



Middlebury Friends Meeting

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*Proposed MFM Budget
for 2018*

Minutes of Nov. 19



“One must think like a hero to behave like a
merely decent human being.”

—MAY SARTON

DECEMBER 2017

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JANUARY 2018

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. Dec. 2	10:30 AM	ICAN climate vigil at Triangle Park
Dec. 2 & 3		QM at Burlington Monthly Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 7	3:30 PM	W & S at Priscilla's
Sun. Dec. 10	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum: Reflection through Poetry with Cheryl Mitchell
	11:30 AM	Alternative Gifts Fair at Havurah
Mon. Dec. 11	4:30 PM	Experiment With Light, location TBA
Sun. Dec. 17	10:00 AM	Holiday Meeting and potluck at Rosenberg's
Wed. Dec. 20	7:00 PM	Women's holiday meeting at Sas Carey's
Mon. Dec. 25	4:00 PM	Christmas Day meeting at S. Starksboro
Thur. Dec. 28	7:15 PM	Experiment With Light, location TBA
Mon. Jan. 8	4:30 PM	Experiment With Light, location TBA
Sun. Jan 14	8:30 AM	Worship and Study at Havurah
	8:30 AM	Earthcare Committee at Havurah
Sun. Jan. 21	8:30 AM	MM for Business
Thurs, Jan. 25	7:15 PM	Experiment With Light, location TBA
Sun. Jan. 28	3-5 PM	State of the Meeting Meeting (probably at Havurah) followed by potluck

LET US CONSIDER...

The ad hoc committee on utilization of Rachel Harper-Carey's gift met on October 5, 2017 to draft criteria for our possible uses of these funds. The three criteria follow. Let us consider possibilities that may follow these intentions.

1. Local programs in Addison County or statewide that support projects congruent with our Quaker values that are focused on issues raised in these times. Racism, income inequality and climate change are examples.
2. Activities that increase opportunities for greater communication, understanding, and collaboration among all elements of the Addison County community, and enhance our own participation in this collaboration.
3. Quaker programs at the national level that address the prominent challenges of our time. AFSC, [and] FCNL, and NEYM are examples.

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2018 Proposed Budget	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	
INCOME	\$15,765.00	\$15,790.00	\$12,117.00	\$3,673.00 Current shortfall

EXPENDITURES				
Rent	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00	
New England Yearly Meeting	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,899.00	
Northwest Quarterly Mtg	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Books and Library	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$109.06	
First Day Coordination	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,280.00	
Child Care	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00	
Materials for Children's Program	\$150.00	\$150.00		
Advertising	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$236.25	
Gifts for Young Friends	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Mail Box	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$104.00	
Midd Clergy Assoc dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$39.99	
Newsletter and Directory	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$86.00	
COSA: Community Suppers	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$317.46	
Postage	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$39.58	
Web page domain	\$20.00	\$20.00		
Worship and Study	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$180.25	These two lines will combine into Programming and Pastoral Care
Pastoral Care		\$200.00		
Quaker Camps and Conferences	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$249.49	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,040.00	\$11,065.00	\$9,766.08	

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	2018 Proposed Budget	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	
BENEVOLENCES				
Add Cty Relocaliz Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
AFSC National	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Clergy Rental Fund (HOPE)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Community Lunch	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Counseling Service of AC	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
FCNL	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Friends Gen Conference	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Friends World Committee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Habitat of Addison County	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
HOPE	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Hospice Volunteers	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Interfaith Power and Light	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
John Calvi	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Jubilee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Nomadicare	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Open Door Clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Parent/Child Center	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Peace & Justice Center	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Quaker Earth Witness	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Quaker UN Office	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Spirit in Nature	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Summer Lunch Program	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Contingencies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$125.00	
Warming Shelter	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Yearly Meeting Scholarship	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$4,725.00	\$4,725.00	\$4,650.00	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,765.00	\$15,790.00	\$14,416.08	

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Monthly Meeting for Business

19 November, 2017

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Tom Baskett, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Joe Garren, Grace McGrath, Cheryl Mitchell, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg, Peter Schenck, Susan Smiley, and Christ Stackhouse.

17.11.01 Monthly meeting opened with a reading of John Greenleaf Whittier 's poem "First Day Thoughts" and an Eckhart Tolle quotation.

17.11.02 October 15, 2017 minutes accepted as printed in the newsletter.

17.11.03 Update on \$2,000 gift from Rachel Harper-Carey (ad hoc committee Tom Baskett, Tom Dickinson, Joe Garren, Fran Putnam, and Jean Rosenberg):

Tom Baskett reported on two projects proposed for the Rachel Harper-Carey gift.

1. If Quaker activist, George Lakey, is brought by Middlebury College we might participate in this endeavor; although it is not clear, at this point, how we would contribute.
2. A suggestion to support an interdenominational program for immigrants to teach community members how to make tamales has morphed into smaller actions, among immigrants and their volunteers, rather than a community wide event. Meanwhile, food is needed for the Mexican consulate's annual visit to Middlebury on Dec. 2. One of the immigrants will make tamales at home but needs financial support for supplies. Friends approved a contribution of \$150 to come from the 2017 Contingency fund rather than the \$2,000 gift.

It was suggested to publish the criteria, developed by the ad hoc committee, in the newsletter and to print out paper copies, to stimulate discussion and suggestions among a wider network of MFM Friends.

17.10.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey)

All statements in this report are as of November 19, 2017. From October 14 through November 19, the Meeting had member donations of \$3920.

From October 14 through November 19, Meeting expenditures totaled \$4534.58 including \$160 for children's program coordination, \$50 for Havurah, \$80 for child-care, \$4025 for benevolences, \$39.58 miscellaneous, and \$180 for Warming Shelter. When these checks clear, the bank balance will be \$5214.05. All benevolences for 2017 have been paid.

FOLLOWUP: Currently we are short \$3,673.00 income as set in the 2017 budget. Karen noted some line items in the budget have not been fully used, so our expenses might be lower than budgeted.

It was agreed to send \$125 from the Campership line item to the Department of Children and Families campership fund for children in foster care, as we did last year.

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2018: It was agreed to combine the line items for specific committees to a single line item: "Programming and Pastoral Care." It was agreed to change COSA: Community Suppers to simply "Community Suppers."

The proposed budget will be published in the newsletter and final approval will take place at January monthly meeting.

17.10.04 **Worship and Study** (no report)

17.10.05 **Committee on Outreach and Social Action – COSA** (no report)

17.10.06 **Earthcare Committee** (Fran Putnam)

Carbon Pricing: Tom Hughes from the Energy Independent Vermont campaign presented the principles behind carbon pricing at a recent potluck—it needs to significantly lower the burning of fossil fuels in Vermont; it needs to be fair (especially to low income people); and it needs to strengthen the Vermont economy. At the November Meeting for Business, the Earthcare Committee will present a draft Minute which asks our Meeting to endorse Energy Independent Vermont's campaign.

Community Conversations Panel on Climate Justice: The meeting was well attended and the discussion was lively. Fran and Spence Putnam, on behalf of ICAN, facilitated the discussion.

The committee discussed ways we can bring to the Meeting, in a longer format than the Actions for the Earth bowl, some of the work that Friends are doing in their jobs and in the community to combat climate change. More to come, and suggestions are appreciated.

FOLLOWUP: After consideration and some adjustments Friends approved a minute to endorse the policy concept put forth by the Energy Independent Vermont Coalition (businesses, nonprofits, rural advocacy groups, religious groups, individuals) to support carbon pricing on green house emissions. This minute will be sent to QM, as well as a letter from the co-clerks, drafted by Earthcare, to local publications.

The amended and approved minute:

As Friends, we carry a concern for the life of all species and for justice to the poor of the Earth in the face of the destructive effects of climate change. We are concerned to find ways that our society can act to mitigate the dangerous and unequal effects of climate change, through acting locally and globally.

A system of pricing fossil fuels through government action is one practical and effective way to accomplish the goal of reducing carbon emissions, and so we support the principle of carbon pricing in Vermont.

Specifically, we support the principles of carbon pricing as enunciated by the Energy Independent Vermont Coalition: a carbon charge program must reduce carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels, strengthen the Vermont economy, and benefit lower and middle-income Vermonters.

Middlebury Friends Meeting supports the Energy Independent Vermont Coalition in its efforts to reduce the effects of climate change through putting a price on fossil fuel emissions in Vermont and we encourage other groups and individuals to do so.

17.10.07 Pastoral Care (no report)

17.10.08 Fellowship Committee (no report)

17.11.09 It was announced that Susan Smiley serves on the national board of the Jubilee USA Network. MFM co-clerks will write a travel minute for Susan to carry with her when she attends their meetings.

Monthly Meeting ended with a moment of silence.

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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