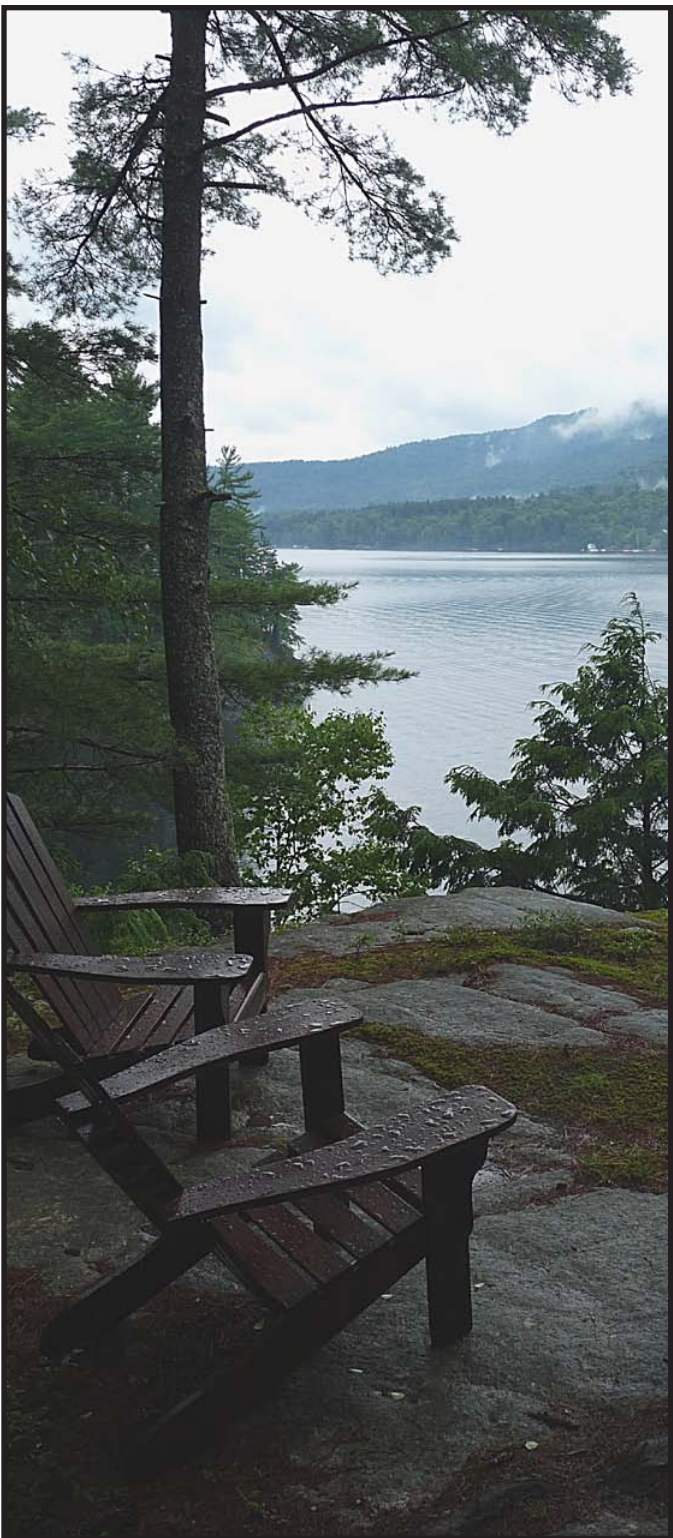


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“Truth is powerful and it prevails.”

— SOJOURNER TRUTH

QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Saturday 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
- Mon. Aug. 13 7:30 PM Men’s group at Aaron Colburn’s
- Sat/Sun Sept. 8 & 9 Northwest Quarterly Meeting, at Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT
- Sun. Sept. 9 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: *Spiritual Underpinnings of Social and Environmental Activism*, with Laura Asermily and Chris Stackhouse
- Mon. Sept. 10 7:30 PM Men’s Group at Tom Baskett’s
- Sun. Sept. 16 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun. Sept. 23 8:30 AM *Experiment with Light* (see description elsewhere in newsletter), with Jean Rosenberg
- Fri. Sept. 28 2-7 PM Community Supper prepared and hosted by MFM
- Sun. Sept. 30 10:00 AM Intergenerational Meeting at Havurah House
- Sun. Oct. 7 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: *Quakerism Today* with Jean Rosenberg
- Sun. Oct. 21 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

29 July, 2012

Clerks: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were David Andrews, Laura Asermily, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Sophia Hughes, Grace McGrath, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, and Peter Schenk.

12.07.01 Minutes for 17 June 2012: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

12.07.02 Treasurer's Report (David Andrews & Laura Asermily): "During the month of June, 2012, the Meeting had member donations of \$1,520. The member income for the comparable period last year was \$514.

"Expenditures during June totaled \$590.60. We paid \$470 for childcare expenses, which included Meeting for Worship childcare (\$150) and First Day School Curriculum Coordination (\$320). We also paid \$30.60 for postage, and \$90 for post office box rent.

"The bank balance at the end of June was \$5,580.30. Of this, \$3,480.30 is for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$2,100 will be carried over each month until a new financial agent is found for the Farm Workers Coalition."

The co-treasurers presented the final annual report for fiscal year, 2011-12.

FOLLOW UP: It was decided to send \$250 to Farm and Wilderness. This represents the amount budgeted for Quaker camps and conferences for last fiscal year but not used.

The Budget for the half year, July-December was presented and approved.

FOLLOW UP: Pastoral Care Committee will oversee the purchase of a gift for Paige in recognition of her Middlebury College graduation and in appreciation of her faithful service to our children and youth over the past several years.

12.07.03 Worship and Study Committee (W & S) (Jean Rosenberg & Sophia Hughes, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

1. W & S will review its job description, now that a few years of experience with our committee restructuring has passed. W & S wonders if other committees might want to do the same, to assure that each description is accurate and detailed enough to reflect the responsibilities of the committee.
2. The new practice of offering Afterwards, following worship, will be evaluated at a Fall W & S meeting.

3. Should child care be provided during Friendly Forums? FOLLOW UP: It was decided to provide child care, from 8:30-10:00am on the mornings of monthly meeting for business and Friendly Forums. Claire Armstrong has agreed to provide this service for \$15/Sunday.
4. Jean will offer Rex Ambler inspired "Light Groups," as discussed in a Friendly Forum last year. She will lead a monthly group during the Fall months, after which they should be established well enough to be ongoing, self-led groups. The first one will take place the fourth Sunday in September, and then subsequent fourth Sundays, from 8:30-10:00 AM, at Havurah House. Jean will prepare a short description of the potential for spiritual growth, transformation and healing a Light Group may provide for participants.

12.07.04 Fellowship Committee (Manya Dickinson) "About 18 people gathered at Kingsland Bay State Park for a pleasant afternoon of hiking, boating, fishing, eating and relaxing. The weather was cool and breezy and some of the more adventurous actually went into the water.

"The next committee meeting will be in August to discuss hospitality for Northwest Quarterly Meeting in December and the possibility of a potluck dinner in October."

FOLLOW UP: Fran and Spence Putnam will provide a program at the October potluck on their recent visit in Guatemala.

It was noted that greeters sometimes need reminders when their date to serve as greeter is coming up. There have been two recent Sundays when greeters forgot to come early to set up. It was suggested that the greeter each Sunday make a point of giving the key to next Sunday's greeter as a way of signaling their upcoming commitment.

12.07.05 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (Tom Dickenson):

The committee did not meet in July. Issues that will be considered during the coming months include several upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

1. Prepare for the Community Supper on September 28.
2. Select a theme and prepare the program for the December Quarterly Meeting. The announcement for the *N'orwester* this is due in October.
3. Recruit volunteers to help process vegetables grown at Nash Farm for the use of Community Lunches and Suppers.
4. Assemble a crew of 8 to 12 volunteers for a Saturday in September at the Habitat house build in Cornwall. We are also asked to provide individual volunteers this coming Saturday, August 4.

12.06.06 Quarterly Meeting: We have been asked to provide names of possible MFM Friends to serve on QM Nominating Committee. If you feel called to serve contact either co-clerk Jean Rosenberg or Cheryl Mitchell.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT MEDITATIONS

The *Experiment with Light* is a practice of guided Quaker meditation, developed by the British Friend Rex Ambler in the 1990s. It is based on his understanding of early Quaker spiritual practice, as described by George Fox and others. The early Quakers did not develop a doctrine of what spiritual reality is, but they insisted it was available to everyone, is to be found by looking within, and the Inward Light will illuminate this reality if you attend to it and wait faithfully. This meditation follows a version of that Quaker practice, in modern English terms. See Rex Ambler's books, *Truth of the Heart*, and *Light to Live By*. The meditation takes about 45 minutes, and has spoken prompts to guide it. The Worship & Study committee will offer Light meditations, on the fourth Sundays of September, October, and November, at 8:30 AM at Havurah House, before meeting. Questions? Ask Jean Rosenberg at Meeting or 388 6453.

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