

Middlebury Friends Meeting

December/
January
2013/14



DECEMBER 2013

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Note that Meeting for Worship will not be at Havurah House on Dec 22.
Please join us for our Holiday Gathering at the Colwells!

JANUARY 2014

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“When it’s over, I want to say:
all my life I was a bride married to amazement.”

— MARY OLIVER

QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues. Dec. 3	4:00 PM	Fellowship Committee at MNFC
Sun. Dec. 8	all day	NWQM at Plainfield Meetinghouse
Sun. Dec. 8	11:30 AM	Friendly Forum: Part III of Quaker Spirituality and Practices: <i>Living a Quakerly Life</i>
Fri. Dec. 13	3:15 PM	Pastoral Care Committee at Sas’
Sun. Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Worship & Study at Havurah House
Sun. Dec. 15	11:30 AM	Holiday Fair at Havurah House
Wed. Dec 18	7 PM	Woman’s Holiday Gift Exchange at Sas Carey’s
Sun. Dec. 22	10:00 AM	Holiday Gathering at the home of the Colwells, East Middlebury. Intergenerational Worship with hearty potluck to follow.
Sun. Jan. 5	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum. A facilitated discussion on “How do we make decisions about what our Meeting will undertake?”
Sun. Jan. 12	8:45 AM	Climate Committee at Havurah House
Tues. Jan. 14	4:00 PM	COSA at Dickinson’s
Sun. Jan. 19	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business at Havurah House
Sun. Jan. 26	3:00 PM	State of the Meeting gathering at the Dickinson’s
	5 pm	Post-Meeting Potluck

SHAKING THE TREE

As Middlebury Friends Meeting nears the end of its budget year we are having to dip into our reserves to pay obligations and benevolences. Please consider accelerating your giving, or making an extra donation to help us through this time. Thank you!



Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

17 November, 2013

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Acting Recording Clerk: Win Colwell

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Dickinson, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, Win Colwell, Ted Colwell, Tom Baskett, Don Peabody, Cheryl Mitchell, Brud Leedom, and Manya Dickinson.

13.11.01 Minutes for 20 October 2013: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

13.11.02 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey)

"Through November 16, the Meeting had member donations of \$4085.00. Meeting expenditures through November 16 totaled \$1814.00. This includes rent, NEYM, NWQM totaling \$1224, \$270 for childcare, and \$320 for First Day School.

Benevolences totaling \$3425 were paid through November 16.

When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$4485.16 of which \$3065.16 is for MFM and the balance of \$1420 belongs to the Farm Workers Coalition. At beginning of this year, bank balance was \$5976.30, of which \$3856.30 belonged to MFM and \$2120 belonged to the Farm Workers Coalition."

Karen reported that she will be meeting with Beth Davis, a tax consultant, regarding correct reporting of payments made to our children's programming coordinator and gifts in-kind. Additionally, she can help to set up a method for people to donate to MFM electronically.

All members of the Meeting community were asked us to send in any receipts for reimbursement as soon as possible.

FOLLOW UP: It was suggested that everyone who wishes to donate an item please submit an invoice as well for repayment. A donation for that amount can then be made to offset it's cost. This will allow the Meeting to see our true costs of operation.

13.11.03 Proposed Budget for 2014 (Karen Nawn-Fahey)

The proposed budget was distributed for the groups inspection. Several questions were asked to clarify certain budget items, including VT Action for Peace, The Clergy Rent Fund, and money spent on child care. It was agreed that we need to clarify the responsibilities and payment rate of our childcare givers, which Lianna will do. It was also suggested that we recommend a November 1st deadline for submitting any invoices or bills to the treasurer for payment.

There was discussion to clarify several items of the list of benevolences. The budget will be printed in this issue of the newsletter.

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FOLLOW UP: After a brief discussion it was agreed that the unused \$200 in the contingencies fund should be donated to an agency providing relief for victims of the recent Typhoon in the Philippines. Since Yearly Meeting will be held in Vermont in 2014, an item to help cover the costs of attending was approved for \$400. And it is anticipated that Ann Taylor may need support in the coming year, but rather than create a line item it was suggested that a donation be made to the Meeting earmarked for her.

13.11.04 Climate Committee (Fran Putnam)

Fran attended the annual conference of Interfaith Power and Light, and submitted a report which is published elsewhere in this newsletter. The committee has been making calls to the Meeting community to see if people need guidance in initiating or following-through with their household energy assessment.

13.11.05 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (Tom Dickinson)

The Outreach and social action committee met on November 12. We discussed the documents we have collected on the community suppers that we host, including recipes, expenses, and organizational details, and plan to put these into a form that will be useful in the future for this effort.

We also discussed upcoming activities that we will be working on and the general topic of what sort of matters we could be bringing before the Meeting.

The next COSA meeting will be January 14, 2014 at the Dickinsons.

13.11.06 Worship and Study (Tom Baskett)

The recent Friendly Forum was well attended and considered a great success. 20 people participated, and it was noted that there was a good deal of sharing when the group paired off in twos. This process will be incorporated in future FF's. The final Forum in the current series will take place December 7 with the theme "Living the Quakerly Life."

The Beth Callea workshop was also successful, offering many thought provoking ideas. Worship and Study and the Childcare Committees will discuss further.

FOLLOW UP: In following through with items discussed at last years State of the Meeting, we agreed to reassess the Healing Circle. W&S will pursue. And there was a brief discussion of the Holiday meeting, where it was clarified that W&S and the Fellowship Committees will share oversight of the event; W&S in charge of the program and Fellowship in charge of logistics.

13.11.07 Fellowship Committee (Peter Schenk)

There will be a holiday fair on December 15. This is an opportunity for anyone to sell, barter, share, or fundraise for themselves or an organization they are associated with. Books, crafts, cards and more are welcome.

The committee will also be updating the greeter list template.

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13.11.08 Pastoral Care Committee (Brud Leedom)

The committee has been very busy. There is no formal report.

13.11.09 Greg Williams (Cheryl Mitchell)

Greg is a Friend with Beacon Hill Meeting who has offered to visit Meetings in the NorthEast to discuss issues of racism and racial profiling. All in attendance agreed that we are enthusiastic to have Greg come. It was suggested that we contact South Starksboro and Burlington Meetings to see if they are also interested. Perhaps he would like to lead a workshop at a future Quarterly Meeting.

13.11.10 Brenda Christenson

A letter has been received from Durango Meeting introducing Brenda Christenson, who has recently relocated to the Middlebury area. We look forward to meeting her!

13.11.11 Nominating Committee (Cheryl Mitchell)

The committee has filled three positions. Norm Jossem is now on Pastoral Care, replacing Priscilla Baker. Ted Colwell is now officially on COSA, and Mark Moss is our new liason to NW Quarterly Meeting.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

PLEASE NOTE:

In advance of the Friendly Forum, *Living a Quakerly Life* (Part III of our series on Quaker Spirituality and Practices), documents are available to download and consider. You can get them by clicking the link on the Middlebury Friends Meeting home page at:

www.middleburyquakers.org

The forum takes place after the rise of Meeting on December 8.

If it's not easy for you to access the website, please call your editor at 388-1961 and I will be happy to mail you this inspiring item!

REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE

“FACING CLIMATE CHAOS WITH HOPE AND ACTION: EMPOWERING PEOPLE OF FAITH AND SPIRIT”

Sponsored by Vermont Interfaith Power and Light, this conference was attended by 55 members of Climate Committees, or “Green Teams,” from religious groups all over Vermont. Middlebury Friends Meeting was represented by David Andrews, Juliana Kay, and Fran Putnam. There were 10 other attendees from Addison County.

I was struck by this quotation from Gus Speth cited by the first speaker at the conference: “I used to believe that the main problems facing us were biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change. Now I believe that the main problems are apathy, pride, and greed.”

These were strong words, but they underlined the theme of the conference that religious communities are uniquely positioned to speak to the values and beliefs that underlie our response to climate change, and not necessarily to the science or the politics.

In that vein, I listened for ideas that would lend themselves to what we might do in our Meeting to address our changing climate. One participant said that their Green Team has been in existence for 10 years and has now become integrated in every aspect of the church, from the liturgy, to programs, the library, children’s programs, recycling and composting. Another person said that their climate committee has set goals—long-term, medium-term, and short-term, to guide their work. Our workshop participants hope to keep in touch with one another to exchange ideas on a regular basis.

We also heard from two contractors who showed us two church buildings which have been completely weatherized and are producing all their own power.

I will be reporting more completely to our Climate Committee at our next meeting. Please hold this committee in the Light as we plan ways to inspire our Meeting to contemplate the many ways we can respond to climate change with hope and action. Our next meeting is **Sunday, January 12, 8:45 AM** at Havurah. We welcome any interested Friends to join us.

Fran Putnam

For the Climate Committee

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING
2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2011- 2012	2013	YTD 12/2/2013	2013	2014
	Budget	Budget	Actual		Proposed
INCOME	\$13,748	\$14,614	\$12,037	\$2,577	\$14,795
EXPENDITURES					
Rent	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,500	-\$100	\$2,400
New England Y.M.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,996	\$4	\$2,000
NW Quarterly Mtg	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
Books & Library	\$200	\$200	\$124.84	\$75.16	\$200
First Day Coordination	\$3,140	\$1,600	\$1,440	\$160	\$1,600
Child Care		\$1,740	\$1,645.50	\$94.50	\$1,500
Materials and food		\$240	\$60	\$180	\$200
Advertising (F Jour'l, Addy Indy)	\$194	\$204	\$219	-\$15	\$225
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50	\$50	\$28.16	\$21.84	\$50
Mail Box	\$74	\$90	\$92	-\$2	\$95
Midd. Clergy Assoc dues	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$25
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100	\$50.50	\$49.50	\$100
Newsletter & Directory	\$170	\$170		\$170	\$130
COSA: Community Suppers	\$250	\$250	\$233.59	\$16.41	\$450
Postage	\$200	\$200	\$46	\$154	\$75
Web page domain	\$20	\$20		\$20	\$20
Worship & Study	\$150	\$150		\$150	\$150
Ticonderoga meeting	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Yearly Meeting Scholarship					\$400
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,273	\$10,139	\$9,160.59	\$978.41	\$10,320

Please see the notes that accompany this budget on pg. 10!

BENEVOLENCES					
Add Cty Relocalization Network	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
AFSC National	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
Vt Action for Peace (Joe Gainza)	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Clergy Rental Fund (HOPE)	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
Community Lunch	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
Counseling Service of AC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
FCNL	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Friends Gen. Conference	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$75
Friends World Committee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Habitat of Addison County	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
HOPE	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0	\$600
Interfaith Power & Light	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
John Calvi	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Nomadicare	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Open Door clinic	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
Parent/Child Center	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
Peace & Justice Center	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Quaker Camps & Conferences	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Quaker UN Office	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Spirit in Nature	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Summer Lunch Program	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Contingencies	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,475	\$4,475	\$4,475	\$0	\$4,475
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,748	\$14,614	\$13,635.59	\$978.41	\$14,795

NOTES TO ACCOMPANY 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL

NEW ITEM UNDER EXPENSES:

Yearly Meeting Scholarship to encourage attendance at New England Yearly Meeting, to be held at Castleton State for the next three years.

EXPENSE ITEM CHANGES:

Postage lower since we do not mail many newsletters.

Newsletter and Directory will be at \$130 for Directory years, lower for other years

COSA: Community Suppers reflects the actual cost of meals, including donations

PLEASE NOTE:

The **Actual 2013** column shows that we are still in need of donations between now and the end of the calendar year. If you have been intending to donate, NOW would be a good time. Please consider this your gentle reminder! Thank you to all who have already donated so generously. You can leave donations in the “tin” at Meeting, or mail them to Middlebury Friends Meeting, PO Box 1026, Middlebury, VT 05753

If you have any questions about the budget, please email me at

knawnahey@comcast.net or call me at 802-989-3081.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING
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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)
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We welcome your submissions! — winslow.colwell@gmail.com

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day

Havarah House, 56 N. Pleasant St. (Rt.7), Middlebury

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