

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



June  
2013

# JUNE 2013

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. May 26 9:00 AM Climate Committee at Havurah House
- Mon. May 27 7:00 PM Men's group at Spence Putnam's
- Sat/Sun June 1 & 2 Quarterly Meeting at South Starksboro  
Sunday: 9am singing, 10am worship,  
11-1 lunch, 1-3 meeting for business
- Sun. June 9 8:30 AM Worship and Study Comm. at Havurah
- Tues. June 11 4:00 PM COSA at Dickinson's
- Fri. June 14 3:15 PM Pastoral Care Comm. at Priscilla Baker's
- Sun. June 16 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun. June 23 8:30 AM Experiment in Light at Havurah
- Sun. July 7 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Joys and Challenges of being part of a Faith Group
- Sun. Aug. 11 8:30 am Summer monthly meeting (combined July & August)

“Never interrupt someone  
doing what you said  
couldn’t be done.”

— AMELIA EARHART

Middlebury Friends Meeting  
Monthly Meeting for Business

19 May, 2013

Clerk: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Laura Asermily, Tom Baskett, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, Lucy McKeon, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Don Peabody, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg, Peter Schenck, Chris Stackhouse, and Lianna Tennial.

13.05.01 Minutes for 21 April 2013: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

13.05.02 Treasurer’s Report (David Andrews & Laura Asermily):

During the month of April, the Meeting had member donations of \$1,190. The member income for the comparable period last year was \$779.22.

Meeting expenditures during April totaled \$354. We paid \$150 for childcare expense and \$160 for First Day School coordination. We also spent \$44 for our listing in *Friends Journal*.

The bank balance at the end of April was \$4,584.80. Of this, \$3,164.80 is for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$1,420 belongs to the Farm Workers Coalition.

Laura Asermily, who is stepping down, was thanked for her many years of excellent service as treasurer.

13.05.03 Worship and Study Committee (Tom Baskett) This past month’s focus has been on preparing for the Celebration of Life, which took place on May 12 and was resoundingly successful.

Friends are reminded that NEYM has a scholarship available for a MFM Friend to attend YM sessions in August. If interested contact Jean McCandless, NEYM Sessions Committee Clerk, at [jmccandl@together.net](mailto:jmccandl@together.net)

**13.05.04 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA)** (Tom Dickinson, edited by the recording clerk)

1. Community Supper recap: 216 meals served, including take-outs; the lasagna turned out very well; there was too much bread; not enough desserts; more lettuce was needed for salad.
2. We discussed the possibility of an MFM statement on F-35 fighter plane deployment in Burlington. The very divisive debate on this subject centers on economic forces (jobs) and community and environmental impacts. Other contemporary issues are similar: the proposed natural gas pipeline, ridgeline wind power, and Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. The F-35 matter also includes a concern about militarism. Can we as a Meeting effectively influence public opinion and action on these issues?

FOLLOW UP: It was agreed to pursue a threshing session about the larger issues, e.g., local welfare vs. corporate interests and short term benefits, e.g., jobs, vs. long-term impact. We will discuss, at next monthly meeting, how to plan this session. Possible committees to be involved in this process: Worship & Study, Outreach & Social Action and the newly formed Climate Committee.

3. Hospitality and support for Quarterly Meeting in South Starksboro, June 1-2. We will post on listserv a call for volunteers for overnight hospitality and food contributions.
4. Volunteers are needed to work in the farm-to-table project to supply vegetables for the community lunches and suppers. For more information, contact Tom Dickinson.
5. FCNL will have a telephone briefing on their lobbying efforts on Thursday evening, May 30. Information on how to connect will be posted on listserv.

**13.05.05 Nominating Committee** (Don Peabody) All positions are filled. Several adjustments were made. The corrected slate will be sent with the next newsletter.

**13.05.06 Quarterly Meeting structural changes (Lianna)**

The proposed changes to QM are published in the May '13 Nor'wester. There will be two committees: Ministry and Oversight and a Planning Committee for QM sessions. MFM expressed support for this clearly articulated reorganization. Lianna Tennal and Don Peabody were thanked for their ongoing commitment and involvement in QM, and their help in guiding QM toward a viable future.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2013

*Bold Italic Typeface = New to Position*

*Bracketed = New Position*

Co-clerks: Cheryl Mitchell, Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Treasurer: Karen Nawn-Fahey & 6 Month Mentor: Spence Putnam

Recorder: Brud Leedom

Archivist: Stewart Kirkaldy

Worship and Study Committee: Tom Baskett, Jean Rosenberg, Ann Barker, Sophia Hughes, Priscilla Baker (start in July,) Lianna Tennial

Ticonderoga Worship Group: Mary Kay Glazer, Mark Moss

[Middlebury College Worship Group:] shulamith eagle

Wake Robin Worship Group:

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

Librarian: Becky Holmes

Ministry of Music: David Rosenberg, Claudia Stoschek

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

Fellowship Committee: Laura Asermily, Peter Schenck, Wendell Jacobs

Havurah House contact: Wendy Goodwin

Website Coordinator: Win Colwell

Meeting Listserve: Aaron Coburn

Newsletter editor: Win Colwell

Newsletter production and Mailing: Ruth Barenbaum and Ted Colwell

Mailing list and label productions: Ted Colwell

Name tags: Win Colwell

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

Addison County Clergy group: Ted Colwell

Middlebury Area Clergy Assoc: David Andrews (June, July)

Spence Putnam (August onward)

Spirit in Nature: David Tier

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Quaker organizations:

FCNL: Don Peabody

NEYM Co-clerks

NWQM: Ted Colwell distributes newsletter

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 and Manya Dickinson

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

**{Climate Subcommittee: Fran Putnam, Laura Asermily, Spence Putnam,  
Chris Stackhouse, Win Colwell, Ted Colwell}**

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

MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Editor: Winslow Colwell

Newsletter Mailing: Ted Colwell & Ruth Barenbaum

**Co-Clerks**

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Priscilla Baker

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Laura Asermily

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Middlebury, VT 05753

388-9478

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David Andrews

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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.

Priscilla Baker (388-8024)

Sas Carey (388-1301)

Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Brud Leedom (623-7533)

Grace McGrath (388-6576)

Carrie Reed (388-0436)

We welcome your submissions! — win@wcolwell.com

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