

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Meetings for Worship:

Annapolis Friends Meeting House
351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Md. 21401
First Days, 11:00 A.M.

First Day School for children

11:15 A.M. (join meeting for worship from 11:00-11:15)

Nursery care for our youngest

11:00 A.M.

Meetings for Worship with a

Concern for Business:

1st First Day of month at 9:00 A.M.

Adult religious education:

As noted in calendar below

NOVEMBER 2010 CALENDAR

06	9:00 A.M.	-	“Radical Hospitality” Workshop (see p. 5)
07	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting...for Business
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship & <i>Child Welcoming</i> followed by potluck
14	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for learning/worship-sharing on Death and Dying
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
21	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	Noon	-	“Stone soup” – simple potluck lunch with First Day School
28	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	9:00 P.M.	-	Newsletter items deadline: please email!

Care of the Meeting House for Eleventh Month: Stewardship and Finance

QUERIES FOR ELEVENTH MONTH: EDUCATION

Do you provide religious education, including the study of the Bible and of Friends’ history and practices, in your Meeting? Do you ensure that schools under the care of Friends exemplify Friends’ principles? Do you support and strive to improve the public schools? Faith & Practice, p.41

FALL CLEAN UP DAY – THANKS!

Winterizing, weed-pulling, work on the nature trail & much more were accomplished by 15 (or more?) Friends who came to the Meeting House on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 to noon. Thanks to Carol B., Joel R., Wes & Miles J., Peter M., Sky E., Bill K., Phil C., Phil F., Don S., Margaret L., Tim M., Mardy B., David C., Kit H. and anyone else we missed.

**ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING
MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
THIRD DAY OF THE TENTH MONTH, 2010**

Elise A. (Assistant Clerk), Phyllis S. (Assistant Recording Clerk), and 19 other members and attenders were present. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Treasurer's Report - Joel R. reporting: Things are not as dire as they were two months ago. Expenditures are down, but committees are not spending as much as planned (perhaps because of in-kind contributions). Rentals about \$7000 ahead, and we've had about \$7000 in bequests so far this year. Utilities are higher than planned; we've already spent more than budgeted. Financially, we're not in bad shape, but we're not in good shape. There was a request for a balance sheet with the Treasurer's report including the restricted funds. Note that P&SC was not on the report. The report is attached to the official copy of the Minutes.

S&F Committee - Mary K. reporting: We continue to have concerns about unrestricted contributions. We received \$7000 last month in response to a plea for additional funds, but about half of that is from Friends' end-of-year contributions.

S&F presented the first reading of the 2011 budget. This draft is not balanced. S&F expresses gratitude for committee support in getting their requests in.

Concerns:

1. This year's unrestricted contributions were dramatically below historical levels until last month's plea for donations. S&F proposes a decrease in the amount included in our budget for unrestricted contributions.
2. We request that Friends consider how we should account for a potential shortfall and make suggestions to a member of S&F.
3. Our target for annual contribution to the Building Fund is \$10,000. We have never budgeted this amount. S&F is concerned that if our budget won't support this amount, it certainly won't support a mortgage for expansion. Friends are asked to prayerfully consider this concern for future discussion.

We enjoy tremendous abundance, as individuals, as a community, and as a society. How does Spirit lead us to make use of this abundance?

The next S&F meeting will be 10th Month 24th at 9 AM. All are welcome to join them. Concern was expressed about the inconsistency of the idea of soliciting pledges in light of our Quaker heritage and testimonies. There were suggestions for a called meeting or a threshing session to discuss pledges, the budget, and actions to take if there is a deficit.

P&SC Quaker Causes - Phil F. reporting: P&SCC recommends the following changes to the current budget for Quaker Causes:

- Add a donation of 3% to the Save Darfur Coalition in recognition of the fact that in Fifth Month 2006, AFM approved a Minute Against Genocide in Darfur;
- Eliminate the 3% donation to Quaker Earthcare Witness in recognition of the fact that the Library Committee will subscribe to the BeFriending Nature newsletter;
- Eliminate the 3% donation to the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) in recognition of the fact that AFM already donates to FWCC through its annual giving to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

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AFM MEETING FOR BUSINESS – MINUTES (10/10) - CONTINUED:

P&SCC recommendations for the 2011 Quaker Causes Budget, shown in comparison to the 2010 budget, are displayed in the table below:

QUAKER CAUSES	2010 Budget	2011 Recomms	NOTES
Annapolis Area Ministries (LHS)	28%	28%	
Anne Arundel Conflict Res Ctr	8%	8%	
Am Friends Service Committee	12%	12%	
Friends Committee on Nat Leg	5%	5%	
Friends Int. Ctr in Ramallah	3%	3%	
Friends Peace Teams	3%	3%	
Pendle Hill	3%	3%	
Quaker EarthCare Witness	3%	0	Library C. to provide newsletter
Quaker House of Fayetteville	3%	3%	
Right Sharing of World Res.	3%	3%	
Save Darfur Coalition	0	3%	See Minute Against Genocide
Washington Work Camps, D.C.	3%	3%	
William Penn House	3%	3%	
Women for Afghan Women	3%	3%	
<i>(Organizational Support)</i>			
Friends World Committee for Consultation	3%	0	Accomplished through giving to BYM
Emergent Social Concerns	<u>20%</u>	<u>20%</u>	
	103%	100%	

The actual dollar amounts for the Quaker Causes Budget will come from 10 % of unrestricted funds budgeted.

One Friend expressed concern that it might be time to remove Quaker Causes from our budget, but leave it to Friends to contribute as they feel led. This might be discussed at the called meeting/threshing session for the budget. Meeting affirmed the 2011 Budget for Quaker causes, with Dot W. standing aside for removing the FWCC line item.

Holiday Market - Margaret H. reporting: Meeting children have asked to be helpful at the Holiday Market, and they are making crafts for sale. This year food will be served at the Quaker Quafe. The Spring Market contributed \$1080 to the Lighthouse Shelter and \$360 to the AFM Building Fund.

The decision of the committee is to focus the profit from the Holiday Market as follows:

- 75% of the proceeds will go to Women for Afghan Women directed to the Afghan Women's fund that focuses on literacy for women and girls in Afghanistan
- 25% of the proceeds will be divided:
 - \$150 will be used to purchase 3 additional long tables for the meeting house
 - \$100 will be given to the CREC for the children to decide what charity they would like to support
 - Remainder will be given to the Peace and Justice Center

Friends appreciate the Market committee's thoughtful consideration of the children's thoughts and contributions, the Peace and Justice Center, and Women for Afghan Women.

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Youth Safety Policy - Mardy B. reporting: We made two small changes in the Youth Safety Policy.

These two changes relate to the following:

1. # 5 under Meeting House and Grounds Safety; we have added the words "and implemented" at the end of the sentence so it reads. "The installation of glass door panels in the office and kitchen doors, along with other safety measures, such as lobby mirrors, has been approved by Meeting for Business 'and implemented'."
2. In the last paragraph, we have changed "at least every other year" to "every five years." Thus, the sentence will read "The policy will be reviewed at least every 5 years."

A copy of the Policy is included in the official copy of the Minutes.

Friends thank the ad hoc youth safety policy committee for their work on the Youth Safety Policy.

Announcements -

Sylvia O. informed AFM that Brad O. from William Penn House will be giving a presentation on Radical Hospitality at AFM on November 6 from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Mardy B. reminded us about the CROP walk at Quiet Waters Park on October 17.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Meeting closed with silent worship. Respectfully Submitted, Elise A., Assistant Clerk, & Phyllis S., Assistant Recording Clerk.

LIBRARY CORNER:

The Library open house has been moved to December 5th during pot luck. The committee hopes to have everyone who would like to come in for a brief introduction to all materials the meeting has provided. it is a good resource for many topics.

November book review:

WE CAN WORK IT OUT – one book and one pamphlet among many other from collection on nonviolence

Most of us have been educated from birth to compete, judge, demand, and diagnose. A new book, "Nonviolent Communication - a Language of Life" describes a way to focus on connection through empathic listening, to transform conflict into mutually satisfying outcomes, defuse anger and frustration peacefully, create relationships grounded in mutual respect, and move beyond power struggles to cooperation and trust.

In the last paragraph of the pamphlet, the Non-Violent Communication (NVC) pamphlet, Marshal Rosenberg describes the methods he has used with individuals in good and poor relationships, and with tribes whose members were murdering one another. His three main steps include: 1) seeking an agreement to work to see that everyone's needs are met; 2) understanding and stating our own as well as the other's needs; and 3) coming up with actual actions that each person can do right now to meet those needs.

Rosenberg says that violence is something that can happen when the parties involved cannot see past. If the parties themselves can agree on step 1, to search for a solution where everyone will win, then the outside mediator can help immensely during steps 2 and 3, by keeping the participants following this process.

WORKSHOP TO LEARN “RADICAL HOSPITALITY”

presented by Brad Ogilvie of William Penn House

sponsored by Annapolis Friends Meeting Outreach Committee

FOR: Annapolis Friends Meeting and local monthly Meetings
and all your friends whom you would like to invite

DATE: Saturday, November 6, 2010

TIME: 9 AM until 4 PM (lunch will be provided)

PLACE: Annapolis Friends Meeting, meetinghouse worship room
351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, MD

“There is that of God in All” is frequently cited as the core truth and guiding principle of Quakerism, as attributed to George Fox. How do we as Friends nourish this in our Meetings and in ourselves as individuals during these times that, at times, seem hopelessly divided and increasingly uncivil? How can we do this with humility, “letting our lives speak” while holding the faith that this is our truth?

For the past few years, William Penn House staff have devoted much of their time exploring these questions. “Radical Hospitality” is what has emerged. In the words of St. Benedict, Radical Hospitality is “to invite all people into your house as if they were Christ”. William Penn House (WPH) has sought to integrate this not just into the hospitality but also into programs such as Washington Quaker Workcamps, believing that when relationships are formed with this as the basis, amazing things can happen. “Radical Hospitality” does not call for agreement on both parties, but instead a faith in one person that there really is “that of God in All”.

For this workshop, WPH Program Coordinator Brad Ogilvie will facilitate conversations and present materials that will give participants an opportunity to learn and practice Radical Hospitality as an expression of Quakerism. Participants can expect to:

- Learn the origins of Radical Hospitality as it developed and continues to develop at WPH
- Hear accounts of this in action
- Learn some of the basic principles to exercise this practice in our daily lives
- Have opportunities to interact with others and get feedback
- Have materials and resources to help stay grounded and to further practice one’s own journey in using Radical Hospitality as a vital part of peace-making in the world

TO PREPARE FOR THE PROGRAM: Participants will be sent some reflection questions several days beforehand, which will help set the tone. Saturday, November 6th will begin with introductions and a general overview, followed by more intensive materials and a day of fun and learning, as we explore how this practice can help bring peace to the world and energize our faith and practice.

PLEASE RSVP: Sylvia O. at soliva@erols.com or 410-224-6708 by **October 29th**.

QUAKER QUOTES FOR NOVEMBER

Seek for yourselves and for your children that full development of God's gifts which is true education. Realize that it should be continued throughout life and that its privileges should be shared by all. Study the Bible intelligently, using the help available from modern sources. Make every effort to understand the Christian faith. Be ready at all time to receive fresh light from whatever quarter it may come; approach new theories with discernment. Remember our testimony that Christianity is not a notion but a way. Advices, London, 1964

To watch the spirit of children, to nurture them in Gospel Love, and labour to help them against that which would mar the beauty of their minds, is a debt we owe them; and a faithful performance of our duty not only tends to their lasting benefit and our own peace, but also to render their company agreeable to us. A care hath lived on my mind, that more time might be employed by parents at home, and by tutors at school, in weightily attending to the spirit and inclinations of children, and that we may so lead, instruct and govern them, in this tender part of life, that nothing may be omitted in our power, to help them on their way to become the children of our Father who is in Heaven. John Woolman, 1758

In the stillness you will find your true being. In the silence you will hear the breathing of your soul.

-Neale Donald Walsch

A Thanksgiving Prayer

by Samuel F. Pugh

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hunger;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have
no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer.
And, remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency,
bestir my compassion
and be concerned enough to help,
by word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

As reprinted in *The Thanksgiving Ceremony*, Edward Bleier, Editor (Crown, 2003)

Thinking About Race:

“Use the Platinum Rule. We are all familiar with the Golden Rule: ‘Treat others as you would wish to be treated.’ Following the Golden Rule is an essential first step in building community. When bridging cultures, there is an added rule that is important to follow: the Platinum Rule. It states, ‘Treat others the way they wish to be treated.’ This means, your perspectives or beliefs aside, that it is important to learn and acknowledge others’ feelings, experiences and opinions. When we treat others in a way that is not based on our own assumptions about their experiences, we learn how to interact with others in a truly helpful and respectful way.”

- from Be Not Afraid – A Project of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, a document on “Cultural Competence and Sensitivity.”

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Working Group on Racism meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, usually at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. If you would like to attend, either on a regular or a drop-in basis, please contact clerk Elizabeth DuVerlie at eduverlie@jhu.edu or member Pat Schenck at pat.schenck@verizon.net.

A NOTE FROM AFM’s STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Our unrestricted contributions are lagging significantly behind where they "should" be at this point in the year. Please consider if you are led to contribute to Meeting financially at this time. In addition to the contributions of time and energy that Friends give so generously, we do need financial contributions to keep the lights on and support our activities.

Contributions can be placed in the box on the wall in the worship room beside the doors to the foyer or in the Treasurer's box in the office.

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HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – PLEASE NOTE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR & EMAIL ADDRESS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the deadline listed above in the calendar. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting. •Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!

Announce List: announce@annapolis.quaker.org

Discuss List: discuss@annapolis.quaker.org

When I preach, I usually speak of detachment and say that a man should be empty of self and all things; and secondly, that he should be reconstructed in the simple good that God is; and thirdly, that he should consider the great aristocracy which God has set up in the soul, such that by means of it man may wonderfully attain to God; and fourthly, of the purity of the divine nature. -Meister Eckhart

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