

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



October  
2012

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Saturday 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
- Fri. Sept. 28 2-7 PM Community Supper prepared and hosted by MFM
- Sun. Sept. 30 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee at Havurah House
- Sun. Sept. 30 10 AM Intergenerational Meeting at Havurah House
- Fri. Oct. 5 6 PM Potluck at Ilsley Library Community Room followed by a presentation by Fran & Spence Putnam on their recent service trip to Guatemala.
- Sun. Oct. 7 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Self and Other
- Sun. Oct. 7 12 NOON CROP walk, registration at Town Green
- Mon. Oct. 8 7 PM Men's Group, location TBA
- Mon. Oct. 15 4 PM Committee on Outreach & Social Action meeting at Dickinson's
- Wed. Oct. 17 3:15 PM Pastoral Care Comm. meeting at Priscilla's
- Sun. Oct. 21 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business at Havurah House
- Sun. Nov. 4 8:30 AM Friendly Forum: Being a Quaker Today
- Sun. Nov. 18 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business at Havurah House

“i read a story so good last night ... so good it made me gasp and so good it made my chest hurt and all of that gasping hurt enshrouded in love and beauty. what more could one ask for? it made me want to get up at 4 am and write stories again. it made me want to look harder for things i really love. it made me want to teach a class so i could stand up in front of the class, arm trembling, and say “read *this!*” this is the way to start a day. this is the way to bend down, as m. oliver would say, and kiss the earth. that story and this quiet house. this still darkness. this reverent, breathless waiting. every minute a pot of liquid, feathered gold.”

— ROBIN MACARTHUR

<http://woodbirdandthensome.blogspot.com>

## Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

16 September, 2012

Clerks: Cheryl Mitchell

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were David Andrews, Tom Baskett, Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Stewart Kirkaldy, Lucy McKeon, Don Peabody, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Peter Schenck, and Lianna Tennial.

12.09.01 **Minutes for 29 July 2012:** Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

12.09.02 **Treasurer’s Report** (David Andrews & Laura Asermily): “During the months of July and August, 2012 the Meeting had member donations of \$2,119. The member income for the comparable period last year was \$1,532.

“Expenditures during July and August totaled \$1,744. We paid \$320 for childcare expenses, which included Meeting for Worship childcare (\$300) and food (\$20). We also paid \$550 for rent to Havurah, and \$499 to New England Yearly Meeting, \$125 to Northwest Quarterly Meeting, and a \$250 contribution to the Farm and Wilderness Camps.

“The bank balance at the end of August was \$5,955.30. Of this, \$3,855.30 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 Worker Coalition.”

12.09.03 **Worship and Study Committee** (W & S) The committee has not met in the past month, hence, no report today.

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Lianna Tennell reported for the Children's Program. During the summer there were children every Sunday and different Friends joined Paige to provide a variety of activities.

Additional child care services has begun which will enable parents to participate in monthly meeting for business and Friendly Forums. Claire Armstrong now provides child care during these early morning programs.

Gratitude was expressed for the work of the children's program committee and, especially, for Lianna's leadership as coordinator of the children's program.

**12.09.04 Fellowship Committee** (Manya Dickinson, edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk)

On Friday, October 5, Fran and Spence Putnam will present a PowerPoint program of their recent trip to Guatemala following a potluck dinner. We will be in the Ilsley Library Meeting Room downstairs 6-8 PM. Bring a dish for 6-8 people and news of your summer to share with friends.

"We will work with COSA on the Quarterly Meeting hospitality which includes Saturday evening simple supper, Sunday morning breakfast and Sunday lunch. We'll be arranging overnight stays for those who request them.

"We are also making plans for three more potlucks during the year."

**12.09.05 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA)** (Tom Dickenson, edited for these minutes by the Recording Clerk):

1. Preparations are underway for the Community Supper we are sponsoring on Friday, September 28. We need a kitchen crew manager who will keep track of all the many tasks involved in preparing our meal and coordinating the efforts during that busy time.
2. We are beginning to plan for Quarterly Meeting which will take place in Middlebury on December 1-2. The QM newsletter deadline is mid-October, at which time we must submit details.
3. Addison County Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 7. You can donate or sign up online or go to the Middlebury Green, at 12noon, to sign up. Sign up packets will be available at Meeting starting Sunday, September 23. Crop Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger.

**FOLLOW UP:** During Meeting for Business, several suggestions were put forward for Quarterly Meeting program. The Worship and Study, Fellowship, and Outreach committees will work together on preparing for that meeting. It was agreed that the conference rooms at the Counseling Service of Addison County would be suitable for both the Saturday evening and Sunday meetings.

Monthly meeting closed after a period 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.

Priscilla Baker (388-8024)

Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

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We welcome your submissions! — win@wcolwell.com

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