

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)  
Sixth Month, First Day, 2025 (6/1/25)

Present were: Ellen McBride (clerk), Phil Caroom (recording clerk), Ben Kilgore, Ruth Slavin, Martha Baer, Marcia Ormsby, Sky Ellsbree, Jack Lahr, Jack Hogsten, Mike Baker, Dan Campbell, Barb Thomas, Margaret Holmes, Judy Brown, Ann Riggs, Phyllis Singer, Patty Robinson, Karen Cunnyngham, Jean Christianson, Kim Finch, Dot Walizer, Angela Hicks, Mary Pratt, Marjorie Kehoe, Steve Poe, Francis Wayne, Mary Barbera, Phyllis Singer, Tom Baker Sr., Tom Baker, Jr., and Mark McFadden.

We met both in person and via Zoom, beginning with centering worship with display of Faith and Practice queries as to home and family. Our Clerk also provided a reminder of our blended (in-person and online) & microphone protocols and a review of our AFM anti-racist queries.

In an introductory comment, our Clerk welcomed Friends to another glorious morning and a “gathering of spirits,” even those of Friends who are away in travel. Our Clerk also noted her deep appreciation for “a lot that is going on” in our committees, even when these concerns have not yet made their way to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB).

For Ministry & Pastoral Care (MPC) Committee, Martha Baer started with a “big picture” of MPC’s role as to clearness committees: These committees may be arranged for anyone who may request one. For example, for marriages, losses, leadings, or other life issues; a small group is pulled together to allow the individuals involved to hear their own voices more clearly. Currently, MPC has reorganized a previous clearness committee to assist Ann Riggs to maintain centeredness in her chaplaincy.

Ann also has decided to offer an ongoing grief support group, which MPC also has embraced; this group will be offered monthly via Zoom for up to 90 minutes on a weekday evening, beginning 6/18/25 (Wednesday), 7 - 8:30. This will combine education on the “four tasks of mourning” as well as offering a check-in for Friends on their own grieving process. Drop-in participation is welcome; Friends from other meetings in the Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting area will also be welcomed.

For Meeting House & Land Committee (MHL), Kim Finch provided an update on various projects: Yesterday, Kim and our Clerk met with architect Evan Lippincott. Despite medical issues, Evan is enthusiastic to continue work on “our building” and is also seeking support from another architectural firm who may see the project through to the end. MHL is planning to bring a proposed contract to begin architects’ planning work next month. Responding to Friends’ questions, Kim agreed that other Friends, as second circle, also may participate in planning meetings, and agreed to offer written updates, perhaps using AI notes with participants’ consent on Zoom meetings.

As to electrical contractors, MHL has found a contractor (Innovation Electric) who has agreed to install the new stove and may assist with other projects. As to solar array #2 and our EV charging stations, Innovation Electric has also provided a quote which will be compared with some other quotes.

In other electrical work, some volunteers from the AFM community have assisted in gradual, sequential replacement of Meeting House fluorescent lighting fixtures with LED fixtures. So far, the office and classrooms have been done.

As to our hearing assistance system, our Clerk and Mark Taylor with assistance of a contractor have undertaken an evaluation as to a possible upgrade or repair of our existing mixing board.

Our interior and exterior painting cycle has resumed with excellent work by volunteer Ron DeAbreu. Others participation, as understudies, would be welcome.

Our next workday will be on Sat., 6/14/25, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jobs may include daffodil re-planting, other gardening, reorganizing of the mechanical room, etc.

One Friend asked if there are progress reports on MPR flooring replacement and handicapped accessibility updates. Kim responded: a) as to flooring, cork tiles have become hard to find locally, so replacement may become a topic for discussion with the architect; and b) as to an automatic door opener, MHL is looking for an alternate quote. She noted that the expected summer camp tenant has canceled so there may be more time to arrange for a door update.

For Quaker Market Committee (QMC), Ruth Slavin reviewed (see full report - attached) AFM's 2025 Quaker Spring Market. After months of planning, research, and spirit-led discerning, QMC has been able to provide \$250 for First Day School for their distribution, and \$8,000 to be equally divided four ways between the Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) Camping program (internal use) and three other (external use) programs, specifically, the Center of Help serving immigrant families, Citizen Scientist working in the field of climate change, and GLSEN—the country's leading LGBTQ+ education non-profit. She noted, as an ephemeral memorial to Wes Jordan, his daughter Arielle made his traditional cheese cake and others made Wes's potato salad. As usual, the Market shared our joy, love and care with our community.

For Stewardship & Finance (S&F) Committee, Jack Lahr provided a quarterly report on AFM's budget through April 2025, previously circulated online by our Clerk and attached. This quarterly report, Jack said, is "very much in line with last year." Friends thanked S&F and our Treasurers for their work.

As to Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting (CQM), Phil reported this will be held next first day on 6/8/25, inviting a visit to AFM by Quakers from around the State. Beginning with a welcome, coffee and snacks, representatives of local meetings will hear a summary of recent AFM activities and briefly tell about their own Meeting goings-on. (Our AFM report may include information about our recent Foundations / Seeker Series, Green Group activities, and participation in last week's demonstration that applauded USNA grads, but raised concerns about policies of their commencement speaker (U.S. Vice-President Vance). We may also preview our impending "grief group" and explain that we soon hope to complete our impending work to improve Meeting House accessibility for those with disabilities.

For Peace & Social Concerns Com (PSC), Margaret H. reported: 1) AFM continues to have a group working with Unitarians to support our Afghan refugee family. The family has made some additional progress: the father soon will begin work as an Uber driver, Friends have supported the mother's efforts to complete her U.S. education, and we have encouraged school enrollment for the 5 year-old. A Zoom meeting on Thurs., 6/5 with Lutheran Social Services staff, Unitarians and Friends. 2) Preparations are continuing to make a presentation of proposed Quaker Causes. One particular focus this year relates to problems of hunger around the world. Friends who wish to participate in this process are invited to meet with the committee in person or by Zoom on Mon.,

6/16, at 7 pm. One Friend noted that the emergent social concerns fund, with a balance of \$2,859, also is available to address developing concerns, such as hunger.

For Pastoral Care, Marcia Ormsby noted that she and Annie Warneka recently attended a regional Quakers' healers conference and are led to attempt formation of a small group for AFM. Healing concerns might relate not just to illness, but also to other concerns (divorce, deaths, even loss of a pet, anxiety, etc.). Medical training would not be required for participation. Another Friend commented that this effort might well complement the grief counseling that Ann is organizing.

We concluded with brief centering silence.

*-These minutes respectfully submitted. - P.Caroom, Recording Clerk*

## Quaker Market Committee Report 6<sup>th</sup> month meeting for business 2025

Four months of preparation for AFM's 2025 Quaker Spring Market began in February, with the solicitation of beneficiary ideas from the AFM community. Following in-depth research and conversations with many community members and subsequent spirit-led discernment by Quaker Market Committee members, the following allocation of Quaker Spring Market proceeds was recommended to and approved by 3<sup>rd</sup> month meeting for worship with attention to business:

The first \$250 for discernment by AFM's Young Friends.

The remaining \$8,000 of net proceeds to be split evenly among the following four causes:

- Internal
  - **BYM Camping Program**—supporting a diverse population of campers at a difficult time in our country
- External
  - **Centro de Ayuda/Center of Help (COH)**—supporting and empowering immigrants through assistance, education, and mental health services
  - **Citizens' Climate Education (CCE)**—training volunteers to advocate for effective climate solutions and build political will among all parties
  - **GLSEN**—the country's leading LGBTQ+ education non-profit

With this selection of beneficiaries, Annapolis Friends Meeting quietly demonstrated that we stand with children and some of the most currently marginalized members of society in the US.

Subsequent months of preparation saw efforts in advertising, helping community members (and beyond) downsize in some cases entire households, off-site storage, planting seeds and potting up transplants with our youngest Young Friends, baking, cooking, sorting donations and displaying them with a generous helping of fairy dust, much schlepping (of furniture, other donations, and our own display furniture), donations of olive oil from Bethlehem, Condiment Station barbecue sauces, hamburgers and hotdogs, online sales of vintage dollhouse miniatures, preparation of Afghan Women's Fund displays, and much more. And our dear Friend Wes Jordan was remembered and honored through his delicious recipes for cheesecake and potato salad, when Wes's daughter Arielle and others stepped up to make these recipes Wes had blessed Quaker Markets with for many years.

In all of the committee-facilitated but community-accomplished Quaker Spring Market efforts that occurred before, during and after the one-day event, three words come to mind: joy, love, and care. Members of the committee and AFM community, shoppers, and the many long-term non-profit partners we connected with targeted items that hadn't sold by the end of the event felt that joy, love and care that our community invested in this event. And it makes a difference. Much gratitude to all who contributed to Quaker Spring Market 2025 in so many ways to make it a special event.

**Annapolis Friends Meeting Treasurers' report, April 2025**

Operating Budget	Activity		
	2025 Budget	through April 2025	Remaining Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Contributions	55,826	16,857	38,969
Rentals	17,000	9,015	7,985
Interest, Dividends	7,000	204	6,796
Other		11	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>79,826</b>	<b>26,087</b>	<b>53,750</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Committee activities			
CREC	300		300
Communications	7,000	1,377	5,623
Library	400	346	54
Meetinghouse and Lands	30,000	11,613	18,387
Ministry and Pastoral Care	800	406	394
Outreach	1,800	175	1,625
Peace and Social Concerns	4,300		4,300
Quaker Market	100		100
Stewardship and Finance	3,600	1,314	2,286
Trustees	0		0
Independent Designated Funds	15,207	15,207	0
Quaker Causes	3,820		3,820
Apportionment	12,499	4,166	8,333
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>79,826</b>	<b>34,605</b>	<b>45,221</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,518</b>	<b>8,529</b>

**Notes:**

Contributions includes memorial contributions  
Interest, Dividends includes FFC distribution but not unrealized gains/losses  
Ministry and Pastoral Care includes \$250 for Quaker Burial Ground  
Outreach includes \$100 GAIN dues, which have not been paid for several years.  
P&SC includes \$2,000 for Lighthouse and \$2,000 to for ACT  
Quaker Causes is 8 percent of 2023 contributions

**Money in the bank as of April 30, 2025**

Truist Checking	97,790
Truist Saving	48,256
Truist Certificate of Deposit	103,239
Friends Fiduciary Corp (FFC)	204,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>453,820</b>

Internally designated Funds	2025	Income	Expenses	Balance
	beginning balance	through April 2025	through April 2025	
<b>Peace and Social Concerns</b>				
Emergent Social Concerns	2,404	955		3,359
Peace & Justice Center	2,928			2,928
Retrospective and Restorative Justice	5,532			5,532
<b>Meetinghouse and Land</b>				
Building Fund*	199,718	26,653		226,371
Capital Improvement**	32,530	500		33,030
Capital Replacement	47,047	5,000	1,383	50,664
Memorial Garden	1,040	960	375	1,625
<b>CREC</b>				
Young Friend's Opportunity	2,000			2,000
Camping	866	1,634		2,500
<b>Ministry and Pastoral Care</b>				
Embraced Ministry	2,000			2,000
Suffering & Individual Emergency	5,000			5,000
<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>				
Adult Scholarship	2,091	409		2,500
Committee Contingency (CCF)	8,751	1,249		10,000
<b>Trustees</b>				
Founder's Fund	0			0
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>311,907</b>	<b>37,360</b>		<b>347,509</b>

\*The Building Fund includes some donations restricted by the donor as well as funds internally designated by AFM.

2025 Building Fund activity includes \$21,654 from the 2023 and 2024 surpluses. The first \$12,500 of any net 2025 operating budget will go to the Building Fund.

\*\*The Capital Improvement Fund includes \$2,400 from Quaker Market proceeds for accessibility improvements. 2025 activity is a \$500 grant.

**Summary of AFM funds as of April 30, 2025**

Designated funds	\$347,509
Net operating budget	-\$8,518
Battin gift	\$20,000
Undesignated reserves	\$94,828
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$453,820</b>