

Middlebury Friends Meeting



November
2014

NOVEMBER 2014

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. Nov. 2 8:30 AM Ad Hoc Committee on committee structure
- Sun. Nov. 2 11:30 AM Fellowship Committee at Havurah
- Fri. Nov. 7 3:15 PM Pastoral Care Committee
- Sun. Nov. 9 8:30 AM Worship & Study at Havurah House
- Fri. Nov. 14 6:00 PM Potluck at Mumford House, Middlebury College.
Hosted by MC student Friends
- Sun. Nov. 16 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun. Nov. 23 11:30 AM Friendly Forum
- Dec. 6 & 7 Northwest Quarterly Meeting at Hanover, NH
- Sun. Dec. 7 11:15 AM Holiday Friendly crafts on display and for sale
- Wed. Dec. 17 7:00 PM Women's holiday gathering at Sas Carey's
- Sun. Dec. 21 10:00 AM Holiday meeting at Colwell's, followed by potluck
- Sun. Jan. 25 3:5 PM Annual State of the Meeting gathering to reflect on
2014; location TBA, followed by potluck.

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”

— RACHEL CARSON, *Silent Spring*

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

19 October, 2014

Clerk: Sas Carey

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennial.

14.10.01 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey): All statements in this report are as of October 17, 2014. Between September 20 and October 17 the Meeting had member donations of \$2070.

Meeting expenditures from September 19 through October 17, 2014 totaled \$1519. This includes \$499 to NEYM, \$600 to Havurah, \$125 to NWQM, \$160 for Childcare and First Day School Coordination, \$90 to Paige Keren for childcare, \$30 for childcare snacks, \$15 to Claire Armstrong for childcare.

Donations for the Emergency Warming Shelter totaled \$1275. The added \$100 from the contingency brings the total to \$1375. I wrote and sent a check for \$1275 to the

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Charter House Coalition Warming Shelter Fund. (\$100 donation came in after I had written the check; I will send an additional check this week.)

When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$6593.57.

Last year, we paid the benevolences by mid-November. This year the remaining benevolences total \$4075.

FOLLOW UP:

1. The treasurer will pay all benevolences by the end of November.
2. Approved the purchase of more magnetic name tag sleeves. Win will order these and look into the possibility of purchasing additional magnets, as these are easily lost.
3. Priscilla Baker, on behalf of Worship and Study, will discuss with Mark and Mary Kay the line item for the Ticonderoga Worship group which has been laid down.
4. The Finance Committee will meet in the next few weeks to prepare a budget for 2015 to present at next monthly meeting.
5. Appreciation was expressed to the Treasurer for her carefully prepared and well-presented reports.

14.10.02 Committee on Outreach and Social Action (COSA) The committee has not met since last monthly meeting as there is no convener and few members on the committee. After discussion by monthly meeting it was agreed this will continue to be discussed by the Ad Hoc committee on committee structure. It was noted that some Middlebury College students have expressed interest in COSA. There will be further consideration about how best to engage students in this committee and its work.

14.10.03 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

1. Recent activities: 6 members attended the Climate March in NYC; we led a Friendly Forum launching our year of concern for earth care, and two members attended the Vermont Interfaith Power and Light Conference. In addition, we helped sponsor the potluck featuring the Putnam's solar house.
2. Fran Putnam will reach out to the Middlebury Area Clergy Association, and Ted Colwell to the Addison County Retired Clergy Association to find out what other faith groups are doing on the topic of climate change with a view to getting those groups together for discussion, support, and possible coordinated action.
3. Win Colwell talked about a candidate running for Lt. Governor who has made climate justice a major part of his campaign. He will post information on the Listserv.
4. Laura Asermily suggested we help members of the Meeting with weatherizing their homes this fall. She is personally willing to help.

5. Fran, our representative to the ad hoc committee on committee structure, will present our newly created description of the Earthcare Committee.
6. There is now a 3 ring binder for materials related to our Earthcare theme, including the new Queries. Friends are encouraged to add to the binder their ideas, suggestions, and resources on this theme.

14.10.04 Pastoral Care Committee (Grace McGrath)

In addition to helping with concerns of individual Friends, the committee is discussing how best to collect information from visitors and newcomers to the meeting. In the past there was a Guest Book; currently there are individual cards visitors fill out and hand to a PCC member.

14.10.05 Fellowship Committee (Peter Schenck, edited by the recording clerk)

A calendar for the coming months:

- 11/14/14 – Pot luck with attention to Middlebury College students, to be held on campus at Mumford House
- 12/21/14 – Holiday Meeting, arrangements to be coordinated with Colwells.
- 1/25/15 – State of the Meeting meeting and potluck, location TBD, arranged in cooperation with Worship and Ministry
- 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17 – potlucks, location and program, if any, TBD
- 2/28/15 & 3/1/15 - Northwest Quarterly Meeting hosted by Middlebury
- 5/10/15 – Celebration of Life, location TBD
- 6/21/15 – Possible Rokeby worship and pot luck with Burlington, or pot luck 6/19
- 8/16/15 – Picnic at Branbury, rain date 8/23

Also planned: season walks or hikes, the first one on Oct. 19, 2014.

14.10.06 Worship and Study Committee (W & S) (notes from Leigh Harder, reported by Lianna Tennal edited by the recording clerk.)

1. The first Everybody Lesson (our alternative term for All Ages Religious Education) took place on Oct. 12. It was a Faith and Play story about Prayer and Meeting for Worship. Afterwards, we received a lot of positive feedback. Next month's lesson will be a picture book read by Priscilla. We plan to match the theme of the lessons to the theme of the Queries for the month.
2. Queries are being read on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The Earth Care Committee will read on 10/19/14. The W & S committee will cover November's query on 11/17/14, with a theme of home and family. Reactions to the first Earth Care query were positive with a sense that there was a "deep, silent, gathered meeting" following the first reading.

3. Children's Program: Children remembered the queries during the First Day School lesson. First Day School is off to a good start, with ten children present for the October 5th lesson. Win taught for October, Erin and Benj will teach in November. We have two themes for the year—Earth Care and Quaker Faith and Practice. Claire Armstrong has a six month volunteer commitment on Sundays. Wren Colwell will take that job for now.
4. Discussion about Vocal Ministry: We discussed how we might offer guidance to Friends in giving Vocal Ministry—how to discern the promptings of the Spirit. We will devote the October 26 Friendly Forum to this topic, facilitated by Leigh Harder and Priscilla Baker. We considered the possibility of a pamphlet or insert to be included in the Visitor's Information handout or on the Library table. This discussion will continue. We will ask if someone is willing to take notes for us during this Friendly Forum so that the W & S Committee can gather more information.

14.10.07 Committee Structure Review Committee: The first meeting of the committee provided much good discussion, starting with a review of each committee, its original description from 2007 and what the committee is actually doing in 2014. Two committees were covered. It was agreed to continue meeting until this process is finished and a report can be prepared for monthly meeting. Next meeting to be held on Nov. 2.

14.10.08 Library (Becky Holmes via Laura Asermily): The new second cabinet is in place. Becky has reorganized books, DVDs and other materials. Friends are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the newly organized shelves and the many good resources MFM has available to be borrowed.

14.10.09 Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Don Peabody reported that he is one of 600 contacts that receive postings, updates and information about Washington issues of interest to Friends. Don noted that MFM is one of only a few monthly meetings who responds to FCNL's annual invitation for input about their priority list. FCNL will launch a monthly letter writing initiative. They provide information; we provide time, space and writing materials. It was agreed we should participate.

14.10.10 Quaker Speak videos: Jon Watts prepares short videos (4 to 6 minutes long) on a wide range of Quaker topics. Friends agreed this project, sponsored by Friends Journal, is stimulating and videos worth watching. Win Colwell will imbed the link on our website.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Mary Kay Glazer
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A lot has been happening in CHRIS and JILL STACKHOUSE'S lives. Chris writes:

Jill left her ten-year position in marketing at Maple Landmark Woodworking two months ago. She now works full time with me at Cambium Construction, which is truly a blessing for me, and our customers.

We had a grandchild born to my youngest son MICHAEL and his wife CORTNEY, who live in East Hampton, Mass. Her name is JUNE MARIE STACKHOUSE. She was born August 7th, weighed 7 lbs., and is SOOO cute!

Meanwhile our work is quite intense, yet we have made time to camp, visit family, join the Climate March, and welcome my father and partner who recently visited from Indiana.

Jill's mom died recently after having a mild stroke and hospitalization in DC. Jill has been spending time with her two sisters as they settle her mom's affairs. I would ask for Friends to hold Jill and her sisters in the Light.

The Middlebury College & Community Chorus is giving their Thanksgiving Concert Sunday afternoon November 23, 3 PM, Mead Chapel, Middlebury College. There is no charge for this wonderful event. Participating singers from the Meeting are: CLAUDIA STOSCHECK (soprano), MIMI LOVE-NICHOLSON (soprano), WENDY GOODWIN (tenor), and NORM TJSSEM (tenor). The conductor is JEFF REHBACH and the accompanist is TIM GUILLES.

MARTIN GLAZER, a first-year student at Nazareth College, has a show on the campus radio station: Songtime at Seven, every Friday night at 7:00. He co-hosts with his friend SARAH. You can listen in from your computer: <http://wnazthebeat.wordpress.com/> When you go to the link, you can click on "Listen Now."

Other news from the Glazer/Moss family: MARY KAY is scheduled to have surgery on her shoulder November 21 to remove bone spurs.

SAS CAREY had another opportunity to share with others about the good work that she is doing in Mongolia. On October 23, she gave a presentation at Kansas University in Lawrence, KS, called *Earth and Spirit: Observations on the Changing Lives of Mongolia's Nomads*.

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SPENCE PUTNAM is grateful for the many Friends who have helped SUSAN SMILEY in her campaign for the Vermont House. They have done things like driving her door-to-door, writing letters, donating money, entering computer data, and making phone calls. Susan is running to represent the towns of Bridport, New Haven, and Weybridge. Spence is her campaign manager.

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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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