



Middlebury Friends Meeting

November
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Minutes of Oct. 20, 2019*

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer.
Always remember, you have within you the strength,
the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars
to change the world.”

— HARRIET TUBMAN

NOVEMBER 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
Oct 26		Interfaith Power and Light Conference, Middlebury Congregational Church
	10 AM	Eldering Workshop, Burlington Friends Meeting
Oct 27	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum on Gifts, led by Joe Garren
Nov 10	11:30 AM	Watershed Stewardship, sponsored by Earthcare Committee
Nov 17	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business
Nov 24	11:20 AM	Friendly Forum Sharing our Stories of Civil Rights and Social Justice Work, led by Cheryl Mitchell
Dec 1		Holiday gift fair, at Rise of Meeting
Dec 7 and 8		NW Quarterly Meeting, at Havurah House
	5 PM	Saturday, potluck and program
	8:30 AM	Sunday, breakfast
	9:30 AM	Singing
	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship
	11:45 AM	Lunch
	1:00 PM	Meeting for Business
Dec 15	10:00 AM	Holiday Meeting for Worship and potluck, Rosenbergs' home [232 Washington Street Extension, Middlebury]
Dec 18	7 PM	Women's Holiday Meeting at Sas Carey's home [248 Washington Street Extension, Middlebury]
Dec 25	4 PM	Christmas Meeting for Worship, South Starksboro Meetinghouse

Middlebury Friends Meeting has taken a step for renewable energy, by the purchase of solar power for our host Havurah House, in the form of solar panels in the ACORN solar farm under construction. We have paid for this out of our Meeting reserve funds, and now we need to replenish the reserves. We still need \$2268.50 to do so. Friends can help in this earthcare witness with a designated donation to Middlebury Friends Meeting. Send it to Karen Nawn-Fahey, Treasurer, Middlebury Friends Meeting, PO Box 1026, Middlebury VT 05753, with a note on the check designating it for the solar panel project. Thank you!

Monthly Meeting for Business

20 October, 2019

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Grace Seale

Present were Jean Rosenberg, Tom Baskett, Brud Leedom, Joe Garren, Chris Stackhouse, Priscilla Baker, Tom Dickinson, Manya Dickinson, and Grace Seale.

19:10:01 Opening worship: The clerks would like to introduce a more Quakerly process into our meetings for business.

They propose:

- ~ Those wishing to speak will raise their hand to be recognized.
- ~ We will leave a moment of silence between speakers so all can listen and absorb.
- ~ Everyone who wishes to speak to a point will be recognized before a speaker is recognized for a second time.
- ~ The clerk will offer a formulation of the sense of the Meeting for each matter taken up for decision to allow Friends to amend or approve as a minute.
- ~ Meeting for business will focus on matters requiring a decision. Committee reports that do not require a decision but have matters to bring to the Meeting's attention will be reported as time is available. These will be included in minutes.
- ~ After six months' trial, the process will be reviewed with Meeting for Business. There is a learning curve for all of us here, so patience is requested and appreciated from all.

19:10:02 Review of Minutes Minutes of September 2019 reviewed and approved as submitted.

19:10:03 Treasurer's Report: Report is submitted from Karen Nawn-Fahey as of 20 October 2019.

From 15 September through 20 October the Meeting had member donations of \$820. From 15 September through 20 October Meeting expenditures totaled \$1989.83, including \$133.33 for Children's Program Coordinator, \$80 for Child Care, \$39 for Library, \$125 to NWQM, \$662.50 to Havurah, and \$100 to Vermont Interfaith Power and Light. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$3036.52.

Accounting for Vision 4 Vermont Funds [pass-through]:

Donations for Program: \$1200

Proceeds from 2019 event: \$720

Expenses:	Panelists: \$1200
	Child Care: \$200
	Printing: \$39.14
Balance of funds:	\$486.86.

The current balance of the Rachel Carey Harper Fund is \$490.

Funds donated for Warming Shelter: \$225.

Funds donated for the Solar Panel Project: \$800. Donations from Members who wish to contribute toward replenishment of reserve funds used toward the Solar Panel Project through ACORN are welcomed.

19:10:04 Clerks' reports

Report of the September threshing session facilitated by Priscilla:

This gathering was called to address proper use of the Meeting's listserve as well as a more general discussion of how we in our Meeting face conflicts or differences among us.

"Wonderful facilitation" by Priscilla Baker for which great appreciation was expressed..

After thoughtful discussion of the proposed message on proper use of the Meeting's listserve, an ad hoc committee of Priscilla, Tom Dickinson, and the clerks will further consider the matter and bring recommendations to the next Meeting for Business.

Report from FUM / NEYM Withholding Policy Committee [Joe Garren, Shulamith Clearbridge, Tom Baskett, Grace Seal]

FUM is maintaining its discriminatory policy ~based on doctrinal interpretation~ of not hiring LGBTQ or unmarried couples living together. This is the last year NEYM will withhold part of its contribution to FUM (until October 2020) which permitted individuals in NEYM to conscientiously refuse to fund FUM.

This committee was asked to recommend possible responses our Meeting might make to this policy. The topic will be discussed at Quarterly meeting, which Friends are encouraged to attend.

Havurah

Jean, Tom B, and Chris are meeting with Havurah about our lease. In addition they will introduce the possibility of an outdoor sign for our Meeting.

Committee reports (Priority to reports requiring Meeting for Business decisions)

19:10:05 Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee The NWQM committee of Tom Dickinson, Jean Rosenberg, Don Peabody, Lianna Tennial, and Mariah McGill (South Starksboro) is at work on arrangements. Further consideration of the FUM/ NEYM withholding policy is a potential topic.

19:10:06 Fellowship

~ Reports the gathering on 29 September at Ruah Swennerfelt and Louis Cox's home celebrating their membership in Meeting.

~ Planned events include:

1 December: Holiday Gift Fair at Havurah House at Rise of Meeting

7-8 December: At Havurah House, with the NEQM committee, hosting participants

19:10:07 Earthcare: Watershed Stewardship presentation, 11:30, 10 November

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

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.

Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)
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We welcome your submissions! — winslow.colwell@gmail.com
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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day

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