

Middlebury Friends Meeting



May
2013

MAY 2013

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, May 5 8:30 AM Friendly Forum on Pastoral Care. We will explore together how we can minister to each other as a spiritual community. Havurah House.
- Fri. May 10 3:15 PM Pastoral Care Committee, at Priscilla Baker's
- Sun. May 12 10:00 AM Annual Celebration of Life at Quaker Acres, Washington Street Extension. Followed by potluck.
- Tue. May 14 4:00 PM COSA at Tom Dickinson's
- Sun. May 19 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business at Havurah House.
- Mon. May 27 7:00 PM Men's Group
- Sat/Sun June 1 & 2 Northwest Quarterly Meeting at S. Starksboro
- Sun. Jun 2 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Joys and Challenges of being part of a Faith Group. Havurah House.

“The louder our world today is,
the deeper God seems to remain in silence.
Silence is the language of eternity; noise passes.”

— GERTRUD VON LE FORT

**Middlebury Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business**

21 April, 2013

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were David Anderson, Laura Asermily, Sas Carey, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Brud Leedham, Grace McGrath, Lucy McKeon, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, Chris Stackhouse, and Lianna Tennal.

13.04.01 Minutes for 17 March 2013: Accepted as printed in the newsletter. The clerk is asked to resend the newsletter (or just the minutes) when she sends out the reminder and agenda for upcoming monthly meetings.

13.04.02 Treasurer’s Report (David Andrews & Laura Asermily): During the month of March, the Meeting had member donations of \$585. The member income for the comparable period last year was \$1,045.

Meeting expenditures during March totaled \$1,820.50. We paid \$215 for childcare expense and \$160 for First Day School coordination. We also spent \$46 on stamps and \$25.50 for new checks. We paid Havurah rent of \$750, which included \$150 underpaid in previous quarters. We also paid dues of \$499 to NEYM and \$125 to NWQM.

The bank balance at the end of March was \$3,648.80. Of this, \$2,228.80 is for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$1,420 belongs to the Farm Workers Coalition.

Note: The second quarter payments to Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting and rent were sent at the end of the first quarter.

Yearly Meeting has requested monthly meetings to consider increasing our payments to support their work. It was agreed we need to gather information, e.g., how long have we paid the current amount and what % of their total budgets do other meetings pay to YM.

13.04.03 Worship and Study Committee (Chris Stackhouse): The focus, for now, is organizing for the Celebration of Life on May 12, at Quaker Acres on Washington

Street Extension. Inclement weather location: Havurah House.

13.04.04 Fellowship Committee (Manya Dickinson) will hold a cross-over meeting in June, with old and new committee members.

13.04/05 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (Tom Dickinson):

1. Community Supper plans are mostly finalized. An unexpected conflict involving the church kitchen has necessitated making a new plan for food preparation on Friday morning before 11:00, which will resume at 3:00.
2. Quarterly Meeting will be held at S. Startksboro Meetinghouse in June. A very small meeting, S. Startksboro Friends have asked MFM to help with some tasks, e.g., providing overnight accommodations and help with food. Specifics about how we can help will be sent out via Listserv.
3. COSA is drafting a statement concerning the proposed installation of F-35 bomber jets at Burlington International Airport. If interested in this issue and/or the statement, contact Tom Dickinson.
4. The Farm to Table project, under the auspices of the Middlebury Community Care Coalition (MCCC) will be seeking volunteers to help with tending and harvesting their gardens at Nash Farm and with preservation of food later in the summer. Volunteers are offered access to their own small garden plot, if desired, and participation in the bounty at harvest time.

13.04.06 Nominating Committee (Don Peabody): A preliminary report has been submitted by the Nominating Committee (Don Peabody, Sophia Hughes, Sas Carey and co-clerks, Cheryl Mitchell and Jean Rosenberg). One position is yet to be filled: Treasurer, who also serves on the Finance Committee. It was noted and appreciated that many more Friends are involved in serving the Meeting than several years ago.

13.04.07 Facility Report and Climate Change (Chris Stackhouse & Laura Asermily) reported on an encouraging meeting with representatives from Havurah House to explore ways we can partner to make the building energy efficient. Chris and Tom Nicholson will continue to evaluate specific recommendations. Havurah House welcomes MFM input and co-stewardship of the building. It was noted that this is the beginning of working on a common project with Havurah.

It was suggested that MFM focus on climate change, beginning with an ad hoc subcommittee, under COSA, that likely will become a standing committee. Several Friends expressed interest in serving on this Climate Committee.

MFM expressed gratitude to Laura, Tom and Chris for their work on environmental issues. Laura reported that she interviewed Tom Dickinson about weatherizing his house, for the MCTV program, Middlebury Energy Update. It can be seen online at www.middleburycommunitytv.org/

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

WORKING DRAFT:
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2013
Bold Italic Typeface = New to Position

Co-clerks: Cheryl Mitchell, Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Treasurer: _____ *6 Month Mentor: Spence Putnam*

Recorder: Brud Leedom

Archivist: Stewart Kirkaldy

Worship and Study Committee: Tom Baskett, Jean Rosenberg, Ann Barker, Sophia Hughes, *Priscilla Baker (start in July,)* *Lianna Tennial*

Ticonderoga Worship Group: Mary Kay Glazer, Mark Moss

Middlebury College Worship Group :

Wake Robin Worship Group:

Children's Program Committee: Fran Putnam, Lianna Tennial, Win Colwell

Librarian: Becky Holmes

Ministry of Music: David Rosenberg , Claudia Stoschek

Pastoral Care Committee: Sas Carey, Carrie Reed, Grace McGrath, Brud Leedom, Wendy Goodwin

Fellowship Committee: Laura Asermily, *Peter Schenck, Wendell Jacobs*

Havurah House contact: *Wendy Goodwin*

Website Coordinator Win Colwell

Meeting Listserve: Aaron Coburn

Newsletter editor: Win Colwell

Newsletter production and Mailing: Ruth Barenbaum and Ted Colwell

Mailing list and label productions: Ted Colwell

Name tags: Win Colwell

Outreach and Social Action: Tom Dickinson, Lucy McKeon, Stewart Kirkaldy, Spence Putnam, Don Peabody, *Susan Smiley, (John Beattie? Ted Colwell?)*

Addison County Clergy group: Ted Colwell

Middlebury Area Clergy Assoc: *Spence Putnam*

Spirit in Nature: David Tier

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Quaker organizations:

FCNL: Don Peabody

NEYM Co-clerks

NWQM Ted Colwell distributes newsletter

Local peace and social justice organizations and actions:

Habitat for Humanity: Glenn Goodwin

ACOrN: Laura Asermily and Susan Smiley

CROP walk: Manya Dickinson

HomeShare: Ruth Barenbaum and Manya Dickinson

Community Dinners: Karen Nawn-Fahey

Lunch Program: Tom Dickinson

Middlebury Energy: Laura Asermily

Addison County Farm Workers: Jill StackHouse?

Food to Food Shelf: Laura Asermily

Climate Subcommittee: Fran Putnam, Laura Asermily, Spence Putnam, Chris Stackhouse (Wendy, Kevin, Tom D?)

Finance and Budget Committee: _____, David Andrews, Spence Putnam
Stewart Kirkaldy, Jean Rosenberg

Nominating Committee: Co-Clerks Cheryl Mitchell and Jean Rosenberg, Don Peabody, Sophia Hughes, Sas Carey

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Editor: Winslow Colwell

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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.

Priscilla Baker (388-8024)

Sas Carey (388-1301)

Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Brud Leedom (623-7533)

Grace McGrath (388-6576)

Carrie Reed (388-0436)

We welcome your submissions! — win@wcolwell.com

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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day

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