

Middlebury Friends Meeting

November
2013



NOVEMBER 2013

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. Nov. 3 11:30 AM Friendly Forum: Part II of Quaker Spirituality and Practices: organizational structure
- Tues. Nov. 5 4:00 PM Fellowship Committee at MNFC
- Sun. Nov. 10 8:30 AM Worship & Study at Havurah House
- Tues. Nov. 12 4:00 PM COSA at Dickinson's
- Sun. Nov. 17 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri. Nov. 22 3:15 PM Pastoral Care Committee at Sas Carey's
- Sun. Nov. 24 8:45 AM Climate Committee at Havurah House
- Mon. Nov. 25 7:30 PM Men's Group at the home of David Andrews
- Sun. Dec. 8 all day NWQM at Plainfield Meetinghouse
- Sun., Dec 22 10 AM Holiday Gathering at the home of the Colwells, East Middlebury. Intergenerational Worship with hearty potluck to follow.

“Genius is more often found in a cracked pot
than in a whole one.”

— E.B. WHITE

Middlebury Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business

20 October, 2013

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Tom Dickinson, Mary Kay Glazer, Stewart Kirkaldy, Brud Leedham, Grace McGrath, Lucy McKeon, Mark Moss, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennal.

13.10.01 **Minutes for 15 September 2013:** Accepted as printed in the newsletter with one correction: The Friendly Forum will take place on Nov. 3.

13.10.02 **Treasurer’s Report** (Karen Nawn-Fahey) “During the month of September the Meeting had member donations of \$415. Meeting expenses during September totaled \$41.45, for picnic expenses and book purchases. The bank balance at the end of August was \$5,639.16 of which \$4,219.16 for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$1,420 belongs to the Farm Workers Coalition.”

FOLLOW UP: Co-clerk, Cheryl Mitchell, expressed gratitude to the Finance Committee for their work to prepare the 2014 budget which will be presented at November monthly meeting.

There was an extended discussion about our income during the first 3 quarters of this year, totaling about 50% of projected income needed to meet our budgeted expenditures. Mostly benevolences remain unpaid. It was pointed out that in past years we have always met our budget and that Friends need to be reminded what our financial needs are before Dec. 31, that is, shake the proverbial tree.

SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS:

- * We designate an amount of money be built into our budget for emergencies.
- * We explore how to allow Friends to make regular electronic payments.
- * We begin to pay out our benevolences earlier in the year instead of waiting until the last quarter.

13.10.03 Worship and Study Committee (Lianna Tennial)

1. The first Friendly Forum on Quaker Spirituality and Practices was reviewed. 25 Friends attended, indicating that the next two in this series should be held at 11:30 am.
2. Librarian, Becky Holmes, is finishing the task of entering all our books & pamphlets into an online catalog, called LibraryThing. The link will be sent to Friends and can be accessed via our website. This online catalog will enable us to access books and resources in other Quaker libraries. W & S expressed it's appreciation for Becky's many hours of updating and upgrading our library holdings.

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

1. The fall 2013 Community Supper was a success with 200 meals served and positive feedback from diners and organizers. Most ingredients were donated from local gardens and by individuals. The total value of ingredients is estimated to be \$220. Friends are encouraged to submit to the treasurer a "receipt" for any donated items.
2. COSA anticipates receiving the annual FCNL questionnaire seeking input from Friends to help them establish priorities.

13.10.05 Fellowship Committee (Laura Asermily)

1. Two potlucks have been held this fall, both in the meeting room at the Ilesley Library. The next potluck will take place as part of our annual Holiday Meeting on Dec. 22.
2. It is noted that the Greeter/Hospitality list has required more effort to fill in each Sunday. Friends are encouraged to look at the list, when it is circulated after each meeting for worship, and to help with greeting or providing hospitality. It is suggested that those not familiar with the duties sign up with an experienced Friend to learn the ropes. There is a guideline sheet to help Greeters. Hospitality providers are reminded that refreshments can reflect Quaker simplicity.
3. A Quaker Book Share may be organized for the future, during which Friends can share favorite Quaker books.

13.10.06 Climate Committee (Fran Putnam) "On September 29, the Climate Committee, along with other MFM volunteers, helped volunteers from Havurah clean out the Havurah basement in preparation for future weatherization work. A follow-up clean-up day was held on October 20 to remove partitions in the basement. The Havurah building manager, David Girard, has asked Chris Stackhouse for assistance in making a plan for weatherization which David will then submit to the Havurah trustees."

FOLLOWUP: MFM liaison, Laura Asermily, will discuss with Havurah how to cover the costs incurred when trucks filled with basement refuse were taken to the Transfer

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Station, totalling about \$300. The Finance Committee will discuss how MFM might offer to help Havurah with covering future weatherization expenses.

13.10.07 Pastoral Care Committee (Brud Leedham)

1. Work is underway to put together the next MFM directory, due to be published in the winter of 2014. A new feature will be the inclusion or insert of a page with committee members.
2. Norm Tjossem, the newest member of the committee, was happily approved by monthly meeting.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

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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.

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We welcome your submissions! — win@wcolwell.com

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