

Middlebury Friends Meeting



June
2011

JUNE 2011

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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.
- Thurs. June 2 7:00 pm Women's Group at Wendy Goodwin's (note change of weekday)
- Sat.-Sun. June 4/5 Quarterly Meeting, South Starksboro
- Sun. June 5 8:30 am Friendly Forum on "Revisiting Peace Testimony"
- Wed. June 8 7:00 pm Men's Group at Sam Fogel's, 73 North Pleasant Street, Middlebury. 388 1529.
- Sun. June 12 8:30 am Worship and Study at Havurah
- Mon. June 13 4:30 pm Outreach and Social Action TBA
- Sun. June 19 11:30 am Monthly Meeting for Business at Havurah House

“Suddenly...I saw how regularly I sat
outside the wide-open gates of heaven,
trying to order the keys online.”

— ANNE CUSHMAN

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

22 May, 2011

Co-Clerks: Jean Rosenberg & Stewart Kirkaldy
Recording Clerk: Tom Dickinson

Present were Don Peabody, Faith Lowell, Jean Rosenberg, Stewart Kirkaldy, Ann Barker, Tom Baskett, Laura Asermily, Jill Stackhouse, Becky Stratton, and Tom Dickinson.

11.05.01 Minutes from April 17, 2011 were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

11.05.02 Treasurer's report (Jill Stackhouse) "During the month of April 2011 the Meeting had an income of \$605.00. The income for the comparable period last year was \$1235.00. Total income for the fiscal year 2011 through April is \$9,460.25, which is \$ 604.25 ahead of this same period last year. Expenditures during April totaled \$120: Children's Program \$120. The bank balance to date is \$4976.43, which includes Olivia Grugans fund of \$1840. Available balance for meeting to date is \$3136.43. Since November donations have been down each month compared to the same month in the previous year which currently totals 53% less."

The apparent discrepancy (total income through April is up \$604 but donations since November have been down 53%) was explained by a large influx of donations prior to last November. Much of our fundraising is done by "shaking the tree", sending out a notice when our Meeting is short of funds. One result is that donations tend to be larger but from a minority of those in Meeting. There is a desire to have a more even distribution of income over the year and to broaden participation among Friends. Suggestions are to periodically put notices in the newsletter and on listserv, include invitations to contribute in announcements at meeting, and to encourage greater use of the contribution box which is on the table at every meeting. We should remember that a financial contribution is not just a mundane act but is also part of our spiritual connection to the benevolences and activities of our Meeting.

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The proposed budget for 2011-2012 was presented. The only change from this year is the addition of \$1440 to the Children's Program, intended to enhance the first day school program. This proposal is not yet fully developed, but it will be presented at our Meeting for Business on June 19, when the budget is up for discussion and approval.

Note that the line item under benevolences for "Quaker Camps & Conferences" is intended for financial support to those attending these events, and Friends are invited to apply.

11.05.03 Worship and Study Committee (W & S) (Tom Baskett)

1. W & S organized a friendly forum on May 1 on "First Day School – Future Vision". This was a good introduction to the possibilities, and is being followed up by an ad hoc Committee. There will be a presentation at Meeting for Business on June 19 when the budget proposal is discussed.
2. There are plans for closer ties to the Middlebury College Meeting.
3. Do we want to continue Quaker Quest or other outreach to our local community?

11.05.04 Fellowship Committee (FC) (Faith Lowell)

1. The current cycle of Friendly 8s potlucks is now complete, although some groups plan to continue meeting. This activity will be taken up again in the fall.
2. The picnic at Kingsland Bay is set for August 14. The plan is to reserve a shelter so a rain date will not be required.
3. A new Friend is needed for FC since one of the members is leaving the committee.

11.05.05 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (Tom Dickinson)

1. There was discussion about how to organize a silent meeting on September 11, 2011 to which the public would be invited. This would emphasize peaceful alternatives to the continuing hostilities that have followed the 9/11 attacks.
2. We have the tabulated results of the survey on participation in Quaker activities outside of our own community. We wish to encourage such participation.
3. We discussed Quaker Earthcare Witness, a national organization based in Burlington. Their activities are aligned with the interests of many in MFM and it would be good if we were more familiar with the organization.
4. A new Friend is also needed for COSA since one of our members has left the committee.

Interest has been expressed in continuing the discussion on FUM policies, particularly since the last Quarterly Meeting did not reach unity on the minute that our Meeting had put forward on this subject. The COSA and W & S committees will work together on this.

Monthly meeting closed after a moment of silence.

Middlebury Friends Meeting	2010-2011 Prpsl	Thru April	Remaining	2011-2012 Prpsl	Change
INCOME	\$12,108.00	\$9,460.25	\$2,647.75	\$13,748.00	1640
EXPENDITURES					
Rent	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
New England Y.M.	\$2,000.00	\$1,498.00	\$502.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00	\$625.00	-\$125.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Books & Library	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Children's Program	\$1,700.00	\$1,302.08	\$397.92	\$3,140.00	\$1,440.00
Advertising (F Jour'l, Addy Indy)	\$194.00	\$44.00	\$150.00	\$194.00	\$0.00
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Mail Box	\$74.00	\$0.00	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$0.00
Midd. Clergy Assoc dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Newsletter & Directory	\$170.00	\$89.00	\$81.00	\$170.00	\$0.00
Outreach and Social Concern	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$200.00	\$49.28	\$150.72	\$200.00	\$0.00
Web page domain	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Worship & Study	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Ticonderoga meeting	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,833.00	\$5,407.36	\$2,425.64	\$9,273.00	\$1,440.00
BENEVOLENCES					
Add Cty Relocalization Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
AFSC National	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Vt Action for Peace	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Clergy Rental Fund	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Community Lunch	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Counseling Service of AC	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
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 of Addison County	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
HOPE	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Interfaith Pow & Light	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
John Calvi	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Nomadicare	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Open Door clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Parent/Child Center	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Peace & Justice Center				\$200.00	\$200.00
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 VN 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	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Contingencies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,275.00	\$3,925.00	\$350.00	\$4,475.00	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,908.00	\$9,332.36	\$2,775.64	\$13,748.00	
Carry over Fund (Building Improvements)	\$1,602.80	\$0.00	\$1,602.80	\$1,602.80	\$0.00

Kevin Lehman

Kevin was born in Nairobi, Kenya, where his parents spent ten years doing relief and development work for the Mennonite Central Committee, but he actually grew up in a small town in a small town in northern Ohio. Kevin's dad ran a business that served the unique needs of the local Amish and his mom was a housewife and community leader.

Like his professional career, Kevin's college career was anything but typical. As a student at Eastern Mennonite College, Kevin spent a year in Washington DC in an intentional community, during which time he interned with the Mennonite Central Committee "Peace Office." Kevin did research and advocacy on legislation related to affordable housing, healthcare, and other peace and justice issues. This was one of many steps on Kevin's journey where he strove to align his work with his values.

Between his sophomore and junior year of college Kevin lived in Germany and worked with a Mennonite organization doing evangelical work with young people, creating theater skits around Christian themes. As a senior he participated in an alternative program where students lived in an intentional community on a mountaintop in Oregon, immersed big books, big questions, and big ideas.

Kevin graduated with a combined major in Sociology, Communications and Business, and a minor in teaching English as a Second Language. Kevin met Tanya while in college and they married the following year. After a year of volunteer service with a social service organization in Washington, DC, the young couple returned to Ohio to live in the farmhouse where Kevin's dad's was born. Kevin managed the catalog for the family business, Lehmans, which supplies everything needed to Amish families and others who live off the grid, as well as folks striving to live a simpler, more sustainable lifestyle.

After six years in Ohio, Kevin and Tanya moved to Elkhart, Indiana where Tanya completed her M.A. in Christian Spirituality. It was here that the twin calling of organic farming and Vermont started to beckon to the young couple. So, in the spring of 2001 they moved to Burlington and both worked at organic farms. They didn't know a soul in the state, but they were very drawn by the beauty, the lifestyle, and the "mindset." After gigs at the Intervale, they discovered Middlebury by way of the Morgan Horse Farm. Tanya went from working with horses at the farm to working with seniors at Elderly Services and Kevin worked with veggies and local farmers at the Middlebury Food Co-op.



Kevin went on to manage the web sites at Country Home Products for five years and then he helped to launch the company's solar power division, Sunward Solar. When the economy tanked in early 2009 and 1/3 of the staff were laid off, Kevin took the opportunity to pursue a "Sustainability MBA" at Marlboro College Graduate School in Brattleboro. Kevin describes the program as, "an innovative program that marries my passion for sustainability with my background in business. We grapple with the social and environmental facets of sustainability and how business can foster a transformation to a sustainable economy."

During the past two years as a full time student, Kevin has worked with Renewable Energy Vermont and hung out with Asher (now 3-1/2) as much as possible. He has also been elected to the boards of the ACORN Network and the Middlebury Food Co-op. In November Kevin joined the Addison County Regional Planning Commission to manage their renewable energy initiatives. His current projects include converting a hybrid Prius to a plug-in-electric vehicle and installing the first charging stations in the county, exploring innovative models for local farms to create energy, and developing an energy audit program.

Throughout it all, Kevin's camera has never been far from his eye. He has shot for the Addison Independent, NGOs in Malawi and El Salvador, and various personal projects both here and abroad. His work can be seen at KevinLehman.com.

Kevin is now on the final leg of his master's program, fully immersed in his capstone project. He is designing an "online crowd funding platform for food and farming enterprises that links farmers and other food entrepreneurs with potential sources of funding within their community of supporters and beyond." If all goes well, he'll graduate in August!

—Ruth Barenbaum with KL

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