

# **ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017**

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- 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 the Meeting Calendar below and in Other Scheduled Items and Items of Note
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> First Days
- North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday (November 1) from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- The Meditation Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the meeting room
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month Please include the word "Newsletter" in your subject line. (All committees and their reps, and all F/friends with leadings are welcome to submit items for inclusion).

## **MEETING CALENDAR**

FEBRUARY 1: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 3-5: Dayspring Silent Retreat

FEBRUARY 5: 9am Meeting for Business; 11am Meeting for Workshop; 6:30pm William Penn House Potluck

FEBRUARY 7: 7pm Green Team

FEBRUARY 8: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 9: 2:30-4pm Spiritual Formation Group; 7-9pm CSGA Business Mtg & Training in Lobbying Methods

FEBRUARY 12: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15am Meeting for Learning; 11am Meeting for Worship; 12:30pm Poetry Group & Writers Gathering

FEBRUARY 15: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 16: 7-9pm CSGA/MCC Speakers Series

FEBRUARY 18: 9am-4pm BYM Working Group on Racism; 2-4pm Deconstructing Racism Working Group

FEBRUARY 19: 9:15am Most Committees Meet; 10:30am Hymn Singing; 11am Meeting for Worship; 12:30pm Committees: CREC; 9pm Newsletter Items Due

FEBRUARY 22: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

FEBRUARY 24: 7-9pm Joint CSGA/MCC Movie Night

FEBRUARY 26: 8am Early Worship; 9:15am Meeting for Learning; 11am Meeting for Worship; 12:30pm Potluck; 1:30pm Clerk Meeting (tentative)

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Ministry and Worship Committee (Note: Peter T is assisting with mid-week check-in and reporting of any discrepancies found; Thank you Peter!)

## **QUERIES FOR THE SECOND MONTH: EDUCATION**

Do you provide religious education, including 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?

## **OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS AND REPORTS (Expanded in paragraphs following; all events at AFM unless otherwise noted)**

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## ***Thinking About Race***

### **Thinking About Race** (February 2017) – **The Fire This Time** by Jesmyn Ward

For this 2016 book, *The Fire This Time*, author Jesmyn Ward\*, after the 2012 killing of Trayvon Martin, invited other African American writers to share their thoughts. In her introduction, she calls it, "A book that would reckon with the fire of rage and despair and fierce, protective love currently sweeping through the streets and campuses of America. A book that would gather new voices in one place, in a lasting, physical form, and provide a forum for those writers to dissent, to call to account, to witness, to reckon." Among those writers is Carol Anderson, whose essay "White Rage" makes some of the same points as her book by the same title, cited in our December "Thinking about Race" column.

"Protests and looting naturally capture attention. But the real rage smolders in meetings where officials redraw precincts to dilute African American voting strength or seek to slash the government payrolls that have long served as sources of black employment. It goes virtually unnoticed, however, because white rage doesn't have to take to the streets and face rubber bullets to be heard. Instead, white rage carries an aura of respectability and has access to the courts, police, legislatures, and governors, who cast its efforts as noble, though they are actually driven by the most ignoble motivations."

\*Ward's novels to date are *Where the Line Bleeds* and *Salvage the Bones*, which won the 2011 National Book Award. Her 2013 memoir, *Men We Reaped*, has won multiple awards.

### **Thinking About Race** (March 2017) – **Muslim Girl** by Amani Al-Khatahbeh

Amani Al-Khatahbeh was nine years old on September 11, 2001, and could see the destruction of the World Trade Center towers from her home in New Jersey. After that, experiencing anti-Muslim attitudes and behavior through her school years, she found her voice and founded [www.MuslimGirl.com](http://www.MuslimGirl.com). It started as a blog in 2009 and turned into a highly popular, highly regarded website, thus giving voice to many others. Her book, *Muslim Girl, A Coming of Age*, describes her journey.

"I feel that the horrible scapegoating we've had to endure has forced us into a corner of defensiveness, dissipating our energy in this endless game of pushing back against the misconceptions that ultimately victimize us. .... It makes me sad to think about all the resources the Muslim American community has been forced to waste for the past decade on campaigns, events, and media efforts to prove that we, too, are Americans; that we, too, are *human*, betting and pleading the public not to believe the racist rhetoric being spewed about us. I can't imagine the types of institutions, programs, and civic society we could have cultivated for our community—the type of *backbone* we could have had the opportunity to grow—had we not been forced into this position." (pp. 44-45)

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each Monthly and Preparative Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, [david.etheridge@verizon.net](mailto:david.etheridge@verizon.net).

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## **Meetings for Learning:**

Generally 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> First-Days

February 26<sup>th</sup> **Ann Riggs** on Social Action and Traditional Quaker Ways

March 12<sup>th</sup> TBD

March 26<sup>th</sup> Green Team Follow-up

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## **Spiritual Friends' Group**

Spiritual Friends' Group (our name for BYM's \*Spiritual Formation Group)

Baltimore Yearly Meeting started \*SFGs about 30 years ago for the purpose of having yet another way to support and nurture individual F/friends' spirituality and practices at their home meetings.

Our first group has formed and the 10 of us have designed a simple format—just a question we individually ponder. We share and listen, hear different perspectives and ideas, and if chosen, ask for accountability around a practice that may be a continuing challenge.

*Do you feel stuck in your spirituality? Want another path to deepen your spiritual life? See benefit from building community around the topic of spirituality?*

Contact Kit H. We have one group and are ready to form another; the format, group size and gathering time will be set by the group. If you feel you could benefit from such an opportunity, express your interest and see where it leads you.

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### **Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM) Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB) First Month, Eighth Day, 2017**

**Present:** Wes J. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), Lynada J., Margaret H., Jennifer D.-L., Jeanne W., Nan & Sky E., Francis W., Mary B., Jean C., Peter M., Phil F., Tom W., Larry M., Carol B., Karen C., Sue P., Jack L., Cairn K., Martha B. Elise A., Bob B., Barb T., George & Ruth C., Patty R., Kim F., Jackie P., Carl & Kim B., Marcia O., Doug M., Kim R. and Mardy B.

**Opening:** We began with centering worship. Our Clerk welcomed Friends to our first and snowiest and coldest Meeting of the year, so far. Happy New Year to All!

**1) Miscellaneous Calendar Items:** (all at Meeting House, unless otherwise indicated):

- a. Friends Poets & Writers meeting today after meeting;
- b. Martin Luther King Jr Awards Dinner including Peacemaker Award to Pat Schenck - 1/13/17, 6 p.m. at La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie – tickets still available;
- c. Meditation Group - Weds 7:30pm;
- d. 1/12 & 19 7pm Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis - see [csgannapolis.org](http://csgannapolis.org) for program details;
- e. 1/20 - Inauguration Day Vigil & sign-making with coordination by Annapolis Friends Green Team, in Support of Women's March participants (as the March will take place on 1/21), followed by worship-

sharing as to our future intentions. NOTE: This Meeting is open to other faith groups and the community generally;

- f. Peter Meredith announced that AFM's week for the north county Winter Relief homeless shelter program this year, again with Magothy United Methodist Church in Pasadena will be Monday March 6 through Monday March 13. Those interested in chaperoning or Sunday night dinner volunteering should Peter.

**2) AFM Trustees:** Sky noted that, to make it official, Trustees should meet to approve our 2017 slate of officers and committees and budget for the new year. Two Trustees, present at MfB, agreed that this will be pursued shortly so that last year's slate does not feel obliged to continue in their old positions.

**3) 2016 Holiday Market – Final Report:** For Market Committee, Cairn offered many thanks to all who supported our 2016 Holiday Market efforts, joining together to simplify our lives and to raise money and educational awareness for our selected causes - Afghan Women's Fund, Centro de Ayuda, Light House, and Catoctin Quaker Camp Green Bath House Project. (A full report is attached to these Minutes.)

Net proceeds totaled \$6,100, so the four charities each will receive \$1,500, in addition to the first \$100 channeled to our Young Friends for their discernment. Unsold items also were sent to help children at Eastport Elementary, Light House alumni, B.I.G. (Books for International Goodwill), Goodwill and Amvets.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming Market events: a) a benefit concert by our own Katrine Anderson on April 8, and b) Spring Market itself on May 6. We now can accept Quaker Market donations all year round, so please let Cairn know (cairnkraftt@comcast.net) if you have antique or other special items to sell online, or general donations that you need to move along prior to Market.

**4) Announce and Discuss Lists:** For group emails via both our Announce List and, in the future, our (currently inactive) Discuss List, our Clerk asked Friends no longer to use the annapolis.quaker.org list and, instead, only to use the Google Groups & Google+ list (afm-announce@googlegroups.com). Using both creates online delivery problems that prevent many from receiving announcements. **Friends also agreed to ask Outreach (Doug M) to assist in reviving our Discuss List.**

**5) Stewardship and Finance Committee (S&F):** Sue P. and Karen C. reported that, despite being almost \$7,000 from our annual goal with anticipated contributions in December, an outpouring of year end contributions and rental payments has created a surplus of approximately \$17,000 – perhaps our largest surplus ever. (A supplemental S&F budget report is attached to these minutes.)

Sue suggested that AFM might wish to use some surplus to make an additional contribution to the soon-to-open Lighthouse Bistro. A social enterprise program, the Bistro will give jobs to Lighthouse culinary program graduates who otherwise might have difficulties getting started in this business. Friends approved the proposal to allocate \$2,500 contribution to the Lighthouse Bistro for a commemorative quote and to “top off” our adult scholarship & another fund\* (\$2,200 is the total anticipated).

Our Clerk and S&F representatives invited Friends to make other suggestions via their committee to S&F Committee as to how best to make use of the remaining surplus—an issue that will be considered and brought back to MfB for action next month.

**6) Ministry & Worship (M&W) Committee:** Tom Wolfe reported the recommendation of an AFM clearness committee that Friends approve the mission of Francis Wayne to support a Kenyan widows' program and other Quaker programs in Kenya, as way opens, with a traveling minute as well as financial support of \$2,000 from AFM's embraced ministry fund. (\*We note that that promptly will be replaced from this year's AFM surplus.)

**Friends approved this minute, the contribution from AFM’s Embraced Ministry fund, and the reimbursement of that fund from the 2016 surplus.**

Tom also noted that Friends are delighted and look forward to membership Clearness Committee reports for Francis, Julie Rouhi & Brennan Bean who have all requested to join Annapolis Friends Meeting. (See attached report, minute, and budget.) Tom also thanked Friends from their support in connection with his mother’s recent passing.

**7) Peace & Social Concerns (PSC) Committee:** For PSC, Barb reported that AFM’s Peace & Justice Center may lay down our local Refugee initiative in the absence of a Friend to lead it, but some Annapolis Friends have joined with Friends from other Meetings—Langley Hill, Patapsco, Sandy Spring and Stony Run, so far--to form a BYM Immigration Network & perhaps an annual session “interest group” or workshop. Barb suggested that future participation by other Annapolis Friends possibly might include: raising funds via our Quaker Markets to help with refugees’ emergency needs (such as rent shortfalls), donating older cars via the Vehicles for Change organization, pinch-hitting for others providing more active support for families in the Baltimore and Washington beltway areas, and taking part in BYM Refugee Network conference calls to learn more about what can be done. We are fortunate that a Muslim-American Quaker at Langley Hill, who speaks Arabic, is coordinating efforts to support Syrian families.

**8) Meeting House and Land (MHL) Committee:** Kim F presented two budget related requests:

a. MHL requested approval of up to \$5000 in Capital Improvement funds for the expansion of the solar array in its existing location by substitution of high-efficiency solar panels on the existing structure replacing temporary panels. This will further reduce our annual utility expenses, and to demonstrate our commitment to stewardship and sustainable energy. Specifically, this will boost our production by 40% at half the cost for commercial installation due to use of AFM members’ skill and work. The projected costs are: \$1500 for 13 solar panels, \$2000 for an additional inverter, \$500 for shipping, and \$500 for miscellaneous wire and supports. This comes in at about 80 cents a watt which is far below the current contractor estimates of about \$2.50 per watt. **Friends approved this request.**

b. MHL also requested approval to enter into a “Scope of Services” agreement for up to \$2400 from our Building Fund with Near Shore Engineering, LLC. to provide a Feasibility Study Concept and Feasibility Report. Kim explained that, as our prior engineer has move away from this area, we will need a new civil engineer to support our ongoing developing a conceptual design for possible Meeting House expansion; in particular, we need to evaluate the requirements of the CBCA regulations and the 2010 State SWM code to confirm the extent of expansion feasibly available. Near Coast Engineering was recommended to us as a single-practitioner firm that specializes in Critical Areas issues, and that has strong contacts with AA County staff. Evan and Kim met with Carl Corse, owner of the firm, and recommend him as a “good fit” for our project; he is thoughtful, experienced, is a good communicator, is well respected by County staff, and has special expertise in Critical Area variance processes. **Friends approved this request** so we may move forward to consider possible future plans, consistent with our concerns for the environment.

c. Clarification of Disbursement Authority of MHL Restricted Funds. In response to a request from S&F, MHL also recently reviewed AFM guidelines regarding restricted funds disbursement:

1. *Capital Replacement guidelines* indicate that disbursement authority is with MHL, with “MAJOR” expenses to be REPORTED to Meeting for Business. There does not seem to be a conflict with how the committee has been handling these funds, except in possibly determining what a "major" expense would be. MHL now recommends that a MAJOR expense should be defined as expense more than \$1000 under this fund.
2. *Capital Improvements guidelines* are more restricted with regards to disbursement authority, and state

that authority is MfB upon advice of MHL. This has slowed the ability of MHL to move forward on needed improvements, such as our AV system. The screen was brought to Meeting for Business for discussion, even though the price was only about \$250, resulting in very slow implementation. The projector was not brought forward to MfB, although we felt that MfB was informed of the overall "project" of AV upgrades.

MHL now recommends that Capital Improvements expenditures' approval up to \$1000 be delegated to MHL then be reported to MfB and that those over \$1000 be deemed "major" and require prior approval from MfB.

Friends agreed to defer discussion of these possible fund guideline changes until our next MfB. Friends were assured that MHL is capable of paying for emergencies in the next month from its regular budget should such needs arise, subject to later reallocation from funds.

Finally, Kim noted that AFM (via MH&L auspices) is still is looking for an Assistant Building Use Coordinator (BUC) to assist Carol (our current and long standing BUC) with an expectation leading to her replacement come this July 2017. We urgently need a volunteer to step forward as way opens.

**Closing:** Due to shortness of time, the form of the MHL segment of these minutes was deferred to discretion of the Clerk and Recording Clerk. MfB closed with silent worship transitioning into MfW.

Respectfully submitted, Wes Jordan, Clerk, and Phil C., Recording Clerk

**Attachments:**

- 1) **Market Cmte - Holiday Market 2016 Final Report**
- 2) **S&F Cmte - 2016 Year End Financial Report detailing Surplus**
- 3) **M&W Cmte - Travelling Clearness Committee Report & Budget for Francis Wayne**
- 4) **AFM Traveling Minute for Francis Wayne**

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**Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)  
Second Month, Fifth Day, 2017**

**Present** were: Wes J. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), George & Ruth C., Nan & Sky E., Peter M., Phil F., Tom W., Elise A., Bob B., Karen C., Lynada J., Carl & Kim B., Martha B., Ruth S., Pat S., Kim F., Dot W., Bill K., Margaret H., Mary D., Mardy B., Sue P., and Karl R.

**Opening:** We began with centering worship. Our Clerk offered some quotes about tolerance, reminding Friends that this does not mean laying down in the midst of outrage but to act with respect.

1. **Miscellaneous Notes and Calendar Items** (all events at Meeting House, unless otherwise indicated):

- a. Noting that Friend Careen is at the A.A. Medical Center, our Clerk called Friends to hold her, Patty R. Nancy Jo, and other Friends and loved ones in the Light;
- b. 2/7, 7 p.m. Green Team meeting;

c. 2/9, 16 & 24- CSGA climate stewards meetings;

d. Meditation Group – each Wed. 7:30pm;

e. Peter Meredith announced that AFM's week for the north county Winter Relief homeless shelter program this year-- again with Magothy United Methodist Church in Pasadena--will be Monday March 6 through Monday March 13. Those who can volunteer to chaperone or help with Sunday night dinner should contact Peter. Peter also noted that Friends may be asked to contribute funds from our 2016 surplus to defray our partner Methodist church's Winter Relief- related costs.

f. Potluck and Committee Clerks meeting – 2/26 at rise of meeting;

g. BYM has requested all monthly meetings, by March, to provide for their annual community statistics survey more than usual information, including the age & race of Friends and attenders in order to comply with requirements of a funding grant. As our new recorder, Karen C. will attempt to respond to this with cooperation of Pastoral Care and Friends generally. One Friend suggested that this might be attempted in connection with our Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting report. Another Friend commented that “there is a lot of grey hair” in the room so more youth and diversity are critical for the survival of Friends.

h. We noted that Trustees did meet last week to officially approve AFM's 2017 slate of Officers and Budget.

i. Kim Benson noted that her family soon will visit the Friend who gathers coins & stamps for right sharing of world resources. So, if Friends have any more of these items to drop off by Friday, they will be happy to take these.

**2. Ministry & Worship Items** – For M&W, Tom W. offered these reports:

a. Brennan K. Ball membership- Leo, as clerk of a clearness committee, read Brennan's letter seeking membership and noting that he has been an attender for many weeks, describing the values imparted by his parents and his spiritual journey including attendance at Shiloh Quaker Camp. Attending Xavier University in Ohio, Brennan has established and hopes to continue leading a silent worship group with up to 17 attenders.

Leo related the committee's observations that Brennan is a sensitive young person, driven to help others through his nursing profession, participation with Black Lives Matter and other community service groups. Brennan did his homework between meetings, reading Faith and Practice, the Journal of John Woolman, and other works. Although Brennan resides mostly in Cincinnati and has not yet had the opportunity to participate in a Meeting for Business (but has been encouraged to make contact with Ohio monthly meetings), the Clearness Committee joyfully recommends that Friends welcome Brennan as a member of Annapolis Friends Meeting.

One Friend recommended that AFM should also reach out and recommend connections for Brennan with Young Friends, with a Cincinnati meeting, and potentially considering Skype participation in MfB. Friends happily approved Brennan's membership.

b. Julie Scott Rouhi, Ellen McBride, Francis Wayne, Carl & Kim Benson all have requested membership & clearness committees will be formed.

c. Francis Wayne Travelling Ministry: Ann R. has met with Francis and recommends to Friends that Francis is spiritually led to proceed with this ministry. Friends previously approved a detailed budget of more than \$4,000, but we funded only \$2,000 towards this. Tom recommended that Friends donate another \$2,000 which still would leave several hundred dollars paid personally by Francis on top of his volunteering his professional carpentry skills. **As an exception to our usual funding guidelines for Embraced Ministry, Friends approved the additional \$2,000.**

d. Meeting Vocal Ministry and Eldering. Tom reported that Leo will lead an adult learning session next First Day as to vocal ministry and eldering, noting that a number of concerns have been relayed to Ministry and Worship about messages in recent meetings. Tom noted that traditionally Friends call for concise and faith-led messages, in preference to overlong and secular comments. But Friends recognize that even these messages may speak for another's condition and we strive for tolerance and openness. "Unless profane or rebellious," early Friends supported all messages. Various Friends offered comments. Tom explained that M&W aspires to always have one of its members be present, if needed, for eldering during MfW. All concerned Friends are invited to attend the Meeting for Learning on vocal ministry and eldering next week.

### 3. Meeting House & Land items (MH&L):

a. Initially, Kim noted that "we have a new neighbor" – a husband and wife who have purchased the home next door. We will invite them to attend a potluck to get acquainted whenever we're able to meet them face to face.

b. Clarification of Disbursement Authority of MHL Restricted Funds. In response to a request from S&F, MHL offered this review of AFM guidelines regarding restricted funds disbursement with recommendations for amendments as follows:

1. *Capital Replacement guidelines* indicate that disbursement authority is with MHL, with "MAJOR" expenses to be REPORTED to Meeting for Business, but there is no definition of "major." **MHL now recommends that a MAJOR expense should be defined as expense more than \$1000 under this fund.**

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One Friend suggested approval of 1. (above) but suggested the number should be \$500 for "major"; another suggested that \$1,000 is a foreseeable expense. Other Friends suggested that our committee emergency funds could permit any expenditures subject to later reallocation. Kim commented that the "reporting" requirement actually relates to how large or small are the amounts of expenditures Friends want to hear about in MfB.

One MHL member commented that, too often, this committee's business gets delayed to the end of MfB and are postponed even for approval of small items. Others suggested that we should not look for ways to shortcut MfB process, but that we might strive to short MHL items higher on our agendas.

**Friends approved the Capital Replacement guidelines and, as to Capital Improvements, approved authority for expenditures of up to \$500 without advance MfB approval. MHL will revise its guidelines accordingly.**

- c. Improvements to Audio-Visual Technology Update and Future. Kim reported that a major item not yet being used is our Poly-Con teleconferencing phone—in part because our conference calling works only through the “Magic-Jack” conference service. This equipment will be kept in the front corner closet in the meeting room along with our digital projector. (Plans are underway to provide connection for the PolyCom in other rooms.)
- d. Care of the Meetinghouse Duties and Rotation. Kim noted that committee clean up obligations now are only required for First Day. Our calendar for this is posted on the AFM website.
- e. Building Use and Management - including role of BUC. Kim reminded friends that Martha B. is in charge of the calendar for in-house events, but with Carole B. as BUC person is in charge of the calendar for rentals. Please make requests as far ahead as possible.

She also noted that we really need to find a new BUC. MHL needs to fill this role & replace Carol B in July. Thinking creatively, we may divide this job into two parts. She noted that the \$16,000 rental income is an important part of supporting AFMs activities and budgets. One Friend suggested reconsideration of using an outside contractor for this and for maintenance costs rather than an employee if we cannot get a volunteer. Another Friend suggested that our improvements and efforts should not be focused on renters, rather than our primary focus on Friends worship and activities. Kim responded that the building actually is well-used by Friends as well as by renters.

**Closing:** Due to shortness of time, the form of the MHL segment of these minutes was deferred to discretion of the Clerk and Recording Clerk. MfB closed with silent worship transitioning into MfW.

-Respectfully submitted, Wes Jordan, Clerk, and Phil C., Recording Clerk

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

- o Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- o Susan W and Nicole S are the editors of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to [annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com). Please include the word “Newsletter” in the subject heading of your email
- o Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- o Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do

not use electronic mail!

- ~~The AFM Announce (announce@annapolis.quaker.org) and Discuss (discuss@annapolis.quaker.org) E-Mail Lists are described on the AFM Information Web Page at <http://annapolis.quaker.org/information>~~
- The Announce and Discuss Email Lists have been replaced with AFMAnnounce at GoogleGroups. If you need to be added to the GoogleGroup, please email Doug at [afmeeting34@gmail.com](mailto:afmeeting34@gmail.com)

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Attachments:

### **Holiday Market 2016 Final Report**

Holiday Market 2016, which took place on 3 December, offered our community a chance to work together for a common good while simplifying our lives by donating things we no longer need and wish to pass on to those who do. It also provided Friends the opportunity to put their gifts and talents to good work, with the result that through Holiday Market we were able to offer our community and the broader shopper community delicious homemade foods, live music from our talented Young Friends, handcrafted gift items, paperwhite narcissus bulbs, jars of 13-Bean Soup Mix assembled and decorated by our Young Friends, lovely Afghan handcrafts and a treasure trove of flea market finds, beautifully displayed.

We had a good turnout for the event from the AFM community, which felt wonderfully supportive. In addition to members of the AFM community, 70 shoppers let us know how they had found out about Holiday Market. Of those 70, about half (33/70) were repeat customers, with roughly one quarter (19/70) drawn in by our signs, and another roughly one quarter (15/70) attending as a result of relatives, friends or neighbors. The remaining few respondents reported being there as a result of an ad in the Capitol or through the dance community.

In spite of (or perhaps because of?) the fact that most of our items are self-priced, we were able to raise \$6,100 through Holiday Market 2016! The first \$100 of the proceeds will be channeled to our Young Friends for their discernment process, with the remainder awarding \$1,500 to each of

our four selected charities (Afghan Women’s Fund, Centro de Ayuda, the Light House, and the Catoctin Quaker Camp Green Bath House Project).

In addition to raising educational awareness and funds for our selected charities, we were also able to leverage items unsold at the end of the day to help a variety of additional causes, with in-kind donations going to: Eastport Elementary for their Christmas shop where students were able to buy presents inexpensively for their families, alumni of the Light House (in need of household items), B.I.G. (Books for International Goodwill), Goodwill, and Amvets.

Many thanks to all those who helped: AFM community members, friends, families, and neighbors!

It’s not too early to mark your calendars now for the upcoming Spring Market events. On 8 April we are looking forward to a repeat benefit performance by Katrine Anderson and her band, and on 6 May we will be enjoying Spring Market 2017! Since we are now accepting Quaker Market donations all year round, please let me know ([cairnkrafft@comcast.net](mailto:cairnkrafft@comcast.net)) if you have heirloom items we might be able to sell online, or general donations that you need to move along. Thanks to Marcia and others we can offer off-site storage of these items until Market arrives.

Outreach	367		845	Young Friend's Opportunity Fund	3,000
Pastoral Care	292		700	Other	
Peace and Social Concerns	0		300	Committee Contingency	16,410
Stewardship and Finance	461		500	Founders Fund	10,233
Restricted Funds	19,915		19,915	<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	236,376
Quaker Causes	3,928		3,930		
Apportionment	12,770		12,770	<b>Other Off-Budget Activities</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	59,675		63,500	CREC school projects balance	159
				BEST dinner balance	0
<b>Net</b>	17,411		0	Markets	
				Holiday Market	
<b>Bank Account Balances</b>				On-going balance (CREC)	400
BB&T Checking	54,600			<b>Net</b>	559
Capital One Savings (old ING)	136,749				
Friends Fiduciary Corp as of 12/31/16	78,907			Bank account balances	280,489
Sandy Springs Savings	10,233			minus restricted funds	236,376

Bank CD					
<b>Total</b>	280,489			minus other off-budget activities	559
FF- cost basis \$62,000+ reinvested				minus 2016 to date	17,411
dividends \$10,268.83=\$72,268.83					
				plus/minus unrealized gains/losses 2016*	3,068
Market Distribution 2016 - \$ 11,811				*(updated in July and Dec)	
				<b>Undedicated Reserves</b>	<b>26,143</b>

**Francis Wayne called to Mission in Kenya**  
**History of Calling to Ministry**  
**Nature of the Spirit's Leading:**

"All I want is to serve the poor, this is the entire calling"

Francis began to be clear and felt called to this ministry when he received an e mail (having not received an e mail for years from this group) from the Mary Knoll missionaries for a three-day jubilee in New York. Feeling so excited that he "jumped up" The Mary Knoll jubilee reminded him of his desire to serve in Kenya. Then upon observing a display at Smile Herb Shop that was "word for word" to Ann's description of the plight of widows in Kenya he bought "the little angel" made by Kenyan widows and felt way opening in Spirit leading him to travel in this ministry.

"I am on God's journey though I screw it up more often than not".

"All I see is the Light"

When asked "What is your role in this leading and what is God's role": "Because I pray daily I know what I am led to do here is God's work, and my work is to fine tune this leading to be one with Christ in the present moment... to be able to act consistently out of Light"

**Clearness Committee** made up of Martha Baer, Marcia Ormsby, and Ann Riggs

Martha Baer: It is my hope that we in Annapolis Friends Meeting, with joyful hearts, embrace Francis's service trip to Kenya with generous financial support from the Embraced Ministry funds. Earlier this year I had the pleasure of serving on a clearness committee that Francis requested related to his spiritual leading to serve in Kenya. As we sat together, it was clear to me that Francis was truly holding his leading in the Light, open to listening to the path he was called to. Providing financial support for Francis that enables him to offer his gifts and skills in service of the people in Kenya while being open to his own opportunities for grace and growth is in keeping with the intent of the fund, fills an important financial need to enable Francis go, and serves the Meeting community as we learn about his experiences and benefit from the richness of his spiritual journey when he returns.

Marcia Ormsby: "Better than writing I thought it would be better to speak from the heart".

Ann Riggs: Francis had been meeting with me for a while about this leading, and as we talked more and more it became evident that he was Spirit led. First Meeting for clearness it became even more evident that Francis experienced being led by Spirit. Francis was clear that this was his highest calling out of many options for service.

## Support Available

Annapolis monthly meeting will consider a minute in support of ministry at January business meeting.

The Co-Owners of a local retail store Smile Herb Shop/Smileherb.com are both committed to providing a retail outlet and marketing for goods produced by the widows.

## Present State of Ministry

January 2017 Journey to Kenya

### Physical Goals

The primary goal is progress toward Fair Trade Certificate status

Budget of \$4,102.47

Airfare \$837.32

Turkish Visa \$20.70

Kenya Visa \$55.00

Pictures Priority Mail \$21.45

PNC Cost \$10

Amari Gardens \$228.00 (6 nights at \$38)

43 other nights at \$20...\$860

Food \$490 (49 days X \$10.00)

Travel \$10.00 x 49 days \$490.00

Purchasing Product from widows \$300.00

Doing repairs at the college \$300.00 (Materials only)

### Emotional Goals and Principles:

Generosity

Discipline

Patience

Energy

Meditation

Knowledge

### Spiritual Goals

Pure consistent Communication eliminates "tapes" of irritation from the past

Second First Day, First Month, 2017

To Friends in Kenya and Eastern Africa:

New Year 2017 Greetings to you in Light and Love from your Sisters and Brothers in Africa



Francis Wayne, a long time and loved attender of our Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, will be traveling among you in January and February of this year under our care. We ask

you to lovingly receive him and as well as our greetings to you through him.

Francis has several specific ministry tasks he has taken upon himself to carry out during his safari. Beyond these, he hopes to learn about and from Friends in Kenya and Eastern Africa. We hope his visit will nurture the bonds of love and friendship between Annapolis Friends Meeting and African Friends. We are certain he will be of great help and assistance to all he encounters in his working ministry, and we greatly appreciate any help you can give him as he undertakes this trip. We commend him to your care and concern, and we look forward with great anticipation to hearing of his adventures upon his return to us.

Yours in the Spirit,

Dorsett Weston Jordan  
Clerk, Annapolis Friends Meeting

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