

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



July  
2012

# JULY 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.
- Sun. July 1 8:30 AM Friendly Forum on Forgiveness. Havurah House.
- Sun. July 8 12 NOON Worship & Study Committee meeting at Ann Barkers home in Ripton. For directions call 388-7329.
- Mon. July 16 6:30 PM Men's Group paddle on Lake Champlain. Meet at Town Beach Road Access to Kingsland Bay. If you have a seat to spare in your canoe or if you would like a seat in someone else's canoe, please contact David (388-6453, 989-4387). Please bring your own dinner sandwich and a snack to share.
- Sun. July 22 12 NOON Summer picnic at Kingsland Bay. Bring food, recreational equipment and toys for kids
- Mon. July 23 4:00 PM COSA, location TBA
- Sun. July 29 8:30 AM Summer Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri. Aug. 3 3:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee at Priscilla's

“To be fully alive, fully human,  
and completely awake is to be  
continually thrown out of the nest.”

— PEMA CHÖDRÖN

Middlebury Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business

17 June, 2012

Clerks: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were David Andrews, Tom Baskett, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, Tom Nicholson, Don Peabody, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg, Bill Schneider, Jill Stackhouse, and Lianna Tennal.

12.06.01 **Minutes for 20 May 2012:** Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

12.06.02 **Treasurer’s Report** (David Andrews): “During the month of May 2012 the Meeting had member donations of \$572, plus Community Supper income of \$63.63, for a total of \$635.63. The member income for the comparable period last year was \$2,345.

“Expenditures during May totaled \$288.64. We paid \$90 for childcare expenses, which included Meeting for Worship childcare (\$60) and First Day Curriculum Coordination (\$30). We also paid \$198.64 in expenses for the Community Supper.

“The bank balance at the end of May was \$4,650.90. Of this, \$2,550.90 is for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$2,100 will be carried over each month until a new financial agent is found for the Farm Worker Coalition. “

The ½ year budget for July through December 2012 was presented and approved. The following are noted: Rent has increased by \$100/quarter. PO Box fee will increase to \$90/year beginning next fiscal year. Most of our annual benevolences will be paid in the fall; hence this ½ year budgeted expenses are higher than 50% of total annual

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expenses. The first annual budget reflecting our change to calendar year accounting will be presented in October, 2012, to be approved in November.

### **12.06.03 Worship and Study Committee (W & S) (Tom Baskett)**

1. Intergenerational meetings: There are 4 each year. The Celebration of Life occurred in May; the next three will be September 30, holiday meeting in December, and February 24, 2013. Communications with families about details will be sent via email.
2. Afterwards: This new practice of inviting worshippers to engage in an impromptu followup reflection is now under way. Newcomers are also invited to attend to ask questions and learn more about Quakers.
3. First Day School: Lianna will act as liaison with W & S, replacing Win. It is noted that Lianna is doing an excellent job as coordinator of the children's program. She will convene a gathering after worship on June 24 to review the past semester. The attendance this past year has been up and down, which has been challenging for providing a cohesive program. Paige will continue as child care provider for as long as she can.

**FOLLOW UP:** Middlebury Friends expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Lianna for her children's program leadership and to Paige for her many years of service providing child care support.

4. Friendly Forums: The following are planned: July 1, Forgiveness, with Ann Barker; none in July and August; September 9, Quakerism Today, with Jean Rosenberg; as well as future topics on environmental action, spiritual underpinnings of social action, the parameters of Quakerism and what we do with Silence.
5. Committee membership: Win will leave W & S; Sophia Hughes will be the newest member.

**12.06.04 Nominating Committee (Don Peabody):** An updated roster was presented. A couple positions remain unfilled. New appointees will begin in July. The final list will appear in the newsletter.

**12.06.05 Fellowship Committee (Manya Dickinson).** Friends are reminded that there are 4 regular potlucks each year. The next one is the summer picnic at Kingsland Bay on July 22. The Fellowship Committee will work with COSA on plans for December QM in Middlebury.

**12.06.06 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (report from Tom Dickenson; edited for these minutes by the recording clerk):**

1. The hosting of Quarterly Meeting has been swapped with Hanover Monthly Meeting who will host at Bethany Birches Camp in Plymouth, VT on September 8-9 with a youth and family program. Middlebury and Bennington will host in Middlebury in December. This gives us more time to arrange the program and

hosting details, which need to be ready for inclusion in the winter edition of the Nor'Wester, deadline in early October.

2. Connie Kinkaid-Brown, Clerk of Northwest Quarter, sent a gracious email to MFM to thank us for helping to keep the FUM personnel policy before the Quarter when we put forward our minute at the March 2011 meeting. This helped inform the discussion at the most recent Quarterly Meeting when a minute from Putney Meeting on the issue was approved and forwarded to Yearly Meeting. As Connie put it, "Quaker wheels do turn slowly and every little bit of turn keeps the wheel moving. My thanks to Middlebury for its part in moving this wheel."
3. Community Supper on September 28: Final details will be organized at the September COSA meeting.
4. The community "Farm to Table" project to provide produce for community lunches and suppers is well underway. A large plot at Nash farm is mostly planted and several Friends have been helping there. We have taken charge of the tomato patch of over 50 plants and these are now staked and mulched.

**12.06.07 Quarterly Meeting:** We will host QM with Bennington Friends Meeting, in December, 2012. Several possible program topics were suggested, including an overview of Quaker organizations; the future of Quakerism; something related to post-national elections; a film on Saturday evening, followed by discussion on Sunday; the structural dynamics of an unorganized religion. COSA will continue to address details necessary for hosting QM.

**12.06.08 Habitat for Humanity:** Tom Dickinson will look into the possibility of a Quaker work day at the current project in Cornwall. It is noted that there are 2 Quakers on the HfH Board.

Monthly meeting closed after a period 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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