

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER –

DECEMBER 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 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m., at [7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie](#). Call [410-439-2319](tel:410-439-2319) for more information.
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business. 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

DECEMBER 3: 9-10:45 Meeting for Business; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30 Potluck; 1-2pm Friends House: Meg Meyer; 6:30-8:30 William Penn House Potluck

DECEMBER 4: 9pm Newsletter Items Due

DECEMBER 5: 7-9pm Green Team Meeting; 7-8pm North County Mid-Week Meeting

DECEMBER 6: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

DECEMBER 7:7-9pm CSGA Strategic Planning Meeting

DECEMBER 9: 2-4pm Working Group on Deconstructing Racism

DECEMBER10: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45am MFL: Sacred Dance and Chant; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-2pm Poetry Group and Writers Gathering

DECEMBER 13: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

DECEMBER 14: 2:30-4pm Spiritual Friendship; 7-9pm CSGA Business Meeting

DECEMBER 17: 9:15-10:45am Most Committees Meet; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 11am-12pm Childrens Program; 12:30-2pm Ad Hoc Committee;

DECEMBER 20: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

DECEMBER 21: 9:30-10:30 Worship Circle

DECEMBER 24: 8-9am Early Worship; 9:15-10:45am Christmas Carols; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 7-8:30pm Christmas Eve Worship and Carol Singing

DECEMBER 25: 7-10pm FCNL Advocacy Team Training

DECEMBER 27: 7-9pm MAJR Executive Committee; 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

DECEMBER 31: 9:15-10:45 Worship Sharing: TBA; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship

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 TWELFTH MONTH: Home Life

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

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

Meetings for Learning:

Generally 2nd and 4th First-Days 9:15-10:45am

December 10: Dance and Chant

December 24: Carol Singing

Thinking About Race

Thinking About Race (December 2017) - Beyond William Penn and the Lenni Lenape

At the end of the 18th century, Friends were alarmed by continued public detestation of and violence toward Native Americans and feared they would be exterminated as a people. The Quakers' desire for just and humane treatment of the First Americans brought together a collection of Friends who would systematically focus on this matter. The Indian Affairs Committee, a standing committee established in 1795, is Baltimore Yearly Meeting's oldest, continuously operating committee working on a social concern and specifically addressing the concerns of people of color. It was one of the first two committees to which women were appointed.

Since then, Friends from BYM have interacted in various ways—both in-depth and informal—with citizens of the Shawnee, Wyandotte, Miami, Delaware, Iroquois, Seneca, Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Tuscarora, Santee Sioux, Winnebago, Omaha, Nennah, Otoe, Pamunkey, Mattaponi, Lumbee, Navajo, Piscataway, and Rappahannock Native Nations. In early times, relationships were closest with Shawnee, Seneca and Iroquois people, more recently with Navajo, Lumbee, and Piscataway people. (Some of these tribes now use their own, non-western names; for example, the Iroquois are actually the Haudenosaunee.)

To get involved in community education or advocacy, contact Indian Affairs Committee Clerk Sara Horsfall (Patapsco) at [817-875-4016](tel:817-875-4016) shorsfall99@hotmail.com or Pat Powers (Sandy Spring) at [301-460-4939](tel:301-460-4939) patricia_r_powers@yahoo.com.

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 Working Group on Racism and the Indian Affairs Committee are sharing this space this month, in order to reach as many local meetings as possible, and to recognize November as National Native American Month.

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 or Pat Schenck, pat.schenck3227@gmail.com

Enlightened Self Care

Given the pressures and opportunities on us as individuals and as a community of faith, the question arises: How do we take care of ourselves, our families, and the world that is given to us ...without damaging ourselves or the work we're called to do? How do we nurture ourselves, each other and our "beloved community" as we speak truth to power, to each other?...How do we engage in the enormous needs around us and practice kindness toward ourselves.? Especially during the the potential busyness of the holidays?

A friend remarked that sometimes at the end of our meeting for worship during circle announcements, she is both pleased at the range of important activities that members/attenders of our community are involved in, and exhausted by the multiple choices for service and possibility that the announcements lay in front of her. How might we navigate with integrity and love all the demands and opportunities that seem to bombard us every day?

Another friend once remarked that if one is truly called to a task there is a quality of joy at the center of it, even in the midst of the hard work required. So it seems that self care requires careful discernment about what is ours to do. So what questions/queries might assist in our discernment about enlightened self care when the community's needs are high and the world's pain and possibility callout to us?.

Consider the following;

1. "What am I grateful for?" Just asking the question can change the dynamic.
2. Can I say "no" and keep searching for what to say "yes" to?
3. What drains my energy and what gives me energy?
4. What would it look like/feel like to be a careful and conscious consumer of news/media/internet?
5. What is the cost of going for "perfection" rather than "good enough"?

Nancy Jo

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)

Twelfth Month, First Day, 2017 (12/3/17)

Present were: Wes J. (clerking), Phil C. (recording clerk), Jack L., Martha B., Pat. S., Ted R., Mary B., Nan & Sky & Nan E., Wade L., Ellen M., Dot W., Barb T., Margaret H., Cairn K., Jeanne W., Mary B., Mary D., Julie R., Lynada J., Phil F., Sue P., Elise A., Ruth S., Sheryl G., Ann R., Patty R., Carl B., Jean C., Will & Margaret C.

Opening – We began with centering worship. Our clerk thanked Friends for yesterday's amazing Holiday Market and equally amazing clean up. Our clerk invited Friends to hold Carol Brantley in the light, envisioning her whole and healthy as she continues her recovery.

AFM calendars - In recognition of recent work by Outreach on AFM's calendars, Wes skipped an item-by-item review of last month's and the coming month's Meeting activities. With projection of the online calendar on a large screen, Sheryl explained the consolidation of AFM's three calendars combining into a single calendar Meeting activity dates, rental dates, other MHL, and offsite Quaker-ish program entries! Friends thanked Sheryl for this wonderful improvement.

The new calendar system still is under development, so Friends are invited to send suggested improvements to Sheryl G. or Carol B. Friends, at this MfB, suggested a dropdown window with an explanation of common abbreviations.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both will be First Days – Our Clerk raised the question to Friends as to whether there will be special activities. Christmas eve may be as simple as worship, carols & Christmas cookies, but M&W will announce plans shortly.

Holiday Sharing Meals and Gifts – Wes thanked Friends for their Thanksgiving contributions to our holiday families including one with 7 children and also thanked Sheryl for her assistance in creating an online sign-up sheet with updates almost in real time.

Memorial Minute and Memorial Garden – For Pastoral Care (MaryB) reported, as to the Memorial Garden: In recent years, we have added several memorial slates and brass name plates on our brass memorial plaque with room for many more. Friends have proposed a second bench and additional plantings and Pastoral Care will discuss these possible arrangements with Meeting House and Land.

Mary B. also read a memorial minute for Katrine Anderson. (See attached.)

Second Reading 2018 AFM Slate – For Nominating Committee, Elise A. presented the 2018 AFM Slate of Committees, Officers and Representatives, and thanked the members of the Nominating Committee, Patty R, Susan D., Nancy Jo S. and Bill K., for their inspiration, dedication and hard work. She also noted three Friends now have concluded recent years' committees with unusual grace and generosity of spirit: Mardy Burgess (retiring as co-clerk of Outreach), Mary Barber and Margaret Holmes (from Pastoral Care) and Marcia Ormsby (as Clerk of Trustees). They have truly enriched our community. She also thanked other Friends and attenders providing their ongoing time, energy and spirit to create our vibrant community.

The Slate was joyfully approved. Elise also reminded Friends that new participants are welcome throughout the year.

A question was discussed during last month's Meeting for Business about lengths of time of committee service. Elise noted that this question was last discussed at length in 2010, with no changes made to the policy adopted in Ninth Month 2000: "*Meeting approved a [nonbinding] guideline... that officers and clerks serve for two years and, with approval of Business Meeting, the term [may] be extended for another two year term.*" If Friends wish, they may send suggestions to Nominating Committee as to any proposed changes to these guidelines.

2017 Quaker Causes Report – For Peace & Social Concerns Com. (P&SC), Barb reminded Friends of our tradition to give Quaker Causes (QC) 10% of the prior year's individual donations with 20% of that amount reserved to "Emergent Social Concerns." PSC's criteria for evaluating possible donations are:

1. Giving to groups that can demonstrate results
2. Promoting causes that reflect our testimonies
3. Ensuring that Annapolis Friends have a connection with recipients
4. Giving to groups in great need with few resources.

On this basis, P&SC recommended the following division of funds this year's allocated \$4,192 QC total:

\$1,000 Light House;

\$ 413 each to Afghan Women's Fund, FCNL, William Penn House, Friends School in Ramallah, BYM's STRIDE Camping program, and Annapolis Immigration Justice Network; and

\$100 each to Quaker House of Fayetteville, Friends Wilderness Center, Samaritan Visit.

Sky suggested that, perhaps in the future, the traditional Lighthouse \$1,000 contribution should be integrated into the standing budget of PSC so that it would not be decided each year. Another Friend suggested that Friends reconsider and, perhaps, increase the level of our Lighthouse contribution. We noted that AFM

members also give individual contributions and in-kind contributions at weekly breakfasts and otherwise. After some discussion, Friends referred this issue for consideration in the coming year by P&SC and S&F. For the present budget, a Friend proposed an additional \$1,000 contribution from our Committee Contingency fund and Friends approved, so AFM's total Lighthouse donation of 2018 funds would become a total of \$2,000.

As to IAF, Friends discussed whether AFM members are ready to support a proposed \$650 annual contribution and active participation. Mary reported that participants other than AFM have contributed approx. \$11,000 in the past year & have been spent on an interim organizer and central IAF office. Ongoing contributions would assist in compensating a paid part-time organizer. Barb noted that in Howard County, Patapsco MM has supported and participated in a sister-IAF organization for more than 10 years.

Second Reading 2018 Budget – For Stewardship and Finance Com. (S&F), Phil distributed copies of AFM's proposed 2018 budget noting that most numbers are repeated from the previous year with a few proposed changes in committees' expenses and with a significant change in our BYM apportionment. (See attached 2nd reader budget.) Friends approved.

Discussion of possible further support of Quaker organizations- A Friend noted that our BYM apportionment currently supports FGC, FUM & FWCC, but currently AFM does not send any additional contributions to these external Quaker groups. Rather than see these as a "Quaker causes," she suggested that AFM should consider that we and our Meeting are parts of a living, world-wide Quaker organization and we should make contributions to them directly as well. Particularly, she noted that FGC is teetering on the brink of dissolution for financial reasons. Friends agreed to hold an adult learning session as to the function of FGC, FUM & FWCC, then to review this question in the next year and in light of year end contributions.

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

These minutes respectfully submitted – P. Caroom, Recording Clerk

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Attachments:

- 1) Minute in memory of Katrine Anderson
- 2) 2018 slate of AFM officers, committees and representatives
- 3) 2018 AFM budget

Memorial Minute for Katrine Woodward Anderson

Her beautiful Scottish soprano rings out as we hold in our hearts the life and legacy of Katrine Anderson, who left us on October 29, 2017, far before we were ready to bid her farewell. She brought international spice to our lives with perspectives from her rearing in the UK, life in Tokyo and Indonesia, work in Turkey, Uganda and Senegal.

She was courageous in her work and dedicated to making a difference. As an economist at the World Bank, her focus was empowering women who worked on the land yet had no rights or opportunities. After her retirement, she continued to work with NGOs on women's issues in development. She conducted her own micro-finance, investing her money in individual women's enterprises toward a path to independence. Her fourth trip to Cuba was planned for late November, where she was to meet with economists and live with a family.

Katrine worshiped with us at Annapolis Friends Meeting and made huge contributions to our charity Market fundraisers through concerts with her wonderful band. She was also part of our Threshold Choir group, a regular at Wednesday night meditation, and a member of the Pastoral Care committee. Although she was in Maine half of the year, she served the committee by sending loving notes to Friends on anniversaries of their departed loved ones' birthdays. When a call came to connect with men in prison, she began correspondence with several who awaited her notes eagerly.

Katrine spent her time between Annapolis, MD and Stockton Springs, Maine with her husband Howard, where they enjoyed sailing, musical events, and volunteering at the farmers' market. Katrine shared her love of Celtic music by performing and recording several much loved albums.

We grieve with her husband Howard, son Mak, son-in-law Tom, sister Margaret, and her four precious grand children, Kaiah, Mia, Kunio, and Rory. We hope she is greeting her beloved daughter Mhari as she wings her way to heaven. May our prayers and remembrances today lift up that flight and comfort her family and friends. Katrine was a blessing and inspiration to us all.

Annapolis Friends Meeting Committees, Officers & Representatives for 2018

Committee positions are volunteer with two-year terms beginning in January--e.g., (18) means that a member will serve starting in January 2018 and complete the term end December 2019. A term in which a member has served as clerk is designated by an underline.

Clerk: Wes Jordan (15)(17)

Asst. Clerk: Martha Baer (15)(17)

Treasurer: Sue Podolin (14)(16)(18)

Co-Treasurer: Julie Rouhi (18)

Recording Clerk: Phil Caroom (14)(16)(18)

Recorder: Karen Cunyngnam (17)

Childrens' Religious Education: Clerk: Suzanne Spoor (16)(18)

Members: Tim Mullady (10)(12)(14)(16)(18), Denise Figueiredo (12)(14)(16)(18), Phil Favero (13)(15)(17)

Subcommittees: Nursery Coordinator: Suzanne Spoor (17)

Homeschooling Subcommittee: Clerk: Kimberly Benson (11)(13)(15)(17)

First Day School Librarian: Suzanne Spoor (14)(16)(18)

BYM Educational Resources : Kim Finch (11)(13)(15)(17)

Library Committee: Co-Clerks: Dot Walizer (16)(18?) and Susan Dapkunas (15)(17)

Members: Evalina Erickson (16)(18), Martha Lurz (17), Anny Sadler (18)

Subcommittees: Friends Writing Together: Facilitator: Dotty Doherty (09)(11)(13)(15)(17)

Meetinghouse and Land: Co-Clerks: Bob Bruninga (12)(14) (15)(17) and Kim Finch (15)(17)

Members: Doug McClelland (12)(14)(16)(18), Peter Meredith (15)(17), Ron DeAbreu (16)(18)

Scott Taylor (16)(18), Peter Taylor (16)(18), Van Vogel (16)(18)

Subcommittees: Hospitality Subcommittee: Marcia Ormsby (16)(18), Pat Else (13)(15)(17), Margaret Candler (18)

Pot-luck Coordinator: Marcia Ormsby (17)

Building Use Coordinator (BUC): Sheryl Grier (18)

Co-BUC: Carol Brantley

Ad hoc Building for the Future Committee: Kim Finch (15)(17), and others

Ministry & Worship: Clerk: Tom Wolfe (17)

Members: Leo Pickens (14)(16)(18), Elise Albert (15)(17), Lynada Johnson (17), Ellen McBride (18)

Subcommittees: BYM Contact: Patty Robinson

Quarterly Meeting Contact: Pat Schenck

Interchange Contact: Pat Schenck

Quaker History & Heritage (since 08): Kim Finch

Quaker Burial Ground: Phil Caroom (13)(15)(17)

Silent Retreat Convener: Jean Christianson

Spiritual Friends Group Facilitator: Kit Hanley

Deconstructing Racism Convener: Jean Christianson

Nominating Committee: Clerk: Elise Albert (15)(17)

Members: Nancy Jo Steetle (12)(14)(16)(18), Bill Kinzer (13)(15)(17), Susan Dapkunas (14)(16)(18), Patty Robinson (15)(17)

Outreach: Clerk: Lee Lougee (14)(16)(18)

Members: Jenn DeLorge McKeown (16)(18), Diane Evartt (16)(18), Sheryl Grier (18), Arielle Jordan (18)

Subcommittees: Directory: Wes Jordan (16)(18)

Web Manager: Sheryl Grier (18)

E-mail List Manager: Doug McClelland (15)(17)

Newsletter Editor: Susan Wolfe (16)(18)

GAIN Representative: Sylvia Oliva (18)

Pastoral Care: Clerk: Patty Robinson (18)

Members: Nancy Jo Steetle (11)(13)(15)(17), Kit Hanley (18), Minette Clarke-Swindle (18),

Wade Lowery (18)

Subcommittees: Quaker Dudes: Head Dude/Convener: Karl Richmond (10)(12)(14)(16)(18) and Phil Caroom (16)(18)

Peace & Social Concerns: Co-Clerks: Barbara Thomas (16)(18) and Mary Dadone (17)(18)

Members: Jeanne Ward (16)(18), Ann Riggs (17), Francis Wayne (17)
Subcommittees: Peace & Justice Center: Co-Facilitators: Martha Baer (14)(17) and Barbara Thomas (15)(17)
AFSC contact: Barb Thomas
FCNL contact: Jeanne Ward
Lighthouse Shelter Co-liaisons: Marcia Ormsby (07)(09)(11)(13)(15)(17) and Sue Podolin (17)
Lighthouse Board: Sue Podolin (15.5)(17)
Friends of the Lighthouse Board: vacant
William Penn House Contact: vacant
Under the care of PSC: Green Team: Co-Clerks: Phil Favero, Martha O'Hehir, Kimberly Benson,

Carl Benson

All participants welcome

Quaker Market: Clerk: Cairn Krafft (12)(14)(16)(18)
Members: Margaret Holmes (07-12) (13)(15)(17), Pat Else (14)(16)(18), Jean Christianson
(14)(16)(18), Ruth Casey (16)(18), Francis Wayne (16)(18),
Ruth Slavin (16)(18)

Stewardship & Finance: Clerk: Phil Caroom (16)(17)
Members: Sky Elsabee (12)(14)(16)(18), Phyllis Singer (16)(18), Carl Benson (16)(18)
Ex officio: Sue Podolin (13)(15)(17) and Julie Rouhi (18)

Trustees: Clerk: Jack Lahr (14)(16)(18)
Members: Marcia Ormsby (12)(14)(16)(18), Wes Jordan (15)(17), Karen Cunyningham (18)

HOW TO SUBMIT

NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items in RED are new information as of March 2017

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events **by end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business.**
- Susan W is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to her at annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com. Please include the word "Newsletter" in the subject heading of your email
- 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!
- The Announce and Discuss Email Lists have been replaced with AFMAnnounce at GoogleGroups. Please email announcements to afm-announce@googlegroups.com. If you need to be added to the GoogleGroup, please email Doug at afmeeting34@gmail.com or send a request to join by visiting <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/afm-announce>

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