



Middlebury Friends Meeting

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Heifer Inter. Dinner

“The most beautiful thing we
can experience is the mysterious.
It is the source of all true art and science.”

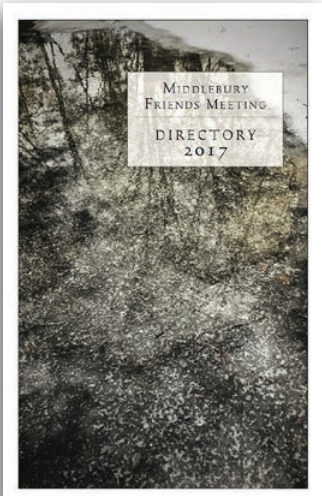
— ALBERT EINSTEIN

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. April 1	10:30 AM	Climate Vigil at the Triangle Park in Middlebury
Sun. April 2	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum: <i>How Are You Doing in These Challenging Times?</i> Facilitated by Tom Baskett
Mon. April 3	7:00 PM	Read-Aloud group at Cheryl Mitchell's
Wed. April 5	5:00 PM	Leadings group at Craig Goddard's
Sun. April 9	8:30 AM	Worship and Study Committee
	9:00 AM	Earthcare Committee
Wed. April 12	12:30 PM	Pastoral Care Committee
Thurs. April 13	8:30 AM	ICAN at Weybridge Congregational Church
Sun. April 23	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Fri. April 28		Community Supper
Sat. April 29		People's Climate Marches in Washington, DC & Montpelier
Sun. April 30		Friendly Forum, time & topic TBA
Sun. June 4		NWQM at Middlebury, co-hosted with SS meeting



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Also: I would be happy to send you a digital (pdf) version to have on your computer. Just ask...

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

19 March, 2017

Acting Clerk: Spence Putnam

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Joe Garren, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennial.

17.03.01 **Monthly meeting opened** with a reading from New England Faith & Practice: a section from the 1953 London YM proceedings, Let your lives speak.

17.03.02 **February 19, 2017 minutes**, accepted as printed in the newsletter.

17.03.03 **Treasurer's Report** (Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of March 18, 2017. From February 16 through March 18, the Meeting had member donations of \$170.

From February 16 through March 18, Meeting expenditures totaled \$320.11. This includes \$140 for childcare, \$160 for Children's Program Coordination and \$20.11 for library books.. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$6136.03.

FOLLOWUP: Next month, Karen will deliver her first quarterly report at the rise of meeting on April 16. As a result of our short fall at the end of 2016 it was decided to make quarterly reports to the entire meeting in an effort to keep all MFM Friends updated on our financial status.

17.03.04 **Earthcare Committee** (Fran Putnam)

1. Last month we proposed that Friends take small, individual climate-aware actions, and then write them on small pieces of paper to be read later in Meeting. Fran took this idea to Business Meeting, and it was well received. Win has prepared an explanatory poster "seeded" with ideas. We will implement this project immediately and plan to continue it for about six months.
2. The committee compiled a list of actions our Meeting and the Earthcare committee have taken that answer the call to action from New England Yearly Meeting regarding climate change. The draft of our report is attached.
3. Report from ICAN: The follow-up meeting for participants in the Active Hope workshop will be Sunday, March 19, 7-9 PM at the CVUUS building. Marc Lapin will lead this new workshop.
4. We noted the upcoming People's Climate Marches and will bring them to the attention of the Meeting.

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FOLLOWUP: After reading the List of Actions report, requested by NYYM, comments and suggestions were made, to complete the list. Fran will send the report to YM.

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

1. June quarterly meeting planning discussion with Joy Pyle from South Starksboro Meeting; agreed to a 1 day gathering on Sunday, June 4, with hospitality offered to those who wish to come the night before. Joy, Susan Smiley and Priscilla Baker will be program planners in cooperation with others who will help to organize logistics. The schedule for the day might involve setting a different time for worship. Tom Dickinson will make arrangements with CSAC for our location. It is not clear, at the moment, who is on the general planning committee and who will convene this committee.
2. Community Supper, April 28; general organizers will be Don Peabody and Susan Smiley.

17.03.06 Worship and Study Committee (Peter Schenck) As requested by some Friends, it was decided to change the course of Friendly Forum topics to reflect what has come to weigh on our minds and in our hearts, since January, which is “How are we doing in these challenging times since the new president took office?” The Griswold pamphlet is on hold for a while.

17.03.07 Fellowship Committee: (Spence Putnam) There will be a chili potluck and fund raiser for Heifer International, March 26, at the rise of meeting.

17.03.08 Pastoral Care Committee (Grace McGrath) The 2017 MFM Directory has been published and ready for distribution.

17.03.09 A Friendly concern was raised about MFM ending as people are arriving for worship, which results in a hasty ending and transition. Friends agreed we want to be more mindful of ending monthly meeting for business with enough time for a transition to meeting for worship. It is suggested that we address more critical issues at the beginning of each meeting for business while otherwise maintaining the practice of rotating committee reports.

Meeting closed after a brief moment of silence.



Friends enjoy warm sistership during the Heifer International Fundraising potluck held at Havurah on March 26.

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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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