

Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“Love recognizes no barriers.
It jumps hurdles, leaps fences,
penetrates walls to arrive at its
destination full of hope.”

— MAYA ANGELOU

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. April 29		People's Climate Marches Washington, DC & Montpelier
Sun. April 30	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum: <i>Listening - to Spirit, and to one another including those who have different world views</i>
Mon. May 1	5:00 PM	Leadings Group at the home of Craig Goddard 74 Painter Hills Road, Middlebury, (388-3193)
Mon. May 1	7:00 PM	Read Aloud group at Cheryl's
Sat. May 6	10:30 AM	Standing for the Earth vigil at Triangle Park also smaller vigils on all other Saturdays
Sun. May 7	8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Worship and Study Committee, at Havurah Earthcare Committee, at Havurah
Mon. May 8	5:00 PM	Experiment with Light meeting at the home of Jean Rosenberg, 232 Washington St. Extension. For more information, contact shulamith eagle (324.9149) or Jean Rosenberg (388-6453)
Sun. May 14	10:00 AM	Celebration of Life at Leigh Harder's, 46 Lower Plains Road, East Middlebury (388-2005) followed by potluck (Havurah House in case of inclement weather)
Tues. May 16	4:00 PM	COSA, at the Dickinson's
Wed. May 17		Pastoral Care committee meeting
Thurs. May 18	8:30 AM	ICAN meeting at Weybridge Congregational Church
Sun. May 21	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business, at Havurah
Sun. May 28	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum
Sun. June 4	8:30 AM	NWQM at Middlebury, co-hosted with South Starksboro Meeting

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon
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MIMI LOVE-NICHOLSON and WENDY GOODWIN will be singing with the Middlebury College and Community Chorus concerts May 6th at 7:30 at the Brandon Town Hall and May 7th at 3:00 at Robison Concert Hall, Middlebury College.

LADYBELLE MCFARLIN writes that her son ANDREW has taken a job as assistant states' attorney in Chittendon County. He and his fiancée ALICE LIN, have moved to Burlington and are planning to be married sometime next year.

FAITH LOWELL has made her new house complete by adding a new puppy! "PANDA" is black and white and is the great grandchild of 2 of Faith's dogs.

FRAN and SPENCE PUTNAM made the journey to Washington, DC, to join the Climate March on April 29th.

—Lucy

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

23 April, 2017

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Sas Carey, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Joe Garren, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Jean Rosenberg, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennal.

17.04.01 Monthly meeting opened with a reading from PHP, *Tall Poppies*: "many are invited; few respond."

17.04.02 March 19, 2017 minutes, accepted as printed in the newsletter.

17.04.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey): From March 18 through April 15 the Meeting had member donations of \$915.

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From March 18 through April 15, Meeting expenditures totaled \$2012.25. This includes \$100 for childcare, \$160 for Children's Program Coordination, \$125 for NWQM, \$650 for Havurah rent, \$725 for NEYM, \$166.25 for Worship Directory and \$86 for directories. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$5213.78 (includes earmarked \$2,000 donation to all monthly meetings).

At the end of the first quarter of the 2017 fiscal year, member donations totaled \$1943 toward our Budget Total of \$15,990.

Karen reviewed our notice in *Friends Journal* which she will renew. Peter Schenck offered to publish his phone number as the contact person. She reported that she is waiting to hear back from NEYM about insurance coverage, required by CSAC for the use of their community room for QM. It was suggested to ask Havurah about their insurance coverage.

A New England Friend has donated \$2,000 to all monthly meetings in NEYM "to enliven Quakerism in New England." She was led to do so after the last election. With no specific time line or dead line, this money is sitting in our budget for us to decide how we might use it. It was agreed to see what germinates in the next month or so, to help us discern how we are led to use this donation. A few ideas were floated.

FOLLOWUP: As decided at the end of last year, Karen will make a quarterly report at the close of meeting for worship. She noted that there are patterns of contributions over a 12 month cycle, the first quarter typically being a time of lighter giving. Karen clarified that the monthly reports are accounting reports whereas the quarterly reports are in the vein of "How are we doing?"

17.04.04 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam)

1. Our Actions for the Earth proposal has been implemented. Our committee will highlight this initiative after meeting for worship on the next several Sundays so everyone understands how to participate.
2. The report to New England Yearly Meeting on our Meeting's response to the call for action regarding climate change has been sent to the appropriate NEYM committee.
3. Report from ICAN: The follow-up meeting for participants in the Active Hope workshop was well attended. There will be further regular meetings for anyone who participated in the original workshop.
4. We noted the upcoming People's Climate Marches on April 29, in Montpelier (1:00 PM) and in Washington, DC.
5. We are exploring a Friendly Forum or a Potluck on the topic of A Personal Carbon Tax.

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17.03.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action - COSA (Don Peabody)

1. *NWQM, June 4th*: Lianna Tennial convened an ad hoc planning committee for the Northwest Quarterly Meeting (NWQM) co-hosted by Middlebury and S. Starksboro Friends Meetings. Attending: Lianna, Priscilla Baker, Joy Pile, Susan Smiley. Their preliminary report: "Breakfast at 8:15, program 9:00-10:15, Worship 10:30-11:30, Lunch 11:45-12:45, MFWwAtB 1:00-3:00. Joy and Priscilla are planning details of the program, Susan is organizing food, to be provided by Middlebury and Starksboro Friends, Peter Schenck has offered to be the registrar, Tom Dickinson is providing liaison with CSAC where the Quarterly Meeting will be held.
2. *Community Supper, April 28th*: Volunteers are signing up. Some details to be firmed up re: increased # of regular meals, provision of alternative entrees and back-up meals.
3. *Merger of Earthcare and COSA?*: Is it time to merge Earthcare and COSA, as Burlington Meeting has? Discussion ensued; no certain answer arose; to be continued.

17.04.06 Worship and Study Committee (Peter Schenck)

1. *Friendly Forums*: 18 Friends attended the last FF on "How are you doing in these challenging times?" We agreed to continue with the next FF, on April 30, focused on one of the themes that emerged: Listening - to Spirit, and to one another, including those who have different world views. "How is Spirit guiding us as Quakers in these times?" This includes discernment of Spirit as well as listening to others. Wendy Goodwin will facilitate.
Two additional FF dates are scheduled for May 28 and June 25. Topics TBA.
2. *Celebration of Life*: Leigh Harder has offered to host this year's celebration, on May 14, at her home in E. Middlebury, with Havurah House as back up in case of inclement weather.
3. *June QM program* will be on music & poetry. There does not appear to be a required role for our committee at QM. There is an organizing committee consisting of Lianna Tennial (convener), Tom Dickinson (location), Susan Smiley (food) and Priscilla B. (program), plus Joy Pile representing S. Starksboro Meeting.
4. *Library* We agreed to form a committee to work with librarian, Peter Schenck. He noted there are too many books for our limited shelving, and suggested there be a way to discern which books should stay and those that don't fit into our needs and can, therefore, be culled. The committee will begin by drafting a statement of purpose for the MFM library. The Library committee will consist of Peter, Lucy McKeon, and a third person

FOLLOWUP: It was determined that the Celebration of Life will be overseen by Worship and Study, including logistics and recruiting helpers.

17.04.07 Fellowship Committee: (Joe Garen)

1. It was noted that the chili lunch and fundraiser was successful on all fronts, with delicious food and approximately \$700 raised for Heifer International.
2. Appreciation was expressed for all the people signing up for greeter and hospitality.

17.04.08 Pastoral Care Committee (Grace McGrath) No report this month.

17.04.09 Transfer of Membership request from Norm Tjossem: Letters from Norm and from the clerk of Newtown, PA, Friends Meeting were read. MFM Friends approved this transfer. A welcoming committee, consisting of Ted Colwell, Sas Carey and Jean Rosenberg, will meet with Norm.

17.05.09 Nominating Committee (Sas Carey, Lucy McKeon and Don Peabody)

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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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.

Sas Carey (388-1301)
Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)
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