

Middlebury Friends Meeting

May
2015



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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs. May 7 1:15 PM Pastoral Care at Grace McGrath's
- Sun., May 10 10:00 AM Annual Celebration of Life at "Quaker Acres,"
Washington Street extension
- Tues., May 12 4:00 PM COSA at the Dickinson's
- Wed., May 13 4:15 PM ICAN at Weybridge Congregational Church
- Sun., May 17 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting at Havurah House
- Mon., May 25 7:30 AM Men's Group, location TBA
- Sun., June 7 One day NW Quarterly Meeting, Burlington Friends
Meeting
- Sun. June 7 8:30 AM Earthcare Committee at Havurah
- Sat., June 13 10 AM-12 Worship & Study at Priscilla
- Sun., June 28 8:30 AM Friendly Forum
- Aug. 1-6 NE Yearly Meeting at Castleton State College

“You can’t study the darkness by flooding it with light.”

— EDWARD ABBEY

Middlebury Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business

18 April, 2015

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, and Peter Schenck.

15.04.01 The meeting opened with a reading from British Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice.

15.04.02 Treasurer’s Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey, delivered by Spence Putnam)

All statements in this report are as of March 31, 2015. During March, the Meeting had member donations of \$750.

During March, Meeting expenditures totaled \$725.20. This includes \$160 for Childcare and First Day School Coordination, \$120 to Paige Keren for childcare, \$30 for Sustainable Living Expo, \$160.25 to Addison Independent for inclusion in the Addison County Area Worship Directory, \$225 to Powell House for a MFM family to attend a workshop, \$29.95 for library materials. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$7469.12.

The following expenses were incurred for hosting NWQM: \$115 for childcare, \$100 to CSAC for use of space, \$57.62 for poster board and miscellaneous expenses. I am requesting reimbursement from NWQM for these expenses, totaling \$272.62.

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FOLLOW UP: Suggestion that at future QM in Middlebury hire more child care support.

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

1. Green Up Festival: Middlebury Natural Foods, Co-op Saturday, May 2 from 12:00 to 3:00. Ted and Win Colwell will staff a table for our committee.
2. Composting: Fran has made composting the theme of her First Day programs in April. She read a related story as part of the all-ages program in Meeting. She plans a composting project for children, which could be expanded to adults, as well as a composting survey for Meeting members. She and the FDS children are looking for solutions to the barriers that keep people from composting and will share those solutions with the Meeting. Explanatory signage about composting at the Celebration of Life will be in place as a teaching tool. In the works is a progressive tour of a few different composting set ups among Friends.
3. Addison County Interfaith Earthcare Committee has settled on the name ICAN, Interfaith Climate Action Network.
4. Brainstorming List for Possible Meeting-wide Projects: More weatherization at Havurah, installing energy efficient lights at Havurah, Transportation/Car Pooling/Biking, Food, help weatherize a home for someone in the Meeting, Climate Revival with ICAN, Voluntary Carbon Tax for Meeting members, Personal divestment/reinvestment. For now, the focus will be on the composting theme and revisit the list in September, when the yearlong focus on Earthcare is scheduled to end.
5. April Friendly Forum, Peace on Earth/Peace with Earth in April 18; 9 Friends attended.
6. April Potluck: Eleven people watched and discussed the film “Low Impact Man” about a family living with zero waste for a year.

Next meeting date: There will be no May meeting because of scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be on June 7, 8:30 am.

15.04.04 **Committee on Outreach and Social Action - COSA** (Don Peabody and Tom Dickinson)

1. Plans for the Community Supper were discussed.
2. Ted Colwell and Don Peabody are working on a draft calendar of recurring “social action” events/days.
3. The Committee returned to Ted’s question from last meeting: Are there more “local” issues COSA could or should take up? The militarization of local police departments concerns Ted, and he will follow-up on that with the Middlebury Police Chief.

4. Susan Smiley will talk to Cheryl Mitchell and/or Susannah McCandless about farm workers' issues—housing, wages, health care, equal protection under the law, etc.—and whether help is needed and in what form.
4. Lianna Tennal and Don began reporting on a meeting Beth Collea convened for NEYM at Dover Meetinghouse on “Emerging Practices in Outreach;” they’ll conclude their report at the next COSA meeting.

15.04.05 Worship and Study Committee (Tom Baskett and Leigh Harder, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

Discussion about AARE – Everybody Lessons. There have been positive responses from friends.

Discussion about the Celebration of Life Sunday, May 10. One 6th grade student will be given a Bible. No Everybody Lesson in May, scheduled for May 10, because of difficulty hearing when we meet outside. Priscilla will welcome, introduce and close worship.

Friendly Forums: Lianan shared information from Powell House about community building, which might provide a format for exploring adult religious education and community building. Other topics for the next few months: poetry session (May 24, with Leah Harder), simplicity, affluence and Quaker values (June 28, with Peter Schenck) and Pendle Hill pamphlets (possibly July).

Discussion about COSA events and ways to connect action and spirit more intentionally, e.g., at Community Supper, to include a time of silence around 4 p.m. in the kitchen before dinner begins.

FOLLOW UP: Don Peabody will talk with Community Supper organizers about doing a moment of silence, perhaps sing a nonreligious song. After the supper, during our after-the-event reflection, include consideration of the spiritual aspects and meaningfulness, in addition to practical aspects.

FOLLOW UP: Child Care Committee has discussed and decided to put into place a No Running rule inside Havurah House – for all Friends, young and old, to avoid any mishaps. All Friends are asked to gently remind anyone who forgets about this rule.

15.04.06 Fellowship Committee (Laura Asermily, edited by the recording clerk)

Planning for Celebration of Life: strong concern that the ground is saturated and may still be soggy, tarps will be sought; suggest we make a smaller circle with an outer circle because of difficulty hearing across a very large circle.

Exploring options for collaboration with Burlington Monthly Meeting.

Branbury State Park picnic and social outing is planned for Sunday, August 16.

15.04.07 Pastoral Care Committee (Brud Leedom) Work is underway on the next Meeting Directory. Brud noted that there are 28 known changes in existing households, which confirms the need for more frequent updates, from biannual to annual.

15.04.08 **Nominating Committee** (Don Peabody) Friends are encouraged to talk with any Nominating Committee member (Sas Committee, Don Peabody, Lucy McKeon or Sophia Hughes) or co-clerk (Cheryl Mitchell & Jean Rosenberg) about any committee or task they feel called to participate in.

15.04.09 **Child Safety Plan:** Liana will guide this consideration.

15.04.10 **Discussion** began about whether MFM is doing too much, involved in too many activities, and over stressing those who are serving the meeting. It was agreed to continue this conversation.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Mary Kay Glazer
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Mark your calendars for the Middlebury College Community Chorus Spring Concert: Sunday May 10th at 3 PM at Middlebury College's Mead Chapel. Representing MFM are WENDY GOODWIN, tenor and MIMI LOVE-NICHOLSON soprano. The conductor is Jeff Rehbach, and the accompanist, Tim Guiles. The program includes works by Franz Joseph Haydn, Ola Gjeilo, Gwyneth Walker and Joseph Brackett, arranged by Yumiko Matsuoka Young.

Travel to France is in the works for some Middlebury Friends. FRAN and SPENCE PUTNAM are renting PERRINE TERRY'S townhouse in the Provence town of Saignon for a week in July and TOM BASKETT and DI for three weeks in September. Vive la France et passz-nous le fromage!

You have probably heard that MARK MOSS and MARY KAY GLAZER are leaving Ticonderoga. Mark has begun his new job in the NYS Health Department, in the dental bureau, in Albany, NY. Until the end of April, he will work three days in Albany and two at the dental clinic in Ticonderoga. Then he will be full time in Albany. Their house in Ticonderoga is for sale and they don't yet know where in Albany they will live. For now, Mark is staying at the house of friends when he is in Albany.

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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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