



Middlebury Friends Meeting

February
2019

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every first Saturday 10:30-11:00 AM ICAN Climate Vigil. New location on Cross Street Bridge

- Feb. 4 7:00 PM Read Aloud Group at Cheryl Mitchell's
- Feb. 10 9:00 AM Earthcare Committee
11:15 AM Worship and Study,
- Feb. 17 8:30 AM Meeting for Business
- Feb. 24 11:15 AM Friendly Forum, "Spirituality, Nature and Place" with Margie Latham
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- Mar. 24 11:15 AM Friendly Forum "Visioning for Vermont" report and discussion with Fran Putnam

“We are all the heroes of our own stories, and one of the arts of perspective is to see yourself small on the stage of another’s story, to see the vast expanse of the world that is not about you, and to see your power, to make your life, to make others, or break them, to tell stories rather than be told by them.”

— REBECCA SOLNIT



NEYM PROPOSAL FOR A CHALLENGE TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

In response to a Minute approved at the 2018 Yearly Meeting, all Meetings in New England Yearly Meeting recently received a message that asks us to join in a tangible effort to curb our carbon emissions. Meetings who have Meeting Houses as well as individuals in Meetings are being asked to calculate and record our current carbon emissions and then make a pledge to reduce them by 10% in one year. At Meeting for Business on 1-13-19, our Middlebury Friends approved the idea of participating in this project and expressed enthusiasm for doing so in a systematic way and with group support. There was a feeling that being part of the entire New England region would amplify our efforts through collective action.

This project would be voluntary for individual members and the results of each person’s carbon emissions calculations would be kept private. Steve Gates of West Falmouth Meeting has developed an online Carbon Calculator to help in this process and has received a grant enabling him to lead workshops around New England to explain how it works. There is support online to help members with suggestions on how to reduce our carbon footprints and to calculate which actions would make the most difference. We plan to invite Steve to come and help us learn how to use the online calculator for those who would like to participate. Ruah Swennerfelt will coordinate with several other Vermont Meetings and invite Steve to come to Vermont to hold workshops in 2-3 locations in Vermont. More information will be forthcoming.

—*Fran Putnam*

FROM THE TREASURER

I am grateful to report that the Meeting made and exceeded it's Income Target for 2018 due to new and increased giving on the part of the members, achieving a final total of \$17,746. Please note that in the Approved 2019 Budget, the Clergy Rental Fund is no longer active. Meeting for Business decided to leave the \$300 benevolence in the budget. There will be further discussion about how to use that money this year. In addition, I have provided an accounting of the Rachel Carey Fund, itemizing each payment so far, commitment of \$500 for Solar Panel project, and remaining balance of \$630.

Thank you. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

— Karen Nahn-Fabey

Rachel Carey Fund Account	
Opening Balance	\$2,000.00
Tamale Project 2017	\$150.00
Lakey Talk 2018	\$500.00
Childcare Vision 2018	\$80.00
Mexican Consul 2018	\$140.00
Solar Project Commit	\$500.00
Current Balance	\$630.00

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING 2019 BUDGET

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
INCOME	\$15,765.00	\$17,746.00	\$15,970.00

EXPENDITURES

Rent	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00
New England Yearly Meeting	\$2,900.00	\$2,899.00	\$3,200.00
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Books and Library	\$200.00	\$207.00	\$200.00
First Day Coordination	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Child Care	\$1,200.00	\$1,157.50	\$1,200.00
Materials for Children's Program	\$150.00	\$134.55	\$150.00
Advertising	\$240.00	\$238.75	\$240.00
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00		\$50.00
Mail Box	\$105.00	\$108.00	\$110.00
Midd Clergy Assoc dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$68.47	\$100.00
Newsletter and Directory	\$200.00	\$110.00	\$200.00

COSA: Community Suppers	\$400.00	\$440.13	\$400.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Web page domain	\$20.00		\$20.00
Worship and Study/Pastoral Care	\$400.00	\$375.31	\$400.00
Quaker Camps and Conferences	\$250.00		\$150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,040.00	\$10,563.71	\$11,245.00

BENEVOLENCES

Addison County Relocaliz Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
AFSC National	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Benevolence (TBD)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Community Lunch	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Counseling Service of AC	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
FCNL	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Friends Gen Conference	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Friends World Committee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Habitat of Addison County	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
HOPE	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Hospice Volunteers	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Interfaith Power and Light	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
John Calvi	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Jubilee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Nomadicare	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Open Door Clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Parent/Child Center	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Peace & Justice Center	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Quaker UN Office	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Spirit in Nature	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Summer Lunch Program	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Contingencies	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Warming Shelter	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Yearly Meeting Scholarship	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,725.00	\$4,625.00	\$4,725.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,765.00	\$15,188.71	\$15,970.00

Monthly Meeting for Business

13 January, 2019

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg, Tom Basket

Recording Clerk: Lucy McKeon

Present were Karen Nawn-Fahey, Tom Dickenson, Chris Stackhouse, Ruah Swennerfelt, Louis Cox, Joe Garren, Priscilla Baker, Spence Putnam, and Fran Putnam.

Jean opened the meeting with a reading from Pendle Hill Pamphlet #453, *A Practical Mysticism* by Elizabeth Meyer.

Minutes from November 18, 2018 were approved.

19.01.01 Clerk's Report The meeting has received copies of *March* by John Lewis from the Vermont Council on the Humanities. Copies may be obtained from Cheryl Mitchell. This book will be the focus of a future discussion or program.

Margie Latham is our "Social Action Mapper". Friends should expect her to contact them soon to get information about their individual social action activities.

New revisions of the sections on "Pastoral Care" and "Death and Bereavement" from the NEYM Faith and Practice were received by the clerks. MFM's Pastoral Care Committee has read, reviewed and approved them. In an attempt to make sure that all Middlebury Friends have the opportunity to read and comment on these revisions as they are sent to us, it was decided that in addition to a committee approval, the committee that has read and reviewed the revision will make a brief summary available to the community. Also, a link to the new revisions will be made available to the community via the listserv. Business Committee will then take up the revision for approval one month later, this time on Feb. 17 at Business Meeting.

19.01.02 Treasurer Report All statements in this report are as of December 31, 2019. From November 19 through December 31, 2018, the Meeting had member donations of \$8800.00 including \$500 for Solar Panels. From November 19 through December 31, 2018, Meeting expenditures totaled \$4810.92 including \$3925 for Benevolences, \$160 for Children's Program Coordination, \$185.03 for books for Worship and Study/Pastoral Care, \$120 for childcare, \$137.84 for Library, \$134.58 for Materials for Children's Program, \$50 for roll of stamps, \$68.47 for toner cartridge and \$30 for Newsletter and Directory printing. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$10,551.31.

An audit will be performed by the finance committee on the treasurer's records before February Business Meeting.

Rachel Carey-Harper Fund. Those interested in requesting funds need to PLEASE THINK AHEAD. It can take a month or more to get those funds approved and released. Initial request should be made of the RC-H Fund Committee (Fran, Joe, Tom

D., Tom B., and Jean). After committee approval, the request has to then be approved again by Business Committee.

We met and exceeded by almost \$2,000, our budgeted income for 2018 due to a generous outpouring of donations.

The proposed budget for 2019 was presented, discussed at length and passed with a few modifications.

The 2018 report and the 2019 budget can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

19.01.03 Worship and Study The Meeting to consider the State of the Meeting will be on Sunday, Jan 20, at Havurah House, from 3 to 5 pm, followed by a potluck supper (5:30) open to all. The meeting committees have been asked to send us a query, and these queries will be sent out on the listserv before the meeting and will be presented at the meeting. There will be childcare, and the children will join us for the last 15 minutes of the meeting with a query of their own.

The FF for January will be the Jan 27 Waking Up White workshop on Leveling the Playing Field, led by Debby Irving. Note the time: 1 to 3 pm, at the Congregational Church. We urge Friends to attend.

Copies of her book, *Waking Up White*, have been bought by the meeting, and are circulating on loan.

19.01.04 Earthcare Committee Report

- **Solar Panels:** The registration papers for solar panels that MFM has agreed to donate to Havurah have now been transferred to Havurah. In addition, the Addison County Parent Child Center has gratefully accepted the gift of solar panels from the collective group of faith groups who are donating 10% of the cost of their solar panels to a non-profit organization. The ACORN Energy committee is still awaiting approval from the Public Utilities Commission on the solar array.
- **350VT Calendars:** The Earthcare Committee sold all 15 of the calendars and has made a contribution of \$216 to 350Vt.org
- Meeting for business approved Earthcare's proposal to accept NEYM's challenge to reduce our **carbon footprint by 10% over one year's time**. It also approved inviting Steve Gates of West Falmouth Meeting to come and explain his online Carbon Calculator. More details about this program can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- **Meatless potlucks suggestion:** A member of the Meeting suggested that our Meeting organize several meatless potlucks where members bring their favorite meatless dishes, along with the recipe, to inspire members who are looking to eat less meat. The committee will be asking two members of our Meeting to spearhead this project.
- **Congregational Watershed Manual:** Vermont Interfaith Power and Light is about to come out with a Watershed Manual. Perhaps this would present a Friendly Forum opportunity.

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19.01.05 Fellowship Committee The Committee organized the December 9, 2018, Holiday Alternative Gift Fair. Six Friends displayed gifts ranging from jewelry, photography, to knitted hats and scarfs, to note cards. Most everything, if not all, were hand-crafted. Approximately 20 people attended. A special thanks to Jean, Becky and Jake for the helping the committee.

The next event for The Fellowship Committee will be a fund raiser for Heifer International, a charity that works with communities to end world hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. We are planning on an early- to mid-March date, after meeting.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence

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.

Meg Langworthy (877-3217)
Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)
Brud Leedom (558-1005)

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