

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



February  
2012

# FEBRUARY 2012

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Saturday 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
- Mon. Feb. 6 7:30 PM Men's Group at Tom Baskett's (758-2055)
- Fri. Feb. 10 3:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee meeting at Priscilla Baker's (388-8024)
- Sun. Feb. 12 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee at Havurah House
- Mon. Feb. 13 4:00 PM Committee on Outreach & Social Action at Stewart Kirkaldy's (388-3388)
- Fri. Feb 17 6:00 PM Potluck & presentation about Quaker Earthcare Witness at the home of Laura Asermily (388-9478)
- Sun. Feb. 19 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business. At Havurah House.
- Sun. March/4 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Judgment vs. Judgmentalism led by Ann Barker. At Havurah House.
- Sat/Sun, March 3&4 Quarterly Meeting at Monadnock Monthly Meeting, Jaffrey, NH

“People will tell you where they’ve gone  
They’ll tell you where to go  
But till you get there yourself you never really know  
Where some have found their paradise  
Other’s just come to harm  
Oh Amelia, it was just a false alarm.”

— JONI MITCHELL

## Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

15 January, 2012

Clerks: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were David Andrews, Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Fran Putnam, and Spence Putnam.

12.1.01 Minutes from 20 November 2011: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

12.1.02 Treasurer’s Report (David Andrews and Laura Asermily): “During the month of December 2011 the Meeting had income of \$805, all from member contributions. The income for the comparable period last year was \$1,595.

“Expenditures during December totaled \$60, entirely for the children’s program. Budgeted benevolence payments totalling \$3,925 were also made. We thank all those Friends who made generous gifts during November and the first part of December, making it possible for us to pay these benevolences. The reconciled bank balance at the end of December was \$3,396.91.

“Since then, an additional \$100 in donations has been received, and we have paid \$500 in rent, \$499 for our New England Yearly Meeting quarterly contribution, and \$125 for our Northwest Quarterly Meeting contribution, leaving a January 6 balance of \$2,372.91.”

Spence Putnam reported that he has completed and submitted the required biennial report to the Vermont Secretary of State’s office.

FOLLOW-UP: The Finance Committee wonders if MFM should switch from a fiscal year that runs July to June to a calendar year. If we do switch, should the first time

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period be a ½ year, from July – December, 2012, or a 1.5 year period from July 2012 through December 2013? This will be further explored this winter.

The Finance Committee recommends a regular review of our books: Once a year the co-clerks appoint someone other than the treasurers to review the finances of MFM. This “audit” would include the following: 1) a review and comparison of the bank statement’s balance and the treasurer’s report balance, and 2) a review and comparison of the bank statements and cancelled checks with the checkbook record and treasurer’s reports for a period of the auditor’s choosing, but not less than one month. This recommendation will be further discussed at next monthly meeting.

It was asked that the co-treasurers provide a report of giving patterns within MFM, as they have done in past years. This will give an overview of how many friends help to support MFM financially.

Many of the benevolences MFM supports have sent thank you’s to us. These will be placed in a basket for Friends to peruse.

**12.1.03 Worship and Study Committee (W & S)** (notes from Rebecca Holmes; edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

1. The State of the Meeting meeting, January 22nd will be held at Laura Asermily’s home from 3-5pm and will be followed by a potluck. Grace McGrath will be the facilitator; Priscilla Baker will be the recorder.
2. Friendly Forums: Several ideas were discussed; March FF will be on “Judgment vs. Judgmentalism” facilitated by Ann Barker.
3. Newcomers’ Basket: Becky Holmes reported that there are now six Faith and Practices from unprogrammed Meetings, a variety of our own materials, and a variety of articles. She will make copies of these and set up a draft basket. She also noted that the Earlham College website is particularly helpful.
4. Greeter Guidelines: Minor revisions have been made to the original instruction sheet for greeters including a brief checklist. Laminated copies will be available on the library cupboard door and under the greeter/hospitality clipboard.

Children’s Program: A letter of agreement between MFM and Lianna Tennial, our new children’s program coordinator, will be drafted. The children’s program meets twice/month and is currently using a curriculum that teaches conflict resolution through children’s literature.

**12.1.04 Fellowship Committee (FC)** (Fran Putnam)

Potluck: There are tentative plans for a potluck, in collaboration with COSA, in February with representatives from Quaker Earthcare Witness. Exact date, TBA. A host is needed for this gathering.

**12.1.05 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA)** (notes from Tom Dickinson; edited for these minutes by the recording clerk):

1. Beginning the process of planning for MFM sponsorship of the Community Supper in May and co-hosting of a NEYM committee meeting also in May. Both will require significant effort on the part of the Meeting.
2. Representatives from Quaker Earthcare Witness will join us for a potluck followed by a discussion about their work and how we can be involved. The Fellowship Committee is making arrangements for a potluck in February.
3. Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) requests input from monthly meetings on priorities for lobbying and other actions for the next congress. We will send out a survey similar to the one we used 2 years ago, compile the results and send to FCNL before their deadline of April 16, 2012.
4. The next COSA meeting will be on Monday, February 13 at 4:00 pm, location at Stewart Kirkaldy's.

12.1.06 Pastoral Care Committee reported on the status of the new directory which will be ready for proofreading by Friends in the near future. Also, the new magnet name tag sleeves have arrived. Win will create new inserts

Monthly meeting closed after a moment of silence.

## 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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We welcome your submissions! — win@wcolwell.com

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