

Middlebury Friends Meeting



June
2010

JUNE 2010

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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.
- Wed. June 9 7:00 PM Men's Group at Tom Baskett
- Sun. June 13 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee meeting at Havurah
- Mon. June 14 4:00 PM Committee on Outreach & Social Action at Karen Nawn-Fahey's
- Sat. June 19 4:00 PM Meeting for Recommitment of Marriage of Aaron and Laurel Coburn, followed by a potluck meal. Bridgman House, 827 Deacon Hill Rd, Ripton. Parking is limited, so please carpool!
- Sun. June 20 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun. June 20 2:00 PM "Feasting with Robinsons" at Rokeby Museum: Gastronomy student, Jesse North, on her research from the Robinson's recipe books.
- Wed. July 7 7:00 PM Men's Group at Jake Jacob's
- Sun. July 18 12:00 noon Picnic and social gathering at Kingsland Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh; rain date, Sun. Aug. 1
- Sun. July 25 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business (Only summer Business Meeting; no MM in August)
- Sat/Sun, Dec. 4/5 Quarterly Meeting hosted by Bennington and Middlebury meetings, location TBA

“When leaders are reverent, they are reverent along with their followers, and their common reverence unites them in feelings that overcome personal interests, feelings such as mutual respect. These feelings take the sting from the tools of leadership—from persuasion, from threats of punishment, from manipulation by means of rewards. This is because there are no winners and losers when there is reverence. Success and failure are dwarfed by the magnitude of whatever it is that they hold in awe together.”

—PAUL WOODRUFF

(see review of *Reverence*, pg. 6)

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

16 May, 2010

Clerk: Stewart Kirkaldy

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Sas Carey, Barbara Clearbridge (Shulamith), Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Grace McGrath, Cheryl Mitchell, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Spence Putnam, and Becky Stratton.

10.05.01 Minutes for 418/10 with the notation that after last MM, a change was made to the Friendly Forum on June 6, which will be a follow-up to last Friendly Forum about the Friends United Meeting (FUM). Friends will discuss whether or not MFM will take any action pertaining the FUM policy to not hire gay and lesbian employees. The formerly scheduled meeting for healing, with Barbara Clearbridge (Shulamith) will be held at a later date.

10.05.02 Treasurer’s Report (from Spence Putnam) “During the month of April the Meeting had income of \$1,235. Total income for the fiscal year so far is \$8,584, leaving us with \$2,350 to raise in the remaining two months of the fiscal year. The income for the comparable period last year was \$7,905.35. Expenditures during April totaled \$345: \$120 for the children’s program and \$44 for the *Friends Journal* ad. The bank balance at the end of April was \$5,069.72, which includes \$1,200 in the carry-over surplus fund.

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“In addition, \$66.57, which had been collected in small amounts for Pennies for Peace, was sent to Partners in Health for relief in Haiti.”

FOLLOW UP: It was agreed to commit to an ad in the *Addison Independent Church Directory* for 2011.

10.05.03 Worship and Study Committee (from Tom Baskett). W & S has not met since last monthly meeting, however, Tom Baskett submitted the following report of two events:

“The Celebration of Life Meeting held on May 9 was well attended despite the fact that cold and snowy weather drove us inside. About eight young young Friends played intently and quietly in the center of our worship circle as adults shared many messages appreciating the regeneration of life playing out before us as well as the lives of older Friends who have passed on.

“A Friendly Forum was held on May 2 on the topic of Friends United Meeting’s personnel policy barring gays and lesbians from being hired as FUM staff. The sense of the gathering was strongly against the policy, and it was decided to continue the discussion at the Friendly Forum scheduled for June 6 to explore what action Middlebury Meeting might take to express its dissension. All interested members of Meeting are invited to attend.”

10.05.04 Committee on Outreach and Social Action (from Tom Dickinson, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk). The most recent meeting was devoted to considering the Friends United Meeting policy excluding from employment or leadership positions those who co-habitate outside of marriage or are in homosexual relationships. At a well-attended Friendly Forum on May 2, many spoke on the subject as well as to express concern about the instances of suppression of dissent and adoption of policy positions by FUM without full consensus of the membership. No one expressed support of the FUM policy, but there were differences about what our Meeting could do about it. Another forum is scheduled for June 6 to continue the discussion and possibly arrive at a course of action.

One member has prepared a “Draft of Possible Minute Regarding FUM Matter,” which asks that Northwest Quarterly Meeting request that New England Yearly Meeting terminate its membership in Friends United Meeting and end its financial support of that organization because of the concerns with FUM policy noted above.

Another member reminds us of the position of some at NEYM who believe it is important for the more liberal meetings to be represented in the FUM family, even though it is often difficult to have their voices heard. Deana Chase, from NEYM, has offered to come to Middlebury to continue this conversation. The committee will explore the possibility of her visiting Middlebury Meeting.

10.05.05 Fellowship Committee: (from Fran Putnam). “The Fellowship Committee has not met since the last Meeting for Business, but we want to remind the Meeting that we have set July 18 at noon for the summer potluck at Kingsland Bay State Park, and a rain date of August 1.

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“There has been some email discussion about the location for the December Quarterly Meeting that we are hosting. Havurah House is not available for the time we need it because it is the first day of Hanukah. The Fellowship Committee will work with whatever location is decided upon by the Meeting for Business.”

10.05.06 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 (from Spence Putnam). Spence presented the proposed budget for next fiscal year. After much discussion a few changes were made. It was decided to increase our benevolences to several local organizations and services. The proposed budget will appear in the newsletter and will be posted on our listserv.

10.05.07 Oversight committee for Recommitment Meeting for Marriage: Karen Nawn-Fahey reported that the oversight committee is working with Laurel and Aaron on details for the recommitment meeting on June 19. They will inform Friends of final plans when they are in place.

10.05.08 Nominating Committee (from Cheryl Mitchell). Cheryl Mitchell reported for the committee which consists of John Beattie, Don Peabody, Jean Rosenberg and herself. They have talked with many Friends about renewing their committee or specific task assignments and have invited others to begin a new assignment. It was agreed that Cheryl will post the list on our listserv and that the final roster will appear in the next newsletter.

Monthly meeting closed with a moment of silence.

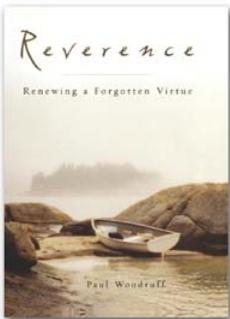
FRIENDLY BOOKS OF INTEREST



Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue

by Paul Woodruff

Oxford University Press, New York, 2001, 248 pgs.



To the disappointment of many of its devoted viewers, April 2010 brought an end to the *Bill Moyers Journal* television show after a run of many years due to Mr. Moyers' retirement. One of the interviews featured on this final program was with Barry Lopez, who Moyers named as one of his favorite writers on nature and the environment. The two discussed this book, *Reverence*, as one that was important to both men.

Paul Woodruff is a professor of the humanities at the University of Texas and has written numerous books on classical philosophy and political thought. This book is his attempt

to explore the ancient virtue of reverence, which Woodruff feels has been quite forgotten in modern times and needs to be resurrected since it is a key underpinning for modern government, culture, and especially human relationships. He writes with an easy, relaxed style that makes his case clear and very entertaining.

He defines reverence as “beginning in a deep understanding of human limitations; from this grows the capacity to be in awe of whatever we believe lies outside our control – God, truth, justice, nature, even death.” Woodruff then traces the history of reverence through mainly ancient Greece and ancient China where this virtue began to be observed and discussed by philosophers. One of the surprises is that he notes repeatedly is that reverence is not solely part of religion, but has much broader applications. The book has chapters on many areas in which reverence plays a key roll, including government, teaching, and the home. The book features short quotations before each chapter, and there are copious poems quoted and excerpts from the works of philosophers from all eras.

This book is not an easy read, but I found that it was not difficult to understand and was written in a fairly casual style. In a time when there is so much bitterness and discord, it is refreshing to be returned to a more reasoned explanation of a virtue largely overlooked and ignored. It is clear why Bill Moyers and Barry Lopez recommended this book. (On the PBS web page you can see an old interview that Moyers did with Woodruff that supplies a lot of additional information about the book and its author.)

— *Ted Colwell*

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Printed opposite is the proposed Middlebury Friends Meeting budget for fiscal year 2010-2011, which begins on July 1. The final budget discussion and approval is scheduled for the June business meeting on June 20. Changes in our regular expenditures are relatively minor, but it has been suggested that we increase our support of several local human services agencies (Clergy Rental Fun, Community Lunch Program, Counseling Service, Habitat, HOPE, Open Door Clinic, and Parent Child Center) by significant (for us) amounts, since they have not in several cases been increased for several years. It was also agreed to redirect the \$200 appropriation that formerly went to AFSC-Vt to Vermont Action for Peace, the successor, independent organization. It should be noted that the result of these changes is a nearly \$1,000 increase in the MFM annual budget which, if approved, will require more generous support of our community to help us support our financial goals. The total to be raised according to this proposed budget will be \$11,908.00.

— *Spence Putnam*

MFM PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Middlebury Friends Meeting	2009-2010 bdgt	Thru April	Remaining	2010-2011 Prps	Change
INCOME	\$10,934.00	\$8,606.00	\$2,328.00	\$10,652.00	
EXPENDITURES					
Rent	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
New England Y.M.	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$125.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Books & Library	\$200.00	\$43.00	\$157.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Children's Program	\$1,700.00	\$1,380.00	\$320.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
Advertising (F Jour'l, Addy Indy)	\$40.00	\$58.00	-\$18.00	\$194.00	\$154.00
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Mail Box	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$0.00
Midd. Clergy Assoc dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$49.76	\$50.24	\$100.00	\$0.00
Newsletter & Directory	\$200.00	\$98.85	\$101.15	\$170.00	-\$30.00
Outreach and Social Concern	\$400.00	\$215.04	\$184.96	\$250.00	-\$150.00
Postage	\$150.00	\$163.50	-\$13.50	\$200.00	\$50.00
Web page domain	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Worship & Study	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	-\$100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,709.00	\$5,482.15	\$2,226.85	\$7,633.00	
BENEVOLENCES					
Add Cty Relocalization Network	\$50.00	\$100.00	-\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
AFSC National	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
AFSC Vt/Vt Action for Peace	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Clergy Rental Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Community Lunch	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Counseling Service of AC	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
FCNL	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Friends Gen. Conference	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Friends World Committee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Habitat	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
HOPE	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$200.00
Interfaith Pow & Light	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
John Calvi				\$100.00	\$100.00
Kakamega, Friends of	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$50.00
Midd Area Global Warming Coa	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	-\$50.00
Nomadicare	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Open Door clinic	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Parent/Child Center	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Quaker Camps & Conferences	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Quaker UN Office	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rt Sharing of World Resources	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Spirit in Nature	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Summer Lunch Program	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Contingencies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$3,275.00	\$2,925.00	\$350.00	\$4,275.00	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,984.00	\$8,407.15	\$2,576.85	\$11,908.00	

Carry-over Surplus Fund(Acoustics)

\$1,200.00

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

Passages: We hope to see many Friends at the memorial service for BURT KNOPP. The service will be held at the Unitarian Church in Middlebury on June 26th at 11 AM with a reception afterwards.

Travel: SAS CAREY and LUCY MCKEON will be leaving June 15 and soon after travel to the taiga of northern Mongolia to provide health care, hygiene kits, vitamins and medicines for Dukha reindeer herders. Lucy will return after a month of sleeping in tipis and tents, riding horses, and living without vegetables. Starting mid-July Sas will go to a city called Dalanzadgad in South Gobi Province to provide training and equipment for doctors and other medical staff for the 14 sum (rural) hospitals in the province, sleeping in a ger (yurt) and living another month without green vegetables. As Sas saw on a restaurant window in Ulaanbaatar, “Grass is for animals, meat is for men.” (They still have only male gender there for speech.) Sas will return August 12 and says “Thank you for holding us in the Light while we are gone”.

Elections: MARTIN GLAZER has been elected to the Boy Scouts’ honor society, the Order of the Arrow, also known as the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

KEVIN LEHMAN is pleased to have been elected to the board of the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op .

Higher Education: MARY KAY GLAZER has been accepted into a graduate program, a Masters in Spiritual Formation and Leadership, a mostly online program from Spring Arbor University in Michigan. There is a one-week residency each of the three years; the first one will be San Diego in January

KAITLYN KIRKALDY (Stewart’s granddaughter) has been named co-valedictorian and will be speaking at the MUHS graduation ceremony on June 12th. (She’ll be attending Wellesley College this fall.)

New Ventures: TANYA LEHMAN is starting a house cleaning business. She’s planning on calling it Persnickety Cleaners! If anyone needs a house cleaner they can call her at 388-4458.

JERRY MCBRIDE has been in touch with us from California with some exciting news. He has been elected vice-president of the Music Librarians Association, a prestigious position that reflects the respect his peers have for Jerry. Congratulations! He also reports seeing our Friend SETH RAPHAEL, who now lives in the area while working at Google. I wonder if he commutes by unicycle?

— Joanna Colwell



Some of the Friends who helped tend to the young trees and plants at Ethan and Suzanne's home last month. From left, Win Colwell, Cole Putnam, Benj Putnam, Wendy Goodwin, Erin Ruble, and Joanna Colwell.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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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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Meeting for Worship

10 AM every First Day

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