putnam, reported that, after an informal review of the 2014 books, all is in order.

15.02.03 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

1. The Earthcare Committee members will participate at Quarterly Meeting by making one or two posters and by attending the Saturday night session on the spiritual basis of social action.
2. Several members attended the second meeting of the new Interfaith Green Team (group's name is under discussion). Several initiatives were discussed. The group now represents 4 faith communities.
3. Our plans for three Friendly Forums have been finalized. They will all be based on pamphlets from Quaker Earthcare Witness: February 22, "Human Induced Climate Change: A Spiritual Perspective" led by Laura Asermily; March 22 "Peace on Earth, Peace With Earth," led by Mimi Love-Nicholson; April 26, "Traveling Gently on the Earth" led by Chris Stackhouse. All begin at 11:30 after the rise of meeting. A fourth forum in August will be called "Slowing Down to the Speed of Life".
4. Pot Lucks: An April 17 potluck will feature a film, TBA.
5. Low Carbon Diet: Laura will lead this program on four Thursdays in March at 4:00 pm starting March 5th. Our Meeting is invited, along with members of the

Interfaith Green Team. More information will be made available on the Listserv.

6. The January *Friends Journal* is dedicated to Climate Change. We will circulate this among members of the Meeting.
7. Carbon Pollution Tax: A coalition of organizations is working on a proposal which is already in the Vermont legislature to tax carbon sources with the proceeds going back to Vermonters. It is expected to stimulate the economy and create jobs. There are special provisions to protect low-income people. We will be following this issue closely.

15.02.04 COSA (Tom Dickinson) The current focus is on Quarterly Meeting next weekend.

FOLLOW UP: Last month a concern was raised concerning free vs. hate speech. Stewart will fine tune his letter and submit to the local paper. It was further raised whether we should draft a policy statement about hate speech. *W & S* is asked to consider whether to organize an opportunity to do this.

15.02.05 Worship and Study Committee (Priscilla Baker)

The committee continues to organize Friendly Forums (see Earthcare Committee report) and All Ages Religious Education. The main focus, in January and February, was on the State of Meeting (SOM) report.

FOLLOW UP: A few edits were suggested to the SOM report. Win will do some final edits after which the document will be published in the newsletter for a final approval by monthly meeting, in March, and then submitted to QM and YM.

15.02.06 Fellowship Committee (no report)

15.02.07 Pastoral Care Committee (no report)

15.02.08 Meeting Directory: Our directory is reviewed and published with new information every two years. The question was raised about how to update Friends on changes and additions. This will be further discussed.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Mary Kay Glazer
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On Friday, March 13 at 7 PM, there will be a reception and benefit for Nomadicare (<http://nomadicare.org/>) with the screening of SAS CAREY's new movie *CEREMONY*, which she has been working on this film for 11 years. Sas' film is a spiritual journey among shamans in northern Mongolia. The documentary revolves around a ceremony in the steppes in which a shaman slips into a trance around midnight when the stars come out. The shaman and others give commentaries on the events during the ceremony to help the viewer comprehend the mysterious phenomenon. The reception will begin at 7, talk at 7:30, and the documentary will be shown at 8. Tickets are on sale at the Town Hall Theater for \$20. Nomadicare's mission is to support the sustainability and cultural survival of nomadic peoples by harmonizing traditional and modern medicine and documenting nomadic life ways, lore and heart songs.

In addition to the film reception, Sas will speak at the Explorer's Club in New York City on March 30.

CHERYL MITCHELL just started taping a new MCTV (Middlebury Community Television) series called "Faces of Farming." It is a partnership between Treleven, Inc. and NOFA (the Northeast Organic Farming Association). The show can be viewed on the MCTV web site (<http://middleburycommunitytv.org/>), or on Channel 15 or 16 for those who have cable and live in Middlebury (check the MCTV website for the schedule). Treleven (<https://treleven.wordpress.com/>), run by Cheryl and her husband DON, is a retreat and learning collaborative dedicated to exploring the connections between Spirit, Nature, and Social Action. It offers classes, workshops, skill shares, and retreats using the facilities of Treleven Farm as its primary venue.

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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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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day

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