



Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“I have only to break into the
 tightness of a strawberry,
 and I see summer – its dust and lowering skies.”

— TONI MORRISON, “THE BLUEST EYE

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. July 9 8:30 AM W & S Committee at Havurah
 9:00 AM Earthcare Committee at Havurah
- Thur. July 13 Pastoral Care Committee meeting
- Tue. July 25 COSA, time and location TBA
- Sun. July 30 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business (summer meeting)
- Aug. 5-10 NEYM, Castleton University <https://neym.org/>
- Sun. Aug. 13 12 noon Picnic, location TBD, rain date Aug. 20
- Fri-Sun. Sept. 8-10 QM at Bethany Birches
- Sun. Sept. 10 8:30 AM W & S Committee at Havurah
- Sun. Sept. 24 8:30 AM Friendly Forum, facilitated by Earthcare Committee
- Fri. Sept. 29 Community Supper

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon
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BRUD LEEDAM reports that he and BOB have had a very busy spring with 4 family members reaching milestones. Granddaughter ALANA graduated from St. Michael's College in May. VLADIMIR, International Host Student from Bosnia and Herzegovina, also graduated in May. They enjoyed meeting and spending time with his family. Twin grandsons AIDEN and CONNOR graduated from Haverhill High School in Mass., where Connor was valedictorian. They will be attending Middlebury College after a gap year. ANNIE had to sit out lacrosse season because of a fractured foot but otherwise, middle school has been positive in every way.

Treleven Farm is hosting AIDAN FRANKO, a student from Colorado College, who is working as a Food Works intern this summer. Aiden works on the farm, helps with the nature program, works in the food service program at the Parent/Child Center, and takes the class taught by MOLLY ANDERSON.

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OLIVIA GRUGEN (MC '12) completed a Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Pittsburgh in 2016 and completed one year of teaching near Altoona, PA. During her 3 years teaching at Ramallah Friends School in Palestine she met WILLIAM ROBBINS, from Birmingham, AL. They have become engaged and will be married on July 7, 2018.

FRAN and SPENCE PUTNAM, daughter CHRIS and grandson RICO participated in the “Milk with Dignity” march from the center of Waterbury to the Ben and Jerry’s factory. The march was held to put pressure on the company to implement a two-year-old agreement intended to improve pay and working conditions of migrant laborers.

SAS CAREY will be showing her films this summer at the gazebo behind her home at 248 Washington St. Extension. Call Sas 388-1301 with questions.

Thurs, July 6 “Gobi Women’s Song”

Wed., July 19, “Ceremony”

Thurs., August 3, “Migration”

7-9 PM Suggested 10\$ donation to Nomadicare.

Pretty special, so check it out!

SHULAMITH shares that she “will soon be expanding her medical intuitive/energy work practice to include more attention to spiritual healthcare. Often she has been called upon to help clients with that when they or their families are in crisis because of health problems or deaths. Now she is training as an interfaith Spritual Director. Shulamith is doing some “sample” sessions with volunteers this summer as part of her training”. If interested let Shulamith know.

MOLLY ANDERSON was just elected to the Coop board.

—Lucy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, 6/21/17:

Co-clerks: Tom Baskett & Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Treasurer: Karen Nawn-Fahey

Recorder: Brud Leedom

Archivist: Brud Leedom

Worship and Study Committee: Priscilla Baker, Peter Schenck, Jean Rosenberg, Lianna Tennial, Leigh Harder, Lucy McKeon

Middlebury College Worship Group: Barbara Clearbridge/shulamith eagle

Children's Program Committee: Fran Putnam, Lianna Tennial, Erin Ruble, Tom Nicholson

Librarian: Peter Schenck

NWQM: Tom Dickinson, Ministry and Oversight Committee

Pastoral Care Committee: Sas Carey, Grace McGrath, Brud Leedom, Wendy Goodwin, Norman Tjossem

Fellowship Committee: Spence Putnam, Teresa Hyndmann, Wendell Jacobs, Rebecca Holmes, Joseph Garren

Havurah House contact: Chris Stackhouse

Website Coordinator: Win Colwell

Meeting Listserve: Aaron Coburn

Newsletter editor: Win Colwell

Name tags: Win Colwell

News of Quakerly Interest: Lucy McKeon

Committee for Outreach and Social Action: Cheryl Mitchell, Tom Dickinson, Faith Lowell, Ladybelle Fiske McFarlin, Don Peabody, Susan Smiley

Addison County Clergy group: Ted Colwell

Middlebury Area Clergy Assoc: Spence Putnam

Spirit in Nature: Ted Colwell

Quaker organizations:

AFSC: Ted Colwell

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FCNL: Ladybelle Fiske McFarlin (with Don Peabody)

NEYM: MFM Co-clerks

NWQM: Ted Colwell distributes newsletter

NWQM Planning Committee: Don Peabody and Lianna Tennial

Local peace and social justice organizations and actions:

Habitat for Humanity: Tom Dickinson

ACOrN: Susan Smiley

CROP walk: Manya Dickinson

HomeShare: Ruth Barenbaum, Manya Dickinson, and Becky Stratton

Community Dinners: Karen Nawn-Fahey

Lunch Program: Tom Dickinson

Middlebury Energy: Laura Asermily

Addison County Farm Workers: Jill Stackhouse

Food to Food Shelf: Don Peabody

CVAA Tai Chi Program: Ruth Barenbaum

Earthcare Committee: Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Chris Stackhouse, Win Colwell, Ted Colwell, Susan Smiley, Mimi Love-Nicholson

Finance and Budget Committee: Karen Nawn-Fahey, David Andrews, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg

Nominating Committee: Sas Carey, Lucy McKeon, Don Peabody

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

25 June, 2017

Clerk: Norm Tjossem

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Sas Carey, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Joe Garren, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennial.

17.06.01 Monthly meeting opened with a reading of 3 brief passages in FJ and NYTimes.

17.06.02 May 21, 2017 minutes accepted as printed in the last newsletter.

17.06.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of June 24, 2017.

From May 20 through June 24 the Meeting had member donations of \$270.

From May 20 through June 24, Meeting expenditures totaled \$389.98. This includes \$120 for childcare, \$265.98 for Community Supper reimbursement and \$104 annual fee for Post Office Box. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$6973.80

FOLLOW UP: At July MM, Karen will give a ½ year report on how we're doing financially

17.06.04 Nominating Committee (Sas Carey) Final report handed out and reviewed. Approved with one correction.

17.06.05 Worship and Study (Peter Schenck)

1. A survey about how MFM considers the annual State of the Meeting will be sent out to gather input including how Friends felt about our last SOM gathering and how to plan for the next gathering.
2. Friendly Forum: In preparation for 2 FFs in October and November about White Supremacy, we will recommend some summer reading, Ta-Nahesi's *Between the World and Me*, as well as 3 Pendle Hill Pamphlets. The September FF will be facilitated by the Earthcare Committee.
3. We are planning a called meeting on Sunday, August 20, at 4:00pm, to reflect on the \$2,000 donation to all YM monthly meetings and on how we are led to use our allotment.

17.06.06 Committee on Outreach and Social Action – COSA (delivered electronically and herein abridged)

1. Reviewed what the group felt best about during the past year, including two community suppers; our relationship with NEYM and NWQM (and planning and logistics for the Quarter MFM co-hosted this year); Journey of Healing Event (hope that we can do additional follow-up); joining Jubilee; supporting the Foster Care Celebration and campership fund; supporting the Consulate Visit (and ongoing Migrant support work); our connection to FCNL
2. Reviewed the committee description and liaison positions from 2015, no particular changes suggested
3. Discussed the \$ 2,000 grant to MFM: no pressing ideas. We thought that a Social Justice Fund might be desirable that meeting members could draw on as needed for their social justice work.
4. Discussed work of the committee going forward
5. Hold meetings only when needed
6. For projects that are “well oiled” such as community supper, ask a subcommittee to do the planning, seeking help from the full COSA as needed
7. Reach out to the liaisons in COSA’s care indicating our desire to be more proactive with their social concerns work, perhaps an annual Social Justice Work Fair similar to the one that was done for the Quarter a few years back.
8. More follow-up to Journey of Healing
9. Establish a more timely and substantive process to respond to issues of pressing concern (such as the swastikas on Havurrah House or the deportation threats)
10. Co-lead a Friendly Forum with W&S about how we discern our individual, committee, and corporate responses to social justice issues
11. More emphasis on the Action part of our committee charge (COSA stands for Committee on Outreach and Social Action)
12. Suggested that we draft a letter of response re: deportation threat to Juan de la Cruz for Meeting to send if it is approved. We could send as a committee if not.

FOLLOW UP: Friends read and discussed the draft of a proposed letter about deportation of community members. After making several edits, Friends agreed to send the amended letter, signed by co-clerks, to the *Addison Independent* and *Addison Eagle*. It is suggested we publish it on Front Porch Forum. COSA is asked to continue to address this issue and to guide us in further action.

17.06.07 Earthcare Committee No recent meeting and no report

17.06.08 Pastoral Care No report

17.06.09 Fellowship Committee: (Spence Putnam) Our annual summer picnic is slated for Sunday, August 13, after meeting for worship; rain date, Aug. 20

17.06.10 **Care of Elders** Laura Asermily came across a survey sent out by NEYM Committee on Aging in 2001. Pastoral Care will review this and explore updating the work of the Passage with Care work.

17.06.11 **Upcoming NWQM at Bethany Birches** Lianna Tennal reported that the September gathering will need monthly meetings to share responsibility for meals. At next meeting, we will discuss a meal MFM can provide.

Meeting closed after a brief moment of silence.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Editor: Win Colwell

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Jean Rosenberg 388-6453

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388-8024

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Karen Nawn-Fahey
PO Box 1026
Middlebury, VT 05753

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)
Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)
Brud Leedom (558-1005)

Grace McGrath (388-6576)

We welcome your submissions! — winslow.colwell@gmail.com

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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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