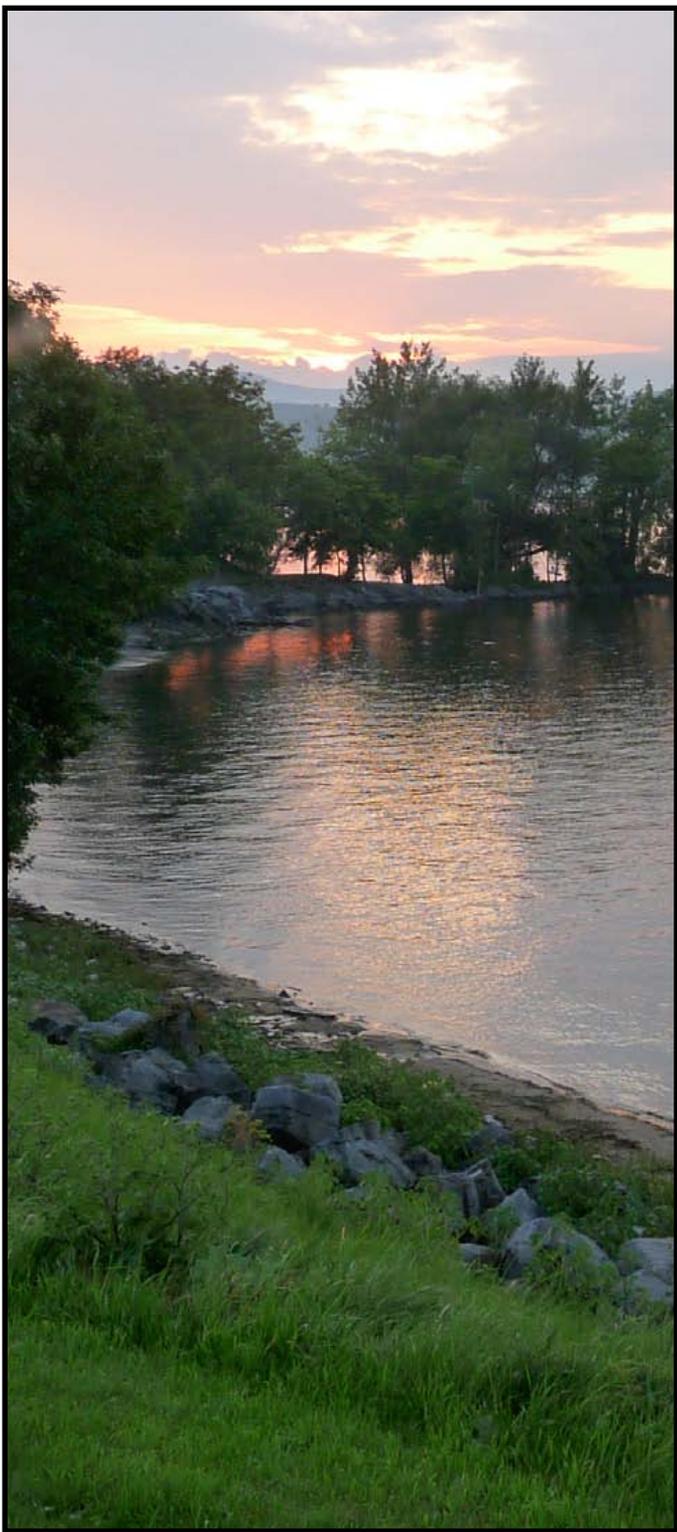


Middlebury Friends Meeting



September
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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat, Sept 5 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 am. (Now first Saturdays only!)
- Fri, Sept 11 6:00 PM Pot luck at the home of Ted, Joanna, Win, and Wren Colwell's house, 1 Lower Plains Rd, E. Middlebury. 388-1961
- Sat/Sun Sept. 12 & 13 Northwest Quarterly Meeting at Farm & Wilderness camps
- Mon. Sept. 14 3:00 PM Outreach & Social Action Committee, location TBA
- Fri. Sept. 18 3:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee meeting at Priscilla Baker's, 388-8024
- Sun. Sept. 20 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri. Sept. 25 5:00 PM Community Supper at Congregational Church hosted by Quaker Men's Group
- Sun. Sept. 27 10:00 AM Intergenerational Meeting followed by enhanced hospitality
- Sun. Oct. 4 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Quakers and God
- Sun. Oct. 4 11:30 AM Addison County Crop Walk
- Sat. Oct. 10 8-3:30 The MFM community will be helping with the construction of the Habitat for Humanity project. No experience needed, come for as long as you wish! Call Glenn Goodwin for info and to coordinate: glennng7@gmail.com.

“We’re past the point [390 ppm] where you can make the math [of CO₂ reduction] work one light bulb at a time. What we need is some serious international action to set a cap on carbon. We need everybody working together.”

- BILL MCKIBBEN,

Speaking about the October 24th International Day of Climate Action

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

The Quaker Quest Working Group will host the Friendly Forum on Sunday, October 4th from 8:30-9:45 AM. The Forum will explore the topic Quakers and God following the Quaker Quest model with speakers from our Meeting.

We hope lots of folks will be able to come and participate in this experience.

CAN YOU GIVE US ONE SUNDAY MORNING?

This year we are doing a special curriculum with the children of First Day School. The first Sunday of each month the older kids will have a lesson on different themes led by Joanna Colwell. They will then plan a lesson and activity on the same theme to share with the younger children (ages 3-6) the next week. We are hoping that once a month we will have the pleasure of a big turn out of these younger Friends for that second Sunday of the month!

For the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays, we are asking our Meeting community to help in a way that should be enjoyable for all. You can sign up to spend one Sunday with our older kids talking with them about how you integrate Quaker values into your life and livelihood. It will be a great chance for the kids to get to know you better, and for you to know them! You can talk about any Quaker principles you choose, but please keep your visit spiritually centered.

To sign up, please either call or write Win Colwell at 388 1961, or win@wcolwell.com. We'll pass around a clipboard too, so everyone can have a chance.

Thanks for considering this opportunity. It should be fun for all!

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

21 June, 2009

Clerk: Becky Stratton

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Fran Putnam, and Spence Putnam

09.06.01 Minutes from 17 May 2009 were accepted as printed in the newsletter with a correction of the date as recorded in the newsletter to 17 May 2009.

09.06.02 Treasurer's Report: (from Spence Putnam) "During the month of May, we had income of \$1,900 and expenditures totaling \$310.93: \$17.55 for the newsletter, \$130.43 for the children's program, \$112.95 for library books, and \$50.00 for conferences. The childcare expenditures were offset by \$75.00 because of a reimbursement from the Northwest Quarterly Meeting for childcare Middlebury Monthly Meeting provided for the last Quarterly Meeting, so the actual cash outflow for the month was \$185.93. The checking account balance at the end of May was \$4,293.87, which includes \$700.00 in the carry-over surplus fund. The bank balance as of June 14th was \$5,190.87. The "Shake the Tree" message sent out last month has been very productive, and we are now assured of finishing the fiscal year with greater income than the budget called for."

FOLLOWUP: It was agreed to send the remaining \$200 in the current fiscal year's Quaker Camps and Conferences to Farm and Wilderness camps.

The proposed budget for 2009-10 fiscal year, prepared by the Finance Committee and presented last month, was reviewed. No changes were made and the budget was approved as printed in last month's newsletter.

09.06.03 Nominating Committee slate for 2009-2010 was presented. Two adjustments were made: David Andrews has stepped down from the Outreach and Social Action Committee, and it was noted that First Day School teachers will need to be recruited later this summer. The roster of positions was approved.

09.06.04 Worship & Study Committee report (from Tom Baskett, edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk)

1. *Committee Meeting time* will be changed from Sunday mornings before worship to a weekday late afternoon in hopes of assuring more complete attendance.
2. *Query and Advice Readers Schedule* was discussed; it was agreed that committee members will either plan to read the query or advice on monthly meeting Sunday or be present as back up.
3. *Friendly Forums* will be scheduled for first Sundays of the month, starting in October with a discussion about Quaker Quest. In July we will begin choosing

the topics for subsequent FFs. A helpful website for more information about Quaker Quest: www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest/quaker-quest-steps

4. *Assessing Meeting for Worship* continues to be a focus for this committee as we seek ways to nurture the community in worship. A good resource for this is Tom Gates' Pendle Hill pamphlet, *Members One of Another*. The committee members will read this in preparation for further conversation.
5. *Mentoring Update*: 2 or 3 committee members will meet to explore the structure and guidelines for implementing a Quaker mentoring program with young Friends.

FOLLOWUP: The co-clerk suggested a FF on the Wellesley Monthly Meeting Minute on Peace which monthly meetings have been asked to consider (published in *MFM Newsletter* in February '09) with an emphasis on exploring the seeds of violence within.

09.06.05 Pastoral Care Committee: (from Priscilla Baker) The committee continues its work of holding Friends in the Light and considering concerns as they arise.

09.06.06 Fellowship Committee: (from Fran Putnam) The primary fellowship gathering this summer is at Kingsland Bay State Park, after meeting for worship on Sunday, July 26, rain date, August 9. Friends are reminded that this is a picnic gathering to which everyone brings their own lunch and beverage (rather than a potluck).

09.06.07 Outreach and Social Action Committee report (from Karen Nawn-Fahey; edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk):

1. *Quaker Quest*: Jean Rosenberg presented the outline of Quaker Quest, explained how to get started and described different models for presenting a Quaker Quest series. Stewart Kirkaldy, from O&SA Committee and Jean, from W&S Committee, will form a working group.
2. *Peace Tax Fund minute from NWQM*: We will post a copy of the minute on the listserv along with HR 1921. Stewart will see what FCNL has on this bill, and post that to the listserv. We ask Meeting for Business to consider a FF or potluck discussion of the minute before it is acted on by monthly meeting.
3. *FCNL*: We hosted a dessert potluck and discussion with FCNL field representative, Tim Barner, at Colwell's June 4, which was very successful, filled with lots of good information. Tim highly recommends that we write letters of thanks and support to our congressional delegation.
4. *List-Serv*: We remind Friends that there are no strict "rules" for the listserv. However, when posting on the listserv, we should be very specific in the Subject Line as to the topic. That way, readers can select to read or not.
5. *Community Suppers*: The July 10 supper will be coordinated by Priscilla Baker and Karen Nawn-Fahey. We will host a fall Community Supper on September 25 and look forward to someone(s) stepping forward to coordinate that date.

6. *Committee Members:* Cheryl Mitchell, Becky Stratton and David Andrew will no longer serve on the committee. We will approach three members of the Meeting to see if they would like to join our committee, with the goal of adding one or two new members.

Starting in September, the new committee meeting day and time will be the second Monday of the month from 4:5:30.

FOLLOWUP: Spence has offered to coordinate the September 25 Community Supper and hopes to persuade the Men's Group to host on that date.

09.06.08 A Minute from Monadnock Monthly Meeting, sent by Northwest Quarterly Meeting, was discussed briefly. The minute concerns the policy of Friends United Meeting to not hire gay and lesbian employees. This was referred to the Outreach and Social Action Committee.

09.06.09 Peace Tax Fund: Co-clerk, Becky Stratton, brought forth a Minute from Plainfield Monthly Meeting concerning the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund. (See elsewhere in newsletter for the text of this minute.) Friends are encouraged to read this minute and consider MFM action in regard to this minute.

Meeting for Business closed with several minutes of silence.

Monthly Meeting for Business

19 July, 2009

Clerk: Becky Stratton

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Win Colwell, Paul Davis, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, and Jean Rosenberg.

09.07.01 Minutes from 21 June 2009 have not been published yet and will appear in the next newsletter. Becky Stratton reviewed items from last monthly meeting minutes that required consideration today. It was agreed that the Nominating Committee report will be published in the next newsletter and posted on the website.

09.07.02 Treasurer's Report: (from Spence Putnam) "During the month of June, we had income of \$1,142, bringing total income for the fiscal year ended June 30 to \$10,947.35. This is \$565.35 more than the budget for the year called for, and actually \$13.00 more than projected for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. June's expenditures totaled \$539.00: \$122.00 for the printing of the membership directory, \$120.00 for the children's program, \$25.00 for Middlebury Clergy Association dues, \$72.00 for mailbox rental (actually an advance payment on next year's obligation), and \$200.00 as a donation to the Farm and Wilderness Foundation. The checking account balance at the end of June was \$4,896.87, which includes \$700.00 in the carry-over surplus fund. The bank balance as of July 17th was \$4,905.83. The quarterly payments for

rent and to the Yearly Meeting and the Northwest Quarter, totaling \$1,125, are due immediately.”

FOLLOW-UP: It was approved to move \$500 overage in income from last fiscal year into the Surplus Fund, which will now total \$1200. This fund was set aside, 2 years ago, to offer Havurah as help with improvements to the acoustics in the room where we meet. MFM liaison to Havurah, Glenn Goodwin, will be asked to remind Havurah of our interest in, and offer to financially help with, improving the acoustics.

09.07.03 Nominating Committee: Jean Rosenberg reported that Brud Leedom has agreed to serve on the Pastoral Care Committee.

09.07.04 Worship & Study Committee (from Becky Homes, reported by Jean Rosenberg, edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk)

1. *The next Intergenerational Meeting* will be Sunday, September 27. It will be unprogrammed, and parents are encouraged to bring soft toys and books. The group affirmed its present commitment to exposing young Friends to unprogrammed worship for two of the four intergenerational meetings.
2. *Quaker Quest:* Jean reported that she shared W & S interest in Quaker Quest with the Outreach Committee. Jean, Stewart Kirkaldy and Becky Holmes have agreed to serve as an organizational committee. Anyone interested in serving on this Quaker Quest Working Group, QQWG, sub-committee should contact Jean. The Outreach Committee believes Quaker Quest might be a good way to connect with Middlebury College students. It was agreed to put together several Friendly Forums on Quaker Quest topics, starting with “Quakers and God” on October 4th. Subsequent Forums will be held the first Sunday of each month, and each will feature 2 or 3 short presentations by members of Meeting on the chosen QQ topic, followed by discussion and questions. The QQWG will develop plans to reach out to college students and they will report to both the W&S Committee and the Outreach Committee.
3. *Nurture of Meeting for Worship:* The committee continued worship, discussion and exploration of ways to nurture worship in MFM.

09.07.05 Pastoral Care Committee: (from Priscilla Baker)

1. *Name tags:* Committee members will periodically go through the name tag box to remove those who have stopped coming to meeting and to add name tags for our newest participants. There now is a supply of stick-on name tags and Sharpie pens for visitors’ name tags.
2. *Passage With Care materials* have been updated. By September there will be new packets for Friends to take home, read through, fill out and return to the Pastoral Care Committee. Each packet contains information about after-death care (including burial, cremation, body donation, obituary submission, planning funeral or memorial services, and a Final Arrangements form for individual Friends to express their personal desires). It was agreed to pay for copying materials for 30

packets. Friends also agreed to include a copy of the Vermont Advance Directive form. In support of helping Friends and their families think and talk about end-of-life and after-death care it was agreed to have a gathering, in the fall, for friends to work together on these documents. The Fellowship Committee will plan this gathering.

FOLLOWUP: It was suggested that a list be prepared of Friends who have filled out the Final Arrangements form in the past. Priscilla will prepare this list.

09.07.06 Fellowship Committee: (from Fran Putnam)

1. *Potlucks:* Friends are invited to suggest to the committee ideas for potluck presentations and to offer to host a potluck.
2. *Friendly 8's:* In the past, Friendly 8's have been reconfigured in the fall. Friends were asked if they wished the committee to reorganize groups this fall.

FOLLOWUP: It was decided to retain the current groups for another year. If any Friends would like to change their group, or have not been in a group and would like to participate in one, they should talk to a Fellowship Committee member (Fran Putnam, Margie Bekoff, Wendy Goodwin, Faith Lowell). It was suggested that the committee generate a list of alternative sites for Friendly 8's to meet so that a limited number of households do not carry the responsibility for hosting several times during the year.

09.07.07 Outreach and Social Action Committee (from Tom Dickinson) Tom reported on his participation in the community lunch program. Four hundred lunches were served during the months of May and June. The program will continue through September and, hopefully, into next winter. The location was moved to Charter House which is regarded as a positive move. During the summer months, lunches typically consist of a sandwich, salad and fruit. Volunteers are very much needed to help prepare lunches. Any Friends who are available to help should contact Tom at 388-2594 or tmdickin@comcast.net and he will share more specific details.

Meeting for Business closed with several minutes of silence.

MINUTE WITH REGARD TO THE PEACE TAX FUND

From NWQM: This minute was brought forward from Plainfield Meeting, and accepted by Yearly Meeting, which also approved representation to the Campaign. What does this mean to us, as Monthly and Quarterly Meetings?

[Plainfield Friends Mtng, etc] is united in the belief that paying for war violates our religious conviction against violence in any form. We continue to seek ways to witness to this conviction in each of our communities.

As such, we are in full support of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, based in Washington D.C., and for many years an advocate for passage of the religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill (currently H.R.1921).

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This legislation proposes depositing the Federal taxes of designated conscientious objectors into a non-military trust fund. As a result, those of us who are conscientiously opposed to war would not have to violate our religious beliefs and could fulfill our responsibility as citizens.

We find ourselves fully in support of this proposed legislation, seeking to restore the right of citizens whose conscience does not permit physical or financial participation in all war.

MFM NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2009

(conveners indicated with underscoring)

Co-clerks: (2 co-clerks, alternating 2 year terms) **Becky Stratton & Stewart Kirkaldy**

- recording clerk (1 person, 1 year) **Priscilla Baker**
- recorder of membership & statistical data (1 person, 1 year) **Brud Leedom**
- archivist (1 person, 1 year) **Stewart Kirkaldy**

Worship and Study Committee (4 members, 2 per alternating 2 year terms) **Tom Baskett, Mary Kay Glazer, Joanna Colwell, Win Colwell, Becky Holmes, Jean Rosenberg, Chris Stackhouse, Mimi love-Nickleson**

- Ticonderoga Worship Group **Mary Kay Glazer & Mark Moss**
- First Day School (2 co-coordinators, alternating 2 year terms) **Joanna Colwell, Fran Putnam**
- First Day School teachers (3 or more for fall, winter, spring): **Appointed by First day school Coordinators**
- child care (2 co-coordinators, alternating 2 year terms) **Heather Potter + Don Peabody**
- young Friends (middle & high school age) **Chris Stackhouse**
- young adult Friends (post high school)
- library (1 person, 1 year) **Becky Holmes**
- ministry of music (2 or 3 people, 1 year terms) **Priscilla Baker, Karen Nawn-Fahey, David Rosenberg**

Pastoral Care Committee (4 members, 2 per alternating 2 year terms) **Sas Carey, Ruth Barenbaum, Carrie Reed, Grace McGrath, Priscilla Baker, Brud Leedom**

Fellowship Committee (4 members, 2 per alternating 2 year terms) **Wendy Goodwin, Fran Putnam, Margie Bekoff + Faith Lowell**

- Havurah House contact person (1 person, 1 year) **Glenn Goodwin**
- website coordinator(s) (1 person, 1 year) **Win Colwell**
- meeting Listserv (1 person, 1 year) **Aaron Coburn**
- newsletter editor (1 person, 1 year) **Win Colwell**
- newsletter news reporter (1 person, 1 year) **Joanna Colwell**

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- newsletter production & mailing (2 persons, 1 year) Ruth Barenbaum & Ted Colwell
- mailing list and label production (1 person, 1 year) Ted Colwell
- name tags (1 person, 1 year) Win Colwell

Outreach and Social Action Committee (4 members, 2 per alternating 2 year terms, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Ted Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Spence Putnam, Stewart Kirkaldy)

- Addison County clergy group (1 person, 1 year) Ted Colwell & David Andrews
- Middlebury Area Clergy Asso. (1 person, 1 year) Sas Carey
- Spirit in Nature David Tier
- Quaker organizations: FCNL (Stewart Kirkaldy), AFSC, Quaker Earth Witness, NEYM (co-clerks), NWQM (Ted Colwell)
- local peace and social justice organizations and actions, e.g., Habitat for Humanity (Glenn Goodwin), CROP Walk (Becky Stratton), community dinners (Karen Nawn-Fahey), CVOEO summer lunch program, VT Interfaith Anti-racism (Cheryl Mitchell, Jean Rosenberg), Middlebury Energy (Laura Asermily), Addison County Farm Workers, (Susannah McCandless & Cheryl Mitchell)

Finance and Budget Committee (co-treasurers, co-clerks + 3 at-large members, 2 year terms), co-treasurers Laura Asermily & Spence Putnam, co-clerks Stewart Kirkaldy & Becky Stratton, David Andrews, Jean Rosenberg

Nominating Committee (3 members named by co-clerks for 2 years) Cheryl Mitchell, John Beattie, Don Peabody, Jean Rosenberg)

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

HEALING: Please hold SUSANNAH MCCANDLESS in the Light. She is dealing with a very serious health challenge and starting a brand new job at Mount Holyoke College.

NEW HOMES: MIMI LOVE NICHOLSON would like Friends to have TERRA's new address in Burlington: 375 St. Paul St., Burlington, VT 05401. Terra is studying at Community College of VT, getting certified in early childhood education.

ELI, KARA, AND ASA ROSENBERG have moved to Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, in the Caucasus mountains, for two years to teach at an English language school.

JEAN AND DAVID will go visit them in January and April, on their way to and from Australia.

NEW LIFE TOGETHER: ELIZABETH ROSENBERG married JONATHAN KATZ on Aug. 2, in Middlebury. MARIAH MCGILL and her husband were there, along with

about 200 of Elizabeth's close friends and relatives! The happy couple live in Washington, DC, where Elizabeth works for the Treasury Dept. as a senior advisor on financial intelligence.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS: LAURA ASERMILY turned 50, and both GLENN AND WENDY GOODWIN turned 60 this Summer- Happy Birthday, Friends!

ART!: MIMI LOVE-NICHOLSON will be an active participant in the Art Walk that takes place on Friday, September 11. Her paintings have the theme "Water Images" and comprise a retrospective of work from 20 years. They will be in the Alpine Shop, and Mim will there from 5 to 7 pm to visit.

LOCAL CLIMATE RESCUE WORK: Save the Date! International Day of Climate Action, Saturday Oct 24 11 AM to 4 PM on the Middlebury Town Green. Join with your neighbors to address the crisis of global climate change. 350.org has organized an International Day of Climate Action for this day, when they hope the entire world will vibrate with urgent awareness of this reality and act profoundly to bring CO2 level down to 350 ppm. Notify LAURA ASERMILY (388-9478) if you're interested in working on the rally planned for Middlebury Town Green hosted by Middlebury College Sunday Night Group (students) with support from MAGWAC and ACORN Network. We are encouraged to be creative in incorporating the number 350 (visit www.350.org for more details).

— Joanna Colwell

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.

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