

## ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — August 2011

### CALENDAR

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m.
- First Day School for children: 11 a.m. (Joining meeting for worship from 11:45 a.m. to noon)
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in calendar below
- Care of the Meeting House for Eighth Month: Pastoral Care

AUGUST 7: ([9 a.m. Meeting for worship with attention to business moved to August 14!](#)); 11 a.m. Meeting for worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

AUGUST 14: 9 a.m. Meeting for worship with attention to business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

AUGUST 21: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 9 p.m. Newsletter items deadline: please email!

AUGUST 28: 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

### QUERIES FOR EIGHTH MONTH: OUTREACH

Do you as way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance? (Faith & Practice, p. 40)

### QUAKER QUOTES

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40, KJV)

"Let me light my lamp," says the star "and never debate if it will help to remove the darkness." (R. Tagore.)

What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. (St. Augustine)

Divine love imposeth no rigorous or unreasonable commands, but graciously points out the spirit of brotherhood and way to happiness. (John Woolman)

### MEETING FOR WORKSHOP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES

Third Day of Seventh Month, 2011

Present were: Wes J. (Assistant Clerk) and Phyllis S. (Recording Clerk) with 20 other Friends and attenders. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Treasurer's report: Joel R. provided a written report with the note that our assets exceed our expenses. A request was made, in the future, for the Treasurer to email the treasurer's report prior to MfB to permit Friends earlier consideration of it.

Stewardship and Finance: Mary K. reported these committee recommendations:

1. In response to suggestions from Friends and the Threshing Session held in June 2011, S&F proposed the establishment of a new restricted fund: the Committee Contingency Fund. This would a) fund committee activities that were not anticipated when the budget was developed, and b) make up a shortfall in income at the end of the year. The target amount would be \$10,000. The fund will be administered by S&F, with i) Up to a threshold (yet to be determined), which can be disbursed directly by the committee after discussing the request at a regular committee, at rise of meeting, or via email. ii) Larger requests will be brought to MfB by S&F. ACTION: AFM has unity around allowing S&F to proceed with developing the Committee Contingency Fund. S&F will return after discussions about definitions (direct committee activities) and details, specifically about cutoff levels. Friends are invited to comments to S&F after receiving email from them discussing the CCF definition.
2. There was a surplus of about \$12,000 last year. After the brick work there is a surplus of \$5,000 to \$6,000. We agreed to recommend adding \$1,000 to the Peace and Justice Center account for the 9/11 conference. We recommend using the rest of the surplus to fund the newly established contingency fund. ACTION: AFM has unity around this proposal. S&F agreed to include a recommendation on how any surplus will be allocated with each year's budget recommendations. ACTION: S&F also will provide a discussion of restricted funds to the newsletter.
3. During the Called Meeting held on June 17, Friends united behind the purchase of the North Lawrence Avenue property, and an offer was made and accepted. In the called S&F committee meeting at the end of June, S&F and others in attendance united behind the concept that "Funds that we use to solidify this purchase will NOT come from funds already contributed." Our offer, contingent on the results of the Environmental / site Survey, has been accepted. Friends who made commitments toward the down payment, and others who are so led, are requested to transmit those commitments to our Treasurer - at meeting or mailed to his home - as quickly as possible. NOTES: There is still not unity about the mortgage. There is concern that AFM should contact a property attorney. Does AFM have a plan for the maintenance of the new property?

BYM Interim Meeting Report: The BYM report was laid over to a later meeting.

Closing: These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wes J., Asst. Clerk, and Phyllis S., Recording Clerk

**PURCHASE OF NORTH LAWRENCE AVENUE PROPERTY**  
APPROVED BY SPECIALLY-CALLED MEETING

NOTE: There will be a special Stewardship and Finance Committee meeting on July 31 at 9 a.m. including issues relating to financing of this property; the August Meeting for Business, primarily on the same issues, has been rescheduled from August 7 to August 14 at 9 a.m.

Dear Friends,

It is with joy that I announce the signing of our contract of sale for the purchase of the North Lawrence Avenue property adjoining our current property. The environmental site assessment is in process, and we will need to complete the sale in mid-August.

Several Friends offered funds toward the down payment and closing costs. Please transmit those funds to our Treasurer, Joel Rodkin (6424 Hickory Overlook, Columbia, MD 21044-4555), at your earliest convenience. You may give the money to either Joel or myself directly, leave a check in his box in the office, or mail your check to his home address.

If you did not reply to the initial request for commitments to support this purchase but would like to do so, please know that your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Discussions of the means of financing the remainder of the purchase are continuing. Interested Friends and Attenders are invited to join S&F at our committee meeting on July 31 at 9 a.m. or to email me with comments.

The Friends who gathered at last month's called meeting of the Stewardship & Finance committee united around the idea that funds that we use to solidify this purchase will NOT come from funds already contributed.

Peace,  
Mary K.

### **FIRST DAY SCHOOL TAKES A BREAK DURING THE SUMMER**

We will not have structured First Day School classes during Meeting for Worship for the duration of the summer! But we will re-convene on Sunday, September 11.

As always, parents are welcome to spend time with their children in the First Day School classroom during Meeting for Worship, reading books, and using the various arts and crafts supplies, or to use our play area outside.

We only ask that anything you do use be put away neatly. As always, nursery care for our youngest members will be available on all First Days during Meeting for Worship.

Wishing everyone a joyous summer,  
Joanna T. and Kimberly B., Co-Clerks, Children's Religious Education Committee

### **9/11 DIALOG WITH FUTURE LEADERS: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED IN 10 YEARS? PLANS IN PROGRESS ORGANIZED BY AFM PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER**

During June, Friends of AFM's Peace and Justice Center continued conferring with faculty from St. John's College, the U.S. Naval Academy, Anne Arundel Community College, and others to discuss our plans for 9/11's tenth anniversary.

Our Saturday, September 10 panels will be offered to a primary audience of motivated college and high school students. Seating for the program at St. John's Great Hall will be limited to approximately 150 attenders, most of whom we will sign up in advance to attend. The program will offer an interactive, town-hall style discussion as to studies of terrorism, U.S. policies and alternatives in fields including prevention, public fears, cyber terrorism, and privacy. A related "market place for ideas" contest also will reward the best proposals of young attenders.

Our next meeting date for planning the program tentatively is set for:

- August 8—focused on final details, including final participants packets and onsite plans

Please join us and help with the plans by contacting [pfavero@gmail.com](mailto:pfavero@gmail.com) if you are interested in receiving more information and meeting updates.

### **LIGHT HOUSE "RUN FOR SHELTER" HALF-MARATHON**

The Light House is holding a Run for Shelter this October, and because one of the events is a half-marathon—not something to venture on without training—I am sending this along as an early notice (luckily, there's also a 4.2-mile fun race). The neighborhood is Quiet Waters/Hillsmere.

Click here for details: <http://www.active.com/cycling/annapolis-md/annapolis-run-for-shelter-at-quiet-waters-park-2011>. (Don't be misled by the URL—this event replaces the very successful Ride for Shelter that was held for several years.)

Neither event is inexpensive, but the cause is very worthy. If 4.2 miles seems like a long way, please consider volunteering—we need help, and there is a contact listed on the web page. (Anyone who runs shorter distances but might like support to increase your mileage may contact Phil at [pcaroom@gmail.com](mailto:pcaroom@gmail.com).)

Peace and happy running,  
Peter

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

"Valiant Friend, The Life of Lucretia Mott" by Margaret Hope Bacon

Reading Ms. Bacon's detailed yet lively prose, I was transported back in time to a different place in history. Full of contrasting opinions, many philosophical and theological divisions and violence, the nineteenth century was a turbulent time for Quakers along with many others in the U.S. Centered around one person, Lucretia Mott, this book becomes an historical map of famous characters. Starting around the time of her birth in 1793 and ending with her death and burial in 1880, "Valiant Friend" is intimately personal yet all-encompassing.

Ms. Bacon's writing style leads to some quick page-turning as the reader realizes Mott's huge role during the period when the Hicksites were painfully splitting away from Orthodox Quakers to form their own meetings. Mott was one of the most steadfast members of several anti-slavery societies and was also instrumental in bringing forth many early equal rights for women (even within Quaker Meeting Houses themselves).

At the end of Mott's life, she understood how naive she and her varied allies had been with each cause (including helping Native Americans). Change had come about slowly and the early dreams were never fully realized. It had been difficult to withstand the severe criticisms heaped upon her along with her stalwart husband, James (especially by fellow Quakers that had been her supporters). In the final years, though, many people began to respect her accomplishments fully.

For some readers, the details of Mott's family life may slow the pace of this history-filled biography. I found it gripping. I'm left amazed at her physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual strength. The list of her colleagues was equally impressive (such as Susan B. Anthony, John Brown, William Lloyd Garrison, leaders within the Unitarian Church and many others).

In conclusion, I recommend this book wholeheartedly to anyone wanting to broaden their base of Quaker Knowledge. FIND IT IN YOUR FRIENDLY LIBRARY TODAY!

Faithfully submitted by Susan Dapkunas

(August's Query concerns Pastoral Care: We have books on the counter and the pamphlets on the rack on the table about this topic.)

## **HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by 9 p.m. on August 21.
- Phil Caroom is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at [annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:announce@annapolis.quaker.org); Discuss List: [discuss@annapolis.quaker.org](mailto:discuss@annapolis.quaker.org)

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