

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

December  
2014/  
January  
2015



# DECEMBER 2014

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Note that Meeting for Worship will not be at Havurah House on Dec 21.  
Please join us for our Holiday Gathering at the Colwells!

# JANUARY 2015

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“Invention, it must be humbly admtded, does not consist in creating out of void, but out of chaos.”

— MARY SHELLEY

### QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. Nov. 22	2:00 PM	Memorial service for Sari Knopp Biklen. UU Society, Middlebury
Sun. Nov. 23	8:45 AM	Earthcare Committee meeting at Havurah
Sun. Nov. 23	11:30 AM	Friendly Forum: Spirituality as expressed in a Poem, led by Win Colwell
Mon. Nov. 24	7:30 PM	Men’s Group at Chris Stackhouse
Dec. 6 & 7		Northwest Quarterly Meeting at Hanover, NH
Sun. Dec. 7	11:15 AM	Holiday Friendly crafts on display and for sale. (snow date: Dec. 14)
Sun. Dec. 14	8:30 AM	Ad Hoc Committee on committee structure
Sun. Dec. 14	11:15 AM	Worship & Study Committee at Havurah
Wed. Dec. 17	4:00 PM	Common Concerns about Climate among Addison Co. Faith groups, sponsored by Middlebury Area Clergy Asso., at Weybridge Congregational Church
Wed. Dec. 17	7:00 PM	Women’s holiday gathering at Sas Carey’s
Fri. Dec. 19	3:15 PM	Pastoral Care Committee
Sun. Dec. 21	10:00 AM	Holiday meeting at Colwell’s, followed by potluck

### 2015

Sun. Jan. 11	8:30 AM	Worship & Study Committee at Havurah
Sun. Jan. 18	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun. Jan. 25	3:5 PM	Annual State of the Meeting gathering to reflect on 2014, at the Dickinson’s, followed by potluck
March 7 & 8		Northwest Quarterly Meeting in Middlebury. Co-hosted with Starksboro Monthly Meeting

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

## Monthly Meeting for Business

16 November, 2014

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Sas Carey, Ted Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, Cheryl Michell, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennial.

### 14.11.01 Treasurer's Report (submitted by Karen Nawn-Fahey):

All statements in this report are as of November 14, 2014.

During October the Meeting had member donations of \$1030.

During October, meeting expenditures totaled \$1684. This includes \$499 to NEYM, \$600 to Havurah, \$125 to NWQM, \$320 for Childcare and First Day School Coordination, \$90 to Paige Keren for childcare, \$15 to Wren Colwell for childcare, \$15 to Claire Armstrong for childcare and \$20 for sausage for Community Supper.

Donations for the Emergency Warming Shelter totaled \$1675. The added \$100 from the contingency brings the total to \$1775. We have already received confirmation and warm thanks from the Charter House Coalition.

In November, benevolences totaling \$3925 were paid.

When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$2623.57.

**2015 Proposed Budget** (presented by Karen Nawn-Fahey on behalf of the Finance Committee) The proposed budget was considered with the following noted: Two items were moved, NEYM scholarship to Benevolences, and Quaker Camps and Conferences to general expenses. It was agreed to add a line item for Pastoral Care Committee, adding \$200 to the budget. This money may be used to reimburse Friends who provide transportation and other kinds of support to individuals. It was agreed that the Treasurer will purchase \$140 worth of gas cards for use during the remaining fiscal year.

The proposed budget with the addition of a new line item for Pastoral Care will be printed in the newsletter in preparation for final approval at January monthly meeting.

### 14.11.02 Committee on Outreach and Social Action (COSA) (submitted by Don Peabody, interim clerk, edited by the recording clerk)

The Committee met two times in the last month.

The following items were discussed:

- a report on September Community Supper
- planning for Northwest Quarterly's Meeting in March, 2015
- discussion about the future of COSA: should it continue and, if so, with what membership, purpose and function?

Outcomes:

- A draft of a revised "COSA description" was presented, critiqued, and referred to a committee (Ted Colwell and Don Peabody) for further re-drafting.
- Tom Dickinson will take the lead organizing the March Quarterly Meeting.
- Ted Colwell will serve as AFSC liaison.
- Next meeting time, date and place: TBA

**14.II.03 Earthcare Committee** (submitted by Fran Putnam, edited by the recording clerk) The committee has not met since the last Meeting for Business, but the following activity has occurred:

1. Earthcare Committee will read the Query in November and alternate with Worship and Study every other month in the future.
2. Middlebury Area Clergy Association: Fran and Spence Putnam will meet with a group representing area clergy on December 17, 4:00 PM, at the Weybridge Congregational Church to discuss ways to collaborate on our mutual concern for the climate and the environment. Other members of MFM are invited to attend.

**14.II.04 Pastoral Care Committee:** No report

**14.II.05 Fellowship Committee:** No report

**14.II.06 Worship and Study Committee (W & S)** (notes from Priscilla Baker)

1. Friendly Forums: Priscilla reported on the October friendly forum on vocal ministry attended by 8 participants, including 3 W & S members. She reviewed topics about vocal ministry that were discussed. Also, several ideas were suggested and considered for future friendly forums. FOLLOW UP: Jean will draft a statement on vocal ministry. This might be printed in the newsletter, from time to time, and be an insert in the Welcome Card.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on committee structure: Priscilla and Jean amended the 2007 description for W & S based on discussion at the first ad hoc committee meeting. More adjustments were discussed and put into place.
4. Composition of W & S: It was agreed we would benefit from adding one more person to the committee. Although unsuccessful, last spring, to find a new member, we will revisit possibilities.
5. State of the Meeting meeting planning was begun, scheduled for January 25, 2015, location TBA.

14.11.07 **Concern about respect and safety within MFF:** A concern was discussed about how to assure that we practice respectful communications within our spiritual community. We agreed we want always to be mindful that the trust within our community is not jeopardized by protecting the safety of everyone. It was agreed that when this trust is violated by anyone within MFM the clerks will speak with all parties affected and, when indicated, use Quakerly eldering.

14.11.08 **Northwest Quarterly Meeting, March 2015** (presented by Tom Dickinson) MFM will host, with South Starksboro Friends Meeting, the March 2015 QM. Planning details need to be submitted to the QM clerk and the N'orwester newsletter by mid-January. Tom will explore the possibility of using our previous venue and consult with S. Starksboro Friends about a program and other details. Friends are needed to serve on an ad hoc planning committee. Don Peabody and Lianna Tennial, QM Oversight Committee members, will help as will the Fellowship Committee.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

## NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Mary Kay Glazer  
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Mimi Love's paintings will be part of the Holiday Art Exhibit at the Jackson Gallery at Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. in Middlebury. The gallery is open Monday-Saturday, noon to 5:00 PM and during main stage performances until December 31.

Jean and David Rosenberg will be going to Australia again for February, March, and April of 2015. They will spend January in Washington DC at their daughter Elizabeth's family home (with Sophie, 4, and Annie, 2). They love to attend Canberra Friends Meeting in Australia, which is quite a lot like MFM.

Kristin Lord, a member of Middlebury Meeting who lives and works in Ontario, writes with this news: her husband Christopher Small is working 75% of the time with the faculty association and teaching one course. Although he is technically chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, he is handling a wide range of personnel issues. Kristin is teaching both Latin and Greek, and "a dollop" of history and civilization. She is also serving with the faculty labor union. In addition, Christopher and Kristin are taking piano lessons. Their daughter Helen, in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, is about to take the road test for her driver's license.

## NOTES TO ACCOMPANY 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL

New item under Expenses:

**Pastoral Care** \$200 to provide gas cards and other reimbursement for those who are driving people to appointments, etc.

Expense item changes:

**New England Yearly Meeting higher:** haven't increased our contribution in years

**Materials and Food lower:** not planning on spending as much

**Advertising higher:** to reflect actual cost

**Mail Box higher:** to reflect actual cost

**Newsletter and Directory lower:** not a Directory year

**Postage lower:** we do not mail many newsletters; we just bought a roll of stamps

**Ticonderoga Meeting:** no longer meeting

Based on discussions at the Finance Committee Meeting, it was decided to continue to contribute to the New England Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions Equalization Fund. Therefore, this item will now appear in the Benevolence section. It was also decided to move the Quaker Camps and Conferences item out of the Benevolence section; it now appears in the Expenditures section.

Please note:

The **Actual 2014 INCOME** column shows that we are still in need of donations between now and the end of the calendar year. If you have been intending to donate, NOW would be a good time. Please consider this your gentle reminder! Thank you to all who have already donated so generously. You can leave donations in the "tin" at Meeting, or mail them to Middlebury Friends Meeting, PO Box 1026, Middlebury, VT 05753

If you have any questions about the budget, please email me at [knawnfahey@comcast.net](mailto:knawnfahey@comcast.net) or call me at 802-989-3081.

Respectfully,  
Karen Nawn-Fahey

2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL  
MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	
	Budget	Budget	YTD 11/14	Variance	Proposed	
<b>INCOME</b>	\$14,614	\$15,045	\$10,261	\$4,784	\$15,306	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Rent	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400	
New England Y.M.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,996	\$4	\$2,400	↑
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	
Books & Library	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	
First Day Coordination	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,280	\$320	\$1,600	
Child Care	\$1,740	\$1,750	\$1,275	\$475	\$1,750	
Materials and food	\$240	\$200	\$70	\$130	\$150	↓
Advertising (F Jour'l, Addy Indy)	\$204	\$225	\$236.25	-\$11.25	\$240	↑
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$50	
Mail Box	\$90	\$95	\$96		\$96	↑
Midd. Clergy Assoc dues	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$25	
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100	\$70	\$30	\$100	
Newsletter & Directory	\$170	\$130	\$108	\$22	\$50	↓
COSA: Community Suppers	\$250	\$450	\$400	\$50	\$450	
Postage	\$200	\$75	\$49	\$26	\$50	↓
Web page domain	\$20	\$20	\$0	\$20	\$20	
Worship & Study	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	
Ticonderoga meeting	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	↓
Pastoral Care					\$200	New
Quaker Camps and Conferences	\$250	\$250	\$100	\$150	\$250	Move
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$10,139	\$10,420	\$8,630.25	\$1,789.75	\$10,681	



	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	
	Budget	Budget	YTD 11/14	Variance	Proposed	
<b>BENEVOLENCES</b>						
Add Cty Relocalization Network	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
AFSC National	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	
Vt Action for Peace (Joe Gainza)	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	
Clergy Rental Fund (HOPE)	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	
Community Lunch	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	
Counseling Service of AC	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	
FCNL	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Friends Gen. Conference	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$75	
Friends World Committee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50	
Habitat of Addison County	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	
HOPE	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0	\$600	
Interfaith Power & Light	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
John Calvi	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Nomadicare	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Open Door clinic	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	
Parent/Child Center	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	
Peace & Justice Center	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50	
Quaker UN Office	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50	
Spirit in Nature	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Summer Lunch Program	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	
Contingencies	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	
Yearly Meeting Scholarship		\$400	\$400	\$0	\$400	Move
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCES</b>	\$4,225	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$0	\$4,625	
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$14,364	\$15,045	\$13,255.25	\$1,789.75	\$15,306	

## MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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Editor: Win Colwell

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Priscilla Baker

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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.

Sas Carey (388-1301)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)

Grace McGrath (388-6576)

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Meeting for Worship 10 AM every First Day

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