

Middlebury Friends Meeting

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Minutes of Sept. 15, 2019



“Wake now, discover that you are the song
 that the morning brings,
 The heart has its seasons, its evenings,
 and songs of its own.”

— ROBERT HUNTER

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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
October 20	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business, Havurah House
October 26		Interfaith Power and Light Conference, Middlebury Congregational Church
October 26.	10 AM	Eldering workshop at Burlington Friends Meeting (until 4 pm)
October 27	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum: Provoking One Another to Love: Spiritual Gifts. Led by Joe Garren, Havurah House
November 10	11:30 AM	Watershed Discipleship Workshop at the rise of Meeting, Havurah House
November 17	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business, Havurah House
November 24	11:20	Friendly Forum: Sharing our Stories of Civil Rights and Social Justice Work, led by Cheryl Mitchell,
December 1		Holiday Gift Fair at rise of Meeting. Havurah House
December 7-8		NWQM in Middlebury at Havurah; Saturday 5 pm potluck and program, Sunday 8:30 am breakfast, 9:30 singing, 10 meeting for worship, 11:45 lunch, 1 pm meeting for business
December 15	10 AM	Holiday Meeting for Worship and potluck, Rosenbergs' house.

Monthly Meeting for Business

15 September, 2019

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Grace Seale

Present were Joe Garren, Spence Putnam, Tom Dickinson, Priscilla Baker, Grace McGrath, Jean Rosenberg, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Brud Leedom, Don Peabody, Lianna Tennial, Barbara Shulamith Clearbridge, and Grace Seale.

Opening: Jean read a passage from *A Language for the Inner Landscape*, followed by a time of silence

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19:09:01 **Review of minutes** from July 2019: approved

19:09:02 **Clerk's report:** Jean requested a committee for discussion regarding withholding contributions to FUM. Volunteers are Shulamith, Joe and Grace S.

19:09:03 **Treasurer's report:** Karen Nawn-Fahey distributed report as of 14 September 2019. From July 20 through September 14, the Meeting had member donations of \$3650. From July 20 through September 14, Meeting expenditures totaled \$4769.16, including \$266.66 for Children's Program Coordinator, \$80 for directories, \$50 for gas card, \$180 for Child Care, \$20 for library, \$125 to NWQM, \$800 to NEYM, \$662.50 to Havurah, and \$2585 for Solar Panel Project through ACORN. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$5159.26. The current balance in the Rachel Carey Harper fund is \$490.

Committee reports:

19:09:04 **Worship and Study**

* Discussion of program for NWQM on 7 December in Middlebury, hosted by Middlebury and South Starksboro The Committee recommends schedule of Saturday evening, with potluck supper and program, and Sunday with breakfast (at 9), Meeting for Worship (at 10), lunch (11:45-12:45) and Meeting for Business (1:00-3:00), using Havurah House for the venue, if available for both the Saturday and Sunday sessions.

Ideas for the program include:

- ~ discussion of how Meetings might respond to the expiration of the NEYM option to withhold contributions to FUM (in light of the continuing FUM discriminatory employment policy)
- ~ invitation of Phoebe McCosker, clerk of NEYM F&P revision committee, to report and bring for discussion of revisions for which the committee is seeking comment or responses.
- ~ worship sharing on the role of silence and stillness in worship.

Karen Nawn-Fahey suggests that Earth Care has a wealth of background information that might be a resource for topics.

* Friendly Forum events are planned for the rise of meeting, about 11:30 AM

October 27

Provoke One Another to Love: Spiritual Gifts with Joe Garren as facilitator

November 24

Sharing our Stories of Civil Rights and Social Justice Work with Cheryl Mitchell as facilitator

* Threshing Session September 22 facilitated by Priscilla Baker to address queries on

- ~ how do we as Friends address and act on issues of importance in the world?
- ~ how can we respectfully and caringly address differences and disagreements among us on these?
- ~ how do we make sure our listserv on such issues is caring and respectful?

19:09:05 NEQM Event: A committee to organize this event was named, with Tom Dickinson, Jean Rosenberg, Don Peabody, Lianna Tennal, and Joy Pile [of S Starksboro Meeting].

19:09:06 Nominating Committee: Spence reports nomination of Grace Seale as Recording Clerk: approved

19:09:07 Earth Care:

* Spence reports the TLC Personal Carbon Reduction Workshop is 28 September, 1-5PM, at Addison County Regional Planning Commission. The possibility of requesting a contribution from participants was discussed and will be referred to Ruah.

* Spence reports on our gift of solar power for our hosts Havurah from the ACORN Energy Coop project in Shoreham. Following nearly three years of ACORN's efforts to obtain the Public Utilities Commission's "certificate of public good" construction has begun.

The panels' total cost is \$3068.50, paid from the Meeting's reserve funds. We qualified to buy them through ICAN (Addison County Interfaith Climate Action Network). ICAN placed a 10% surcharge on the cost from ACORN in order to help fund solar panels to the John Graham Shelter in Vergennes, thus reducing the shelter's energy costs and fossil fuel use.

Members who wish to help the Meeting replenish reserve funds may make a designated donation; Spence will draft this.

19:09:08 Pastoral Care: Grace McGrath reports Maxine Fidler has surgery scheduled within the month, and spoke of the possibility of a MealTrain for her. People willing to participate are requested to communicate directly with Grace.

19:09:09 Fellowship Committee: Events scheduled:

- ~ 29 September: Welcoming potluck for Ruah Swennerfelt and Louis Cox at rise of Meeting, at their home 360 Toad Road in Charlotte, VT
- ~ 1 December: Holiday Gift Fair at Rise of Meeting, at Havurah House

19:09:10 Community Supper Will be 20 September. John Cook and Susan Smiley are organizing.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

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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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