

Middlebury Friends Meeting



June
2009

JUNE 2009

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs. June 4 7:00 PM Conversation and Dessert Potluck with Tim Barnard, FCNL Field Representative. Ted Colwell's house, 1 Lower Plains Rd, E. Middlebury. 388-1961
- Sat, June 6 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM. (Now first Saturdays only!)
- Sat/Sun, June 6 & 7 Northwest Quarterly Meeting, Farm & Wilderness, Plymouth, VT
- Wed. June 10 7:00 PM Men's Group at Tom Baskett's, 758-2055
- Sun. June 14 10:00 AM Last First Day School session until September 2009
- Tues. June 16 7:00 PM Outreach & Social Action Committee at Karen Nawn-Fahey's 989-3081
- Sun. June 21 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Wed. July 8 6:00 PM Men's Group, paddle at Kingsland Bay
- Fri. July 10 5:00 PM Community Supper hosted by MFMat Middlebury Congregational Church
- Sun. July 19 11:30 AM Summer Monthly Meeting for Business. Note: no MM in August
- Tues. July 21 11:00 AM Fellowship Committee meeting at Carol's Hungry Mind
- Sun. July 26 12 noon Picnic and afternoon of fun and fellowship. Kingsland Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh

“Perseverance furthers”

—LAO TSU

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

Middlebury Friends Meeting is seeking a volunteer to coordinate a special once-a-month gathering for our children 3-6 years old. This could be a lot of fun, and hopefully will bring our youngish Friends together in joyful ways. This is a planning position – the person would not lead the program every month. We hope it can run from September '09 to June '10 with possible holiday breaks. If you are interested please contact Joanna Colwell (388-1961) or Fran Putnam (388-1644). THANK YOU!

**Middlebury Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business**

21 May, 2009

Clerk: Becky Stratton

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were David Andrews, Laura Asermily, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Wendy Goodwin, Stewart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, and Spence Putnam.

09.05.01 Minutes from 19 April 2009 were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

09.05.02 Treasurer's Report: (from Spence Putnam). “During the month of April, we had income of \$495.00 and expenditures totaling \$1,630.86: \$500 for rent, \$500 for New England Yearly Meeting, \$125 for Northwest Quarterly Meeting, \$11.70 for the newsletter, \$44.16 for postage, \$150.00 for the children's program, \$200.00 to the MTCC Community Lunch Program, and \$100.00 to the Middlebury Summer Lunch Program. The checking account balance at the end of April was \$2,628.86, which includes \$700.00 in the carry-over surplus fund. The bank balance as of May 11th was \$2,942.42.

“Donations totaling \$250.00 have been made from the contingency fund to the MTCC Community Lunch Program, \$50 in February in addition to the \$200 mentioned above. The \$100 honorarium paid out in February for the Eldering Session has been charged to the miscellaneous expense line instead of contingency, as it should have been originally.”

FOLLOWUP: It was noted that MFM is over \$2,000 short of anticipated income for the current fiscal year which ends on 6/30/09. There remain several expenses before the end of this fiscal year (e.g., the new Meeting Directory and books for the library) and there are several expenses (rent, NEYM, NWQM, etc..) due on July 1, necessitating a healthy balance in the checking account at the end of June. Friends are encouraged to consider contributing to MFM before the end of June.

A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR, prepared by the Finance Committee, was presented. After detailed discussion and a few revisions, the proposed budget will be published in the newsletter and considered at next monthly meeting for approval.

09.05.03 Worship & Study Committee report (from Win Colwell, edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk)

1. **First Day School Update:** There was further discussion of a once a month special program for the younger children, ages 3-6. Parents of children in this age group are enthusiastic. A coordinator will need to be identified. This is a planning position – the person would not lead the program every month. Win will describe the position in the newsletter.
2. **Youth education:** Consideration was given to starting a rites-of-passage program for young people, ages 12-13. It is suggested that each child engage in a one year mentorship with an adult mentor from the Meeting who would teach him/her about Quakerism, answer questions, explore the queries, facilitate participation in Quaker organizations (NEYF, Powell House), explore leadings, etc. Mentorships could be tailored to the individual child. The program would develop new relationships in the Meeting and perhaps with the college group as well. At the end of the mentorship year, the young person might choose to stay in Meeting for Worship on Sundays.
A subcommittee will prepare a draft to be circulated in the W&S committee for feedback before final presentation to MM.
3. **Quaker Quest Project:** Librarian, Becky Holmes, has purchased QQ books and will distribute them to committee members for perusal. Additional information is available on the web. Powell House is doing a weekend on QQ. W&S proposes working on this idea in conjunction with Outreach Committee.

09.05.04 Pastoral Care Committee: No report this month

09.05.05 Fellowship Committee: Friends are reminded that there will be a picnic

and afternoon of fun and fellowship at Kingsland Bay following Meeting for Worship on Sunday, July 26. It was clarified that this will be a bring-your-own-picnic-lunch, rather than a potluck of shared dishes.

09.05.06 Outreach and Social Action Committee report (from Karen Nawn-Fahey and Stewart Kirkaldy):

1. Dates for two Friday evening community suppers to be hosted by MFM, were set: July 10 and Sept. 25. Karen Nawn-Fahey offered to organize the July 10 dinner. An organizer for Sept. 25 is needed.
2. Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Field Representative, Tim Barnard, will return to Vermont in June. Stewart Kirkaldy has offered to organize an evening with Tim for conversation about FCNL's important work in Washington, to take place on Thursday, June 4.

09.05.07 Nominating Committee: No report this month

09.05.08 The Annual Statistical Report, prepared by Recorder, Brud Leedham, has been sent to New England Yearly Meeting and delivered to MFM Archivist.

Meeting for Business closed with several minutes of silence.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING PROPOSED BUDGET 2009-2010

	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	Difference	Jul-Apr 08/09
INCOME	\$10,382	\$10,934	\$552	\$7,905.35
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EXPENDITURES				
Rent	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
New England Y.M.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
Books & Library	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0
Children's Program	\$1,200	\$1,700	\$500	\$1,425
Friends Journal Ad	\$40	\$40	\$0	\$0
Gifts for Young Friends	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0
Mail Box	\$72	\$74	\$2	\$74
Midd. Area Clergy Assoc dues	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$118.15
Newsletter & directory	\$300	\$200	-\$100	\$155.40
Postage	\$200	\$150	-\$50	\$107.16
Outreach & Social Concerns	\$100	\$400	\$300	\$0
Web page domain	\$20	\$20	\$0	\$0
Worship & Study		\$250	\$250	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,757	\$7,709	\$952	\$6,379.71

BENEVOLENCES

	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	Difference	Jul-Apr 08/09
Add Cty Relocalization Network		\$50	\$50	
AFSC National	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
AFSC Vermont	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Clergy Rental Fund	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Community Lunch		\$200	\$200	
Counseling Service of AC	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
FCNL	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Friends Gen. Conference	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$75
Friends of Kakamega	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Friends World Committee	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Habitat, Addison Co.	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$150
H.O.P.E. (ACCAG)	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$400
Interfaith Power & Light	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Midd Area Global Warming Coalition		\$50	\$50	
Nomadicare	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Open Door clinic	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Parent/Child Center	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
Quaker Camps & Conference	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Quaker UN Office	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Rt Sharing of World Resources	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Spirit in Nature	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Summer Lunch Program	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
Contingencies	\$650	\$200	-\$450	\$250
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$3,425	\$3,225	-\$200	\$2,775
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,182	\$10,934		\$9,154.71
Carry-over Surplus Fund		\$700		

News of Quakerly Interest

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"If you don't like the news, go out and make some of your own!" — Scoop Nisker

VISIT FROM AFAR: SAS CAREY warmly invites all Friends to join her on Sunday, July 12 from 1-5 PM at the Gazebo in Quaker Acres for a reception for Khongoroo. Khongoroo has been assisting Sas with her work in Mongolia for the past three years. She'll be staying with Sas in Vermont from the end of June until they go to Mongolia together in August. Please come meet Khongoroo!

NEW ARRIVALS: MANYA AND TOM DICKINSON are celebrating the arrival on May 16

of their new granddaughter, ZORA MAY DICKINSON KOLOVOS. When they brought her home from the hospital, her 17 month old sister ran around the house shouting, "Baby, baby, baby, oh baby!"

DON PEABODY AND LIANNA TENNEL are delighted to announce that ALICE MAE WILL be becoming a big sister in September- Hooray!

HIGHER LEARNING: SARAH MCGRATH HELMER received her Master's in Counseling from UVM on May 16 after passing her orals with distinction.

BECKY STRATTON'S granddaughter, MARGARET STRATTON (of Bristol) was accepted into the United World College program and will be studying for the next two years in Swaziland. South Africa.

Both KAITLYN KIRKALDY (Stewart's granddaughter) & JOSIE SCHNEIDER were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at MUHS. Congratulations!!!

And JOSIE has the opportunity to volunteer in Ecuador for five weeks, this Summer. She'll be working at the Orphanage and Developmental Center for Infants and Toddlers. The program works with infants and toddlers ages newborn to 4 years old and focuses on early childhood development. As a volunteer Josie's duties would include: feeding, changing, general care for infants, working with toddlers, teaching them school basics like counting and word pronunciation, organizing small recreational activities for free time, and providing any support needed to the staff.

In order to take part in this program, Josie will need to raise \$2,750. If you can help send Josie to Ecuador, please send a donation to:

Johannah Schneider, 266 Washington Street Ext., Middlebury Vt, 05753

Also, if anyone has outgrown baby clothes to donate, please bring it to Meeting, and Josie will bring it with her to the orphanage in Ecuador.

Friends who want to know more about this project can visit:

<http://www.cci-exchange.com/travelabroad/program.aspx?id=394>

Best of Luck, Josie!!!

WORKING FOR PEACE: CRAIG ZONDAG has made a special canoe! The construction began in Canada and was finished here in Vermont. The canoe was then purchased from Craig and donated as a fund raiser item for Kids4Peace. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, and are being sold until June 15.

Please check out www.kids4peacevermont.org to learn about this amazing project to bring 12 children over here from the West Bank and Israel and Palestine, to attend Summer Camp together in Vermont!

Joanna Colwell



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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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