



Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“A broken heart is an open heart.”

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2016-17

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon. Nov. 28 7:00 PM Men's Group at the home of David Andrews.
388-4894
- Sat/Sun Dec. 3 & 4 Quarterly Meeting at Putney
- Sat. Dec. 3 12:30 PM MCA event in support of Havurah. Meet at Havurah.
- Sun. Dec. 4 11:30 AM Holiday Fair
- Sun. Dec. 4 2:00 PM House tour and potluck at Phil and Duffy's
(postponed from an October date)
- Mon. Dec. 5 4:30 PM Experiment with Light Meditation at Shulamith Eagle's
- Sun. Dec. 11 8:30 AM W & S Committee at Havurah
9:00 AM Earthcare at Havurah
- Sun. Dec. 11 11:30 AM Friendly Forum: *What is your experience with the Divine?*
Led by Tom Baskett
- Tues. Dec. 13 4:00 PM COSA, location TBA
- Thurs. Dec. 15 8:30 AM ICAN meeting at Weybridge Church
- Sun. Dec. 18 10:00 AM Holiday meeting and potluck at Mitchell's farm
- Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 AM W & S Committee at Havurah
9:00 AM Earthcare Committee at Havurah
- Sun. Jan. 15 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business at Havurah
- Sun. Jan. 15 11:30 AM Fellowship meeting at Havurah

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. Checks can be sent to Karen Nawn-Fahey, MFM Treasurer, 71 North Pleasant St., Middlebury, VT 05753. Thank you!



MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING PROPOSED BUDGET 2017

	2016 BUDGET	2017 PROPOSAL
INCOME	\$15,735.00	\$15,690.00
EXPENDITURES		
Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00
New England Yearly Meeting	\$2,800.00	\$2,900.00
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00	\$500.00
Books and Library	\$200.00	\$200.00
First Day Coordination	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Child Care	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Materials for Children's Program	\$150.00	\$150.00
Advertising	\$240.00	\$240.00
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00	\$50.00
Mail Box	\$100.00	\$105.00
Midd Clergy Assoc Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00
Newsletter and Directory	\$175.00	\$225.00
CO\$A: Community Suppers	\$450.00	\$350.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$50.00
Web page domain	\$20.00	\$20.00
Worship and Study	\$350.00	\$350.00
Pastoral Care		\$200.00
Quaker Camps and Conferences	\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,960.00	\$10,915.00
BENEVOLENCES		
Add Cty Relocaliz Network	\$100.00	\$100.00
AFSC National	\$300.00	\$300.00
VT Action for Peace (Gainza)	\$200.00	
Clergy Rental Fund (HOPE)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Community Lunch	\$300.00	\$300.00
Counseling Service of AC	\$200.00	\$200.00
FCNL	\$100.00	\$100.00
Friends Gen. Conference	\$75.00	\$75.00
Fields World Committee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Habitat for Humanity of AC	\$300.00	\$300.00
HOPE	\$600.00	\$600.00
Hospice Volunteer Services		\$100.00

	2016 BUDGET	2017 PROPOSAL
Interfaith Power and Light	\$100.00	\$100.00
John Calvi	\$100.00	\$100.00
Jubilee		\$50.00
Nomadicare	\$100.00	\$100.00
Open Door Clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00
Parent/Child Center	\$300.00	\$300.00
Peace & Justice Center	\$200.00	\$200.00
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50.00	\$50.00
Quaker UN Office	\$100.00	\$100.00
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$100.00	\$100.00
Spirit in Nature	\$100.00	\$100.00
Summer Lunch Program	\$100.00	\$100.00
Contingencies	\$200.00	\$250.00
Warming Shelter	\$100.00	\$100.00
Yearly Meeting Scholarship	\$400.00	\$400.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,775.00	\$4,775.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,735.00	\$15,690.00

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon
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DAVID ROSENBERG has just produced a book about an adventure he had while in the Peace Corps in Nepal, while trekking through the Himalayas onto the Tibetan plateau. WIN COLWELL designed the book, so the many gorgeous photos are integrated with the text to best advantage. Win also published the book through his Wren Song Press publishing business.

KAREN NAWN-FAHEY writes that MEGAN and SEAN FAHEY will be attending Dream Ride Australia, a recognition event for Special Olympics, this December. Special Olympians and their chaperones from all over the country will fly together to Sydney where they will be honored. Websites to see more are www.dreamride.org and www.specialolympics.com.au/dreamride/about/.

—Lucy

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

20 November, 2016

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Tom Baskett, Sas Carey, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Faith Lowell, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, Chris Stackhouse, and Lianna Tennial.

16.11.01 **Monthly meeting opened** with a reading from *NEYM Faith and Practice*, by Edward Burrough, 1672, on Civic and Community Responsibility.

16.11.02 **October 16, 2016 minutes**, accepted as printed in the newsletter.

16.11.03 **Treasurer's Report** (Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of November 19, 2016. During October, the Meeting had donations of \$879 (including \$35 for pamphlets). As of November 19, the meeting had additional donations of \$1420.

During October, Meeting expenses totaled \$1900.27. This includes \$160 for Childcare Coordination, \$100 for Childcare, \$125 for NWQM, \$650 rent to Havurah, \$750 for NEYM, \$29.22 for checks, \$50 for Jubilee and \$36.05 for Community Supper reimbursement. So far in November, the meeting expenses totaled \$326.90. When these checks clear, the bank balance should be \$4222.08.

FOLLOW UP: Karen pointed out there is not enough in the MFM account, at the moment, to cover the remaining benevolences due to be paid by Dec. 31, for a total of \$4,575. She reflected on the usual pattern of increased donations at the end of the year. Friends agreed the treasurer should proceed with paying benevolences even though our bank balance will be very low going into the new year, at which time \$2000 will be needed for bills due in January.

Friends are encouraged to send donations to Karen Nawn-Fahey, MFM Treasurer, 71 North Pleasant St., Middlebury, VT 05753

There are three items in the 2016 budget which have not been spent and action needs to be taken before the end of December. The following actions were agreed upon:

1. \$250 under Quaker Camps and Conferences will be sent to the NEYM Equalization Fund.
2. \$200 under VT Action for Peace, a group which appears to have been inactive for the past few years, will be sent to the Addison County United Way Foster Kids Camper Fund. COSA will discuss if this should become an ongoing line item, perhaps to replace some or all of VT Action for Peace allotment.

3. \$200 under Contingency remains unspent. It was agreed that if no urgent need arises before Dec. 20, we will send this to China Lake Friends Camp fund for children of parents who are incarcerated.

The treasurer went over the proposed budget for 2017. A few adjustments were made. VT Action for Peace will be removed as a regular contribution. Two new benevolences were added: Hospice Volunteer Services and Jubilee USA. With a little bit of redistribution of funds, the benevolences total remains the same as 2016. The overall budget reflects a modest increase.

As of this month, MFM has taken in only a little over half of our 2016 budgeted income. Friends are reminded to support the work of MFM by sending in contributions in the next few weeks.

16.11.04 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam) All Meetings in NEYM have been asked to read and study the two Minutes on Climate Change adopted at NEYM Sessions in August. The Earthcare Committee strongly endorses both Minutes and has some suggestions on how to begin the process of responding to the charge from NEYM. It is hoped that other committees and individual Friends will help provide leadership in this effort.

Earthcare members are working with ICAN to plan a full-day workshop for the community on “The Work That Reconnects,” based on the work of Joanna Macy and her book *Active Hope*.

FOLLOW UP: NEYM Minutes on climate change: It was pointed out that MFM devoted a year of full meeting engagement with climate change and environmental stewardship, with a follow up, this fall, of discussion groups & a workshop focused on *Active Hope*. Earthcare is asked to consider ways to engage Friends in the next step.

Friends are asked to carefully read the two minutes. Paper copies will be made available and resent to Friends via the listserv.

There was acknowledgement that our country has shifted into a new and even more uncertain era of climate action with a new administration moving into the White House.

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

The most recent meeting of COSA focused on how to engage Quaker practices in the upcoming Trump government.

Manya Dickinson reported the following: I have registered with a message site called Slack as a member of the Rutland Welcomes team. When any information about the Rutland Refugee Resettlement program is sent to me, I will forward it to the listserv. I also have the link to the Middlebury College student organization called Refuge:

<http://go-refuge.squarespace.com/aboutus/>

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Friends can go to the site themselves and I will also forward to the listserv any events or information provided.

16.11.06 Worship and Study Committee (Peter Schenck)

1. This year's Holiday meeting, on Dec. 17, will meet at the Mitchell's farm.
2. State of the Meeting meeting will take place on January 29 and needs a location.
3. A read-aloud group will begin in the near future. More information will be forthcoming.
4. Going forward, intergenerational meetings will include a Faith and Play lesson twice/year, in the spring and fall.

16.11.07 Fellowship Committee: (Spence Putnam) The Fellowship Committee has welcomed Joe Garren to its membership and now has five active members. The committee feels capable of handling its responsibilities now that they have been clarified and slightly simplified. The House Tour/Potluck previously scheduled for October will occur on December 4, the same day as the Holiday Fair at the rise of Meeting, but the two events do not conflict schedule-wise. The Holiday Meeting will be held at the Mitchells' house on December 18. In case of a significant snow storm we will hold the event at Havurah. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Sunday, January 15, at the rise of Meeting.

16.11.08 Pastoral Care Committee (Sas Carey) Friends are encouraged to fill out and pass along to Pastoral Care the Emergency Contact form. The form will be sent out, again, on Listserv.

16.11.09 Incident of hateful graffiti on the door at Havurah: Middlebury Clergy Association (MCA) is planning an ecumenical event in support of Havurah. A statement has been prepared by MCA, signed by local faith groups, to be sent to the Addison Independent. MFM co-clerks will write a letter from MFM to express our concern and support. In addition, MFM will send a separate letter to the Addison Independent. In these letters, MFM expresses our support for Havurah and all of the Jewish community. We reject hate speech in any form and support acts of inclusion, understanding and dialog to strengthen our community. It will be signed by the co-clerks for MFM Friends.

16.11.10 NEYM Faith and Practice revision on membership: The co-clerks have invited some Friends to serve on a committee to read and respond to the request by the yearly meeting F & P Revision Committee to respond to their rewritten section on membership.

Meeting closed after a brief moment of silence.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day
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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.

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