

Middlebury Friends Meeting



June
2014

JUNE 2014

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs, May 29 4:30 PM Worship & Study comm, Priscilla Baker's
- Sat/Sun, May 31/June 1 Northwest Quarterly Meeting at Bethany Birches,
Plymouth, VT
- Sun. June 1 8:45 AM Earthcare committee at Havurah
- Sun. June 8 11:00 AM Burlington Friends Mtg. worship and gathering, Rokeby
Museum, Ferrisburgh
- Tues. June 10 4:00 PM Fellowship Committee at MNFC
- Sun. June 22 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting
- Sun. July 27 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting
- Aug. 2-7 New England Yearly Meeting, Castleton State College,
Castleton, VT
- Sun. Aug. 17 11:30 AM Summer gathering at Branbury State Beach, Lake
Dunmore (rain date: 8/24)
- Sat/Sun Sept. 6 & 7 Quarterly Meeting at Putney, VT
- Fri. Sept. 26 Community Supper

“In nature’s infinite book of secrecy
a little I can read...”

— WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR
Antony and Cleopatra, I, ii, 9

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Monthly Meeting for Business

18 May, 2014

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Brud Leedham, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg, Peter Schenck, Susan Smiley, and Lianna Tennial

14.05.01 **Treasurer’s Report** (Karen Nawn-Fahey): “Through April, 2014, the Meeting had member donations of \$760.

“Meeting expenditures through April 30, 2014 totaled \$1,494. This includes \$499 for NEYM, \$600 for Havurah rent, \$125 for NWQM, \$90 for childcare, \$20 for annual state filing, and \$160 for First Day School Coordination.

“When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$5,505.57.

“During May, I plan to pay our benevolence to the Summer Lunch Program. (A donation was made for) \$100 contribution specifically for the care and maintenance of the gazebo and grounds at Quaker Acres. In May, I wrote a check to Sas Carey for that amount.”

FOLLOW UP: The treasurer asked about how and where financial documents and records are/should be stored. Karen will consult with NEYM about what kind

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of storage other monthly meetings are currently using. Further consideration of this topic is referred to the Finance Committee.

14.05.02 Worship and Study Committee (Tom Baskett): Based on responses from the recent survey and Friendly Forum on All Ages Religious Education, W & S made a proposal for beginning AARE in the fall. After discussion, the following was agreed upon:

Once/month, the first 15 min. of worship will be dedicated to either a story using the curriculum from *Faith and Play*, or the leader that day may choose their own story (read or told) that expresses a Quaker value, testimony or practice. After the story is ended, the children will move to their classroom upstairs to discuss the story/presentation while adults remain in silent worship. There will be no healing circle on that day. At the end of the worship hour, the children will rejoin the worship circle and may share what they discussed or did during First Day School.

It is proposed that we try this for one year, beginning in September, and participate in the Meeting-wide year-long focus on Earthcare . W & S will plot out the exact dates of each month's AARE beginning September 2014. They will coordinate dates with the already established 4 intergenerational meetings throughout the year.

14.05.03 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk): The Earthcare Committee did not meet in May since the Celebration of Life was held on our normal meeting date. At our next meeting, on June 1, we will discuss the new queries Priscilla drafted, consult with W & S and prepare a final draft of the queries.

Fran Putnam visited with two teachers from the Aurora School to discuss ways to reduce one-use tableware as well as food waste in the building. The teachers said their students normally do not create much waste and they use reusable tableware when they eat at the school. They did say there is an opportunity for someone to supply some small, plastic glasses for the students in the Hebrew school to replace the paper cups they ordinarily use. The children are felt to be too young to use glasses made of glass. If the Meeting agrees, we could purchase 20 6 oz. plastic cups to be stored in the kitchen at Havurah to be used by anyone using the kitchen.

FOLLOW UP: MFM approved the purchase of 20 reusable, plastic cups, dishwashing soap and a compost bucket from the transfer station. It was noted that we are making steady progress as we move forward in establishing environmentally friendly practices and that it will take time to establish these building-wide.

14.05.04 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (Tom Dickinson): Most recently, COSA discussed the need to find a new convener when Tom Dickinson steps down. The committee also examined its name and wondered if a different name would more accurately identify its purpose.

The committee reviewed the last Community Supper which presented some

challenges as well as highlights. They raised the question about our future involvement. The community supper organizing committee at the Middlebury UCC is reviewing this ever growing program and how best to proceed. Friends agreed that MFM will want to look more closely at our time, resources and priorities vis a vis our continued participation.

14.05.05 Pastoral Care Committee: No report this month.

14.05.06 Fellowship Committee (Laura Asermily): It was agreed to invite the Havurah congregation to join us for our summer picnic gathering at Lake Dunmore on Aug. 17.

14.05.07 Nominating Committee (Don Peabody): Several changes, additions and corrections were discussed. Don will make final changes to the roster for publication in the next newsletter.

FOLLOW UP: A discussion emerged regarding changes at Havurah. Our backjack seats are showing more wear and tear as a result of use by not only Friends but also Aurora School and Hebrew School students. Soon, some will need to be replaced. Our liaison, Laura Asermily, will explore how the three groups can work together to provide a rotation of replacement as backjacks become unusable. Laura reported that Havurah, in response to our need for more storage, has approved the installation of a second shelving unit, similar in size to our current library shelf. It was suggested that a plan be made to move forward on the construction of a new shelving unit.

14.05.08 NEYM request (from Jean Rosenberg): New England Yearly Meeting requests donations to cover the cost of sending a young adult Friend from Cuba Yearly Meeting to the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, sponsored by FWCC for Young Friends ages 16-18. New England and Cuba are sister yearly meetings. NEYM seeks to raise \$3000 to send 18 year old Ulises Manuel Bove Rojas, chosen by his YM to go. He recently completed a two-week course at the Cuban Quaker Peace Institute for pastors and leaders of Cuba YM. This year's month-long pilgrimage will visit Quakers in Bolivia and Peru, vibrant centers of the South American Quaker movement. It will include Young Friends from around the world, so is a wonderful opportunity for this Cuban Young Friend, for Cuba YM, and for NEYM in its long term relationship with CYM.

MFM Friends agreed to send \$100 and individual Friends are invited to send contributions. Please send a contribution by check to NEYM, with a notation in the memo line: "QYP Rojas", before June 1.

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ATTN: QYP Rojas

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Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS 5/18/14

Co-clerks: Cheryl Mitchell, Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Treasurer: Karen Nawn-Fahey

Recorder: Brud Leedom

Archivist: Brud Leedom

Worship and Study Committee: Tom Baskett, Jean Rosenberg, Priscilla Baker, Lianna Tennial, Leigh Harder

Ticonderoga Worship Group: Mary Kay Glazer, Mark Moss

Middlebury College Worship Group: Barbara Clearbridge/shulamith eagle

Children's Program Committee: Fran Putnam, Lianna Tennial, Win Colwell

Librarian: Becky Holmes

Ministry of Music: David Rosenberg, Claudia Stoschek

NWQM: Mark Moss, Ministry and Oversight Committee

Pastoral Care Committee: Sas Carey, Carrie Reed, Grace McGrath, Brud Leedom, Wendy Goodwin, Norman Tjossem

Fellowship Committee: Laura Asermily, Peter Schenck, Wendell Jacobs

Havurah House contact: Laura Asermily

Website Coordinator: Win Colwell

Meeting Listserve: Aaron Coburn

Newsletter editor: Win Colwell

Name tags: Win Colwell

News of Quakerly Interest: Mary Kay Glazer

NWQM: Don Peabody and Lianna Tennial, Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee

Outreach and Social Action: Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Don Peabody, Ted Colwell, Susan Smiley,

Addison County Clergy group: Ted Colwell

Middlebury Area Clergy Assoc: Spence Putnam

Spirit in Nature: David Tier

Quaker organizations:

FCNL: Don Peabody

NEYM: MFM Co-clerks

NWQM: Ted Colwell distributes newsletter

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Local peace and social justice organizations and actions:

Habitat for Humanity: Glenn Goodwin

ACOrN: Laura Asermily and Susan Smiley

CROP walk: Manya Dickinson

HomeShare: Ruth Barenbaum, Manya Dickinson, and Becky Stratton

Community Dinners: Karen Nawn-Fahey

Lunch Program: Tom Dickinson

Middlebury Energy: Laura Asermily

Addison County Farm Workers: Jill Stackhouse

Food to Food Shelf: Laura Asermily

CVAA Tai Chi Program: Ruth Barenbaum

Earthcare Committee: Fran Putnam, Laura Asermily, Spence Putnam, Chris Stackhouse, Tom Nicholson, Claudia Stoschek, Win Colwell, Ted Colwell, Susan Smiley, David Casey

Finance and Budget Committee: Karen Nawn-Fahey, David Andrews, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg

Nominating Committee: Co-Clerks Cheryl Mitchell and Jean Rosenberg, Sophia Hughes, Sas Carey, Don Peabody

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Mary Kay Glazer
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Erin Ruble and Cheryl Mitchell are offering a six week nature program at Treleven for children in kindergarten through 6th grade starting Thursday, June 19. The hands-on program will explore topics such as the water cycle, erosion, and the nature of air. (Please call 802-989-8141 or email Cheryl.W.Mitchell@gmail.com with questions or to request a registration form.)

Sas writes that technology for war can be technology for peace. She and camera operator Fred Thodal were given a grant to pay for a Quadcopter, a drone that holds a camera for aerial shots, which they will take to Mongolia to use as they film the migration of the Dukha reindeer herders. They leave May 20 and return July 21.

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Martin Glazer has made his college decision: he will be going to Nazareth College in Rochester, NY, in the fall. <https://www2.naz.edu>. He will graduate from high school on Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m. with a party to follow. On Sunday, June 29, he will have his Boy Scout Court of Honor celebrating his becoming an Eagle Scout. Let his parents Mary Kay and Mark know if you want to join in on the celebrations: mkgazer@mc.com. Other news from the Glazer-Moss family: Maria, their daughter living in North Carolina, graduated in May from her master's program in higher education administration. She works at Guilford College.

Anais Mitchell will be performing at Festival on the Green on Tuesday, July 8. For more about Anais, here is her website: <http://anaismitchell.com>.

Isabelle Fiske McFarlin writes that Andrew Daniel Fiske McFarlin graduated from Vermont Law School on May 17, 2014. On May 19, he celebrated his 26th birthday.

Priscilla met up with Meg Langworthy recently and she said Mary, her daughter, is finishing her first year at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. Mary is an aspiring writer who will do an internship at the Addison Independent this summer and just had an article published by Vermont Magazine in which she writes about her experience of working with her dad, Charlie, restoring their very old barn in Ferrisburgh. (Priscilla says she has looked all over Middlebury for a copy but can't find a store that sells Vermont Magazine, <http://www.vermontmagazine.com>.) Meg and Mary used to be regulars at MFM, several years ago. Meg, her husband Charlie, and Mary spent nearly a year on a boat in the Atlantic a couple years ago and Mary wrote a blog about the experience (<http://marysyearofsailing.blogspot.com>).

Kristin Lord, a Vermonter and member of Middlebury Meeting who lives in Ontario and teaches at a university there, is part of the Quaker Alphabet Blog Project (<http://electronicbaglady.wordpress.com/quaker-alphabet-blog-project-2014/>). You can find Kristin's blog at this link: <http://kristinlord.blogspot.ca>. She and her husband Christopher Small (a member of Canadian Yearly Meeting) are doing well. Their daughter Helen, whom Friends will remember as the little kid who went with her to the Barnes and Noble in Burlington to pick up the last Harry Potter at midnight, is now sixteen and has her learner's permit.

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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We welcome your submissions! — winslow.colwell@gmail.com
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