

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)
Seventh Month, Sixth Day, 2025 (7/6/25)

Present were: Karen Cunyningham (presiding clerk), Phil Caroom (recording clerk), Ben Kilgore, Dan Campbell, Kathy Trimmer, Joanna White, Cairn Krafft, Jean Christianson, Nan & Sky Elsbree, Jack Lahr, Margaret Holmes, Barb Thomas, Jeanne Ward, Martha Lurz, Martha Baer, Minette Clarke-Swindel, Larry McNeely, Mary Barbera, Patty Robinson, Dot Walizer, Kim Finch, Jack Hogsten, Ann Riggs, Phyllis Singer, Tod Carley, Marjorie Kehoe, Mary Pratt, Ani Warneka, and Steve Poe.

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

As an introductory comment, our presiding Clerk also welcomed Friends noting that our current clerk Ellen McBride is away on well-deserved vacation. She will return to facilitate our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB) later in the summer. Our presiding Clerk invited Friends to consider whether we might take our traditional break from holding MfB for the month of August – a time when many of us will be attending Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) Annual Session; Friends approved.

For Ministry & Pastoral Care Committee (MPC), Barb Thomas told Friends that long-time Annapolis Friend Pat Schenck passed away on 7/4/25. She also advised us that Pat's adult children, Ben and Sarah, will join us for worship at 11 a.m. and that plans for a later memorial service will be announced later. After a moment of centering silence, we continued.

For Stewardship & Finance (S&F) Committee, Jack Lahr reminded Friends of the summary of tax and legal concerns that have been gathered by S&F and Trustees over the past several months. A compilation was circulated online with today's MfB announcement. Other Friends' comments are requested by the committee before mid-July; the committee's hopes at September MfB to propose a comprehensive response to all such Annapolis Friends concerns. Another goal might be to economize on legal and accounting costs, if possible. Jack also noted that the committee will report on their investigations regarding transitioning to a new accounting system in September.

Responding to questions, Jack noted that this plan will not focus on our Quaker process so much as the "legal guardrails." He also noted that the committee has begun consulting Yearly Meeting and other local meetings. As clerk of Trustees, Patty noted that, ultimately, the decision(s) about these concerns will not be made by the committee or Trustees, but Friends in MfB. Another Friend (treasurer Dot Walizer) noted that a possible transition to new software is a separate question from the legal concerns.

For Peace & Social Concerns Com (PSC), Margaret Holmes reported a recommended distribution from our 2025 Quaker Causes fund, reading the list. (See attached.) She noted that the amount of money to be distributed this year (\$3,820) is based on Friends' individual contributions during a previous year, and that amount is about \$600 less than last year. Friends, this year, suggested that concerns about international hunger be one priority; the Committee included these, along with other continuing Quaker concerns, including climate & peace in the Middle East. The committee also considered designating additional contributions for LGBTQ and climate concerns, but decided not to since Quaker Market in the past few months already has donated thousands to each of these

causes. Finally, Margaret noted that it has been difficult to eliminate items from this list with the result that amounts going to each recipient are relatively small; Margaret invited Friends also to consider groups on the list for individuals' own giving. (The Committee will recirculate the list with links and addresses for this purpose on AFM announce.)

Two other Friends reminded us of a 2005 MfB decision that created an Emergent Social Concerns fund (currently containing \$2,859) which, perhaps, could be used in lieu of extraordinary fundraising. Our Treasurer suggested, if approved by MfB, that still other funds in the budget could be tapped or repurposed for any as yet unmet needs. Margaret asked the Green Group to provide recommendations for a group that is focused on climate change for potential funding. A Friend asked that P&SC also consider a group focused on LGBTQ concerns.

After discussion, Friends approved this recommendation for 2025 Quaker Causes. Friends also encouraged that the committee consider additional donations from our AFM emergent social concerns, committee contingency or other funds.

For Meeting House & Land Committee (MHL), Jeanne Ward offered various updates: As accomplishments, MHL recently got the septic tank pumped and has received a possible architect's agreement, now under review. Our volunteer painter, Ron DeAbreu, has repainted a water-stain in the nursery, rain barrels and more. And, our ductwork has been inspected for mold; the inspector advised that while our ducts are clean, we need to clean our vents; he also recommended that we keep the multipurpose room fan running at a low level continuously to avoid mold and mildew.

A long laundry list of our other pending priorities—which Friends might volunteer to facilitate—include:

- 1) a handicapped ramp for the side door;
- 2) repairs to the solar array & EV chargers;
- 3) several outdoor lighting fixtures that need to be installed;
- 4) repainting the handicapped ramps;
- 5) replacement of the floors (flooring has been selected but a contractor is needed);
- 6) the hot water heater is ready for replacement which must be done before we can remove our (rented) propane tank.
- 7) We also need a volunteer to do maintenance for our water treatment tank.
- 8) A volunteer could be appreciated to reorder miscellaneous supplies.
- 9) And repainting the surface rust on our refrigerator. (Jeanne already has ordered the paint.)
- 10) Signage on Bestgate Road
- 11) Clean all vents in MH with bleach solution
- 12) Clear front garden
- 13) Contract for automatic door opener (front and/or side)
- 14) Hearing devices
- 15) Drywall repair on skylights
- 16) Power wash entry bricks, patio, soffits
- 17) Clean slate floor and fireplace surround
- 18) Eve repair near HVAC
- 19) Ceiling fans in MPR

Also, Jeanne noted, a prospective Eagle scout soon may volunteer to do improvements on our trails.

Friends approved these minutes subject to minor amendments and updates. We concluded with brief centering silence. *-These minutes respectfully submitted. - P.Caroom, Recording Clerk*

2025 QUAKER CAUSES (2ND DFT.)

2024 TOTAL \$4,419

2025 TOTAL \$3,820

REDUCTION 599

ODD AMT. - 419

DIF. - 180 =

one tier 2 reduction w/ \$20 balance

TIER 1--

- 1) [Ramallah Friends School](#) \$350
 - 2) American Friends Service Committee ([AFSC](#)) [Gaza relief fund](#) \$370
 - 3) [Center of Help / Centro de Ayuda](#) \$350
 - 4) [Afghan Women's Fund](#) \$350
- (Tier 1 - the above 4 x \$350 = \$1,420)

TIER 2--

- 1) [Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake](#) \$200
 - 2) [Annapolis Immigration Justice Network, Inc.](#) \$200
 - 3) [Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center](#) \$200
 - 4) [Friends Peace Teams](#) \$200
 - 5) [Friends Committee on National Legislation \(FCNL\)](#) \$200
 - 6) [Friends Wilderness Center](#) -\$200
 - 7) [Interfaith Action for Human Rights \(IAHR\)](#) \$200
 - 8) [Quaker House](#) (Fayetteville, N.C.) \$200
 - 9) [Friends General Conference \(FGC\)](#) \$200 [desig. for Kallan Benson/WCC climate prog./travel fund]
 - 10) [Friends United Meeting \(FUM\)](#) - Solidarity - emergency aid fund - includes Kenyan Turkana drought sufferers and "others...most vulnerable" - \$200
 - 11) [Muslim Voice for Peace & Reconciliation](#) \$200
 - 12) [Right Sharing of World Resources \(RSWR\)](#) \$200 -
(incl. assistance for Kenya, Sierra Leone, Guatemala & India w/emphasis on women entrepreneurs)
- (Tier 2 - 12 x \$200 = \$2,400)

COMBINED TIERS TOTAL -

QC amount available for 2025 \$3,820