

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfW wAtB)
First Month, Fifth Day, 2020

Present were: Martha B. (clerk), Ellen M. (recording clerk), Wes J., Mary B., Peter M., Margaret H., Nan E., Sky E., Sue P., Barb T., Karen C., Jo Anne S., Sheryl G., Phil C., Cairn K., Doug K., Jeanne W., Julie R., Dot W., Jennifer D-L., Amy N., Sheila M., Marcia O., Carl B., Kimberly B.

Opening: We began with centering silent worship and the First Month Queries (Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Faith and Practice, revised 2001) were displayed on the screen for those present to review and consider.

Reflections:

Our clerk provided her reflections about what Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfW wAtB) is, based on comments and feedback from information gathered in previous a Listening Session at MfW wAtB (Jan. 2019). The clerk expressed her gratitude while she was clerk this past year and how much she appreciated the synergy of faith and practice realized at the Meeting. There is renewed energy around exciting potential changes for the future. A Friend expressed gratitude for the clerk's leadership this past year.

Agenda Items:

1. Quaker Holiday Market Final Report: On behalf of the Quaker Market Committee, Cairn K. provided the final report for the Quaker Market that took place on December 7, 2019 noting that the gross amount earned was \$9,910.98. The attached report includes additional details. The Quaker Market builds community and develop proceeds to support worthy causes, especially this year's recipients including Fridays for the Future, Kallan Benson and her family in their ministry to educate and bring awareness to the climate emergency that we are facing.
2. 2019 Budget Report:
 - a. 2019 Quaker Concerns: Jeanne W. presented the decisions made by Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC) for distribution of funds to Quaker Concerns from their December 17, 2019 meeting. The attached report, 2019 Quaker Cause report, provides additional details. The 2019 Distribution to Quaker Concerns included four thousand four hundred and seventy-eight dollars (\$4,478) that were distributed to seventeen different causes.
 - b. Treasurer's Preliminary Report Update: Julie R. presented the 2019 Treasurer's Preliminary Report. Highlights included:
 - i. Good news was provided in that the final 2019 numbers will come close to the projected numbers and that gives the Treasurers confidence for the 2020 budget projections.
 - ii. There was a surplus that came up to approximately eleven thousand dollar (\$11,000).
 - iii. The plan for how to distribute the surplus is under consideration. The following represents some of the options:
 1. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each is planned for the Building Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund because these two line items were reduced for the budget.
 - a. A Friend suggested that the funds that were reduced should be restored to the accounts.

2. Friends are welcome to make suggestions as to where the final portion of the surplus which is approximately one thousand dollars (\$1,000), being mindful of potential 2019 expenses that may not have been reported to date. Any comments and suggestions for where the additional surplus should be placed will need to be received by Stewardship and Finance within the next two weeks, so that the final report can be provided at the Second Month MfW wAtB (February 2020).
3. Nominating Committee & the 2020 Slate: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Wes J. provided proposed final draft of the 2020 Slate of Clerks and Committee members. This version is an update from the 2020 Slate that was presented and approved at the 2019 Twelfth Month MfW wAtB (December 2019). Friends approved the changes that were presented.
 - a. A Friend expressed appreciation that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee will continue into 2020. A Friend expressed the need for all Friends to help the P&SC Committee since the committee is very small with only three members and there are plenty of activities. The concept of Second Circle was introduced. It was noted that there are many members of subcommittees on P&SC.
 - b. Additionally, there was a request to reconsider if the Meeting House and Land (MH&L) Committee has enough members to do the work and it remains a concern that the Nominating Committee will monitor the needs.
 - c. A Friend expressed appreciation that Wes has agreed to be clerk of Stewardship and Finance Committee.
 - d. A Friend talked about “cross-cuts” where there are overlapping circles from one committee to the next. The Clerk expressed that good communication and connections can help us.
 - e. A Friend suggested that mentorship is an effective way to get newcomers (seekers, visitors) involved.
 - f. A Friend suggested making an announcement at Circle inviting people to visit committees that they are interested in participating.
4. Ministry & Worship: On behalf of Ministry and Worship (M&W), the clerk read the letter of transfer of membership for Jo Anna (a.k.a., Jo Anne) Schneider from Patapsco Friends Meeting. Jo Anna expressed her excitement to become a member of AFM. The Meeting happily and enthusiastically welcomed Jo Anna into the fellowship of Annapolis Friends Meeting. A copy of the letter of transfer of membership is attached.
5. Announcements:
 - a. Annual Statistics Survey: On behalf of the Ad-hoc Survey as part of Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s (BYM) diversity and welcoming meeting initiative that was started in 2017, AFM will be participating in the Annual Statistics Survey again this year. The survey will be electronic again and will be launched prior to the end of the First month (January 2020).
 - i. A Friend asked if a disability question could be added and it was decided the Ad-hoc Survey team will edit the current version of the survey to include questions concerning disabilities, how AFM can accommodate various disabilities and offer an open-ended comment box, so that survey takers can provide any additional helpful information.
 - b. Best Practices for Committee Clerking Forum: A forum will be conducted on January 12, 2020 at AFM from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for anyone interested in learning more about clerking and committee best practices Everyone is invited. The forum will be very

informative about the functioning of committees. Forum topics will include the role of the clerk, spirit lead meetings, clerking best practices, and more. A simple meal will be provided.

- c. Spiritual Formation Program Mini-Retreat: On behalf of the Pastoral Care (PC) committee, Ellen M. provided information on the BYM offering to lead a Spiritual Formation Program Mini-Retreat at AFM. The retreat is scheduled for March 22, 2020. The two speakers, Alan Evans and Amy Schmaljohn, will attend 11 am Meeting for Worship and will begin the presentation immediately following circle during a simple meal of soup and salad. The agenda will start with a sacred circle with a theme, queries, personal reflection, small group sharing, and more as we gather as a spiritual community. The retreat is expected to end before 5:00 pm.
- d. Spiritual State of the Meeting: M&W will bring the process for the Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting and has requested that a Worship Sharing will be held on February 16th. More information will be provided in the near future.
- e. Meetings Change Group: On behalf of the Change Group Committee, Phil C. announced that the next meeting of Change Group Committee will held on January 23rd at 7:00 pm. All are invited.
- f. Deconstructing Racism: The next meeting of the Deconstructing Racism group will be held on Sat., January 11 from 2-4 pm, followed by a book discussion.
- g. AFM Dayspring Retreat: The AFM Dayspring Retreat will be held at the Dayspring Retreat Center (11301 Neelsville Church Rd, Germantown, MD 20876) on February 7 through 9, 2020.
- h. Calendar: The Business Use Coordinator (BUC) requested that events get posted onto the calendar as soon as possible. The organizer can email Mary B. at afmeeting@yahoo.com.
- i. Rental Concerns: A Friend noted that the library & the office are never to be rented and be available for the use of the AFM Members. The BUC clarified that in the past when the whole building is rented the library was included. It was identified that formal clarification and finalization of the issue of access to the library and the office is needed. The MH&L Committee is requested to finalize a decision as to rental of the whole building and property with regards to exclusion of the library and the office.

6. Final Message: A Friend reminded us to remember Peace and the Peace Testimony, especially after the violence and escalation of hostilities during the previous week.

Closing: The Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business was closed with the final reading and approval of the meeting minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2019 Quaker Holiday Market Report
- 2019 Quaker Causes Report
- 2020 Slate of Clerks and Committee Members
- Letter of Transfer of Membership for Jo Anna Schneider

2019 Quaker Cause Distributions

Quaker Causes P&P:

"To carry out Annapolis Friends Meeting's annual budget policy of providing financial assistance to organizations external to the Meeting, which are working for peace and social concerns and are deemed particularly worthy of Meeting's support."

From Policy and Procedures Regarding Disbursement of Quaker Causes Annual Budget, see Mary's 11/13 email "Final Request for Nominees..."

Criteria:

- Promoting causes that reflect our testimonies
- Giving to groups that can demonstrate results
- Ensuring that Annapolis Friends have a connection with the recipients
- Giving to groups for whom the donation will make a substantial impact

Total allocation in 2019: \$4478

Organization	Amount to be distributed for 2019
Afghan Women's Fund	\$450
Annapolis Immigration Justice Network	\$200
Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center	\$200
Friends Peace Teams Memo: Asia West Pacific	\$200
FCNL	\$100
Friends Wilderness Center	\$225
Interfaith Action for Human Rights (IAHR)	\$200
Magothy UMC for Winter Relief	\$350
Peace Action Organization	\$200

(Maryland)	
Quaker House Fayetteville	\$100
Quaker Voluntary Services	\$440
Ramallah Friends School Memo: Directors' Fund	\$450
Ramallah Friends School Memo: Educational accessibility initiative	\$200
Samaritan Visit	\$200
South Sudan Hope Network	\$200
BYM STRIDE Camping Scholarships	\$450
BYM Camping Property	\$313*
TOTAL	\$4,478

Quaker Holiday Market 2019

Quaker Holiday Market was held at Annapolis Friends Meeting on 7 December 2019. The event was blessed with fair weather, delicious food, flea market treasures, Tent of Nations olive oil and tapenade (donated by a generous community member), paperwhite narcissus bulbs, live music, and warm fellowship among members of the Annapolis Friends Meeting and broader communities.

To welcome our Spanish-speaking shoppers we once again produced the event flier in Spanish as well as English, and we also had a translator on hand at the event.

Our flea market treasures included many items that had been donated by the family of Mardy Burgess and Al Brown, after Al's recent passing. Mardy felt strongly about both youth and climate, and would have been so pleased to know they were able to help support the youth climate action work of Kallan Benson and her family, and Fridays for Future~USA, our selected recipients for the proceeds from Quaker Holiday Market.

Kallan is at the same time a member of the Annapolis Friends Meeting community and a player on the global youth climate action stage. She and her family have shown tremendous dedication and sacrifice to help educate politicians and the broader populous that we live in critical times that require significant changes if we are to save the planet and our children's future.

With the help and generous support of our community and a dedicated return clientele, Quaker Holiday Market was able to make \$9,910.98, and clear a total of \$9,650 (after deducting \$260.98 as the proceeds portion of storage & truck rentals/gasoline). Kallan Benson and her family will receive a total of \$2,850 in Quaker Market proceeds for their personal youth climate action ministry (representing the internal 25% of Quaker Holiday Market proceeds plus Young Friends' \$500 total from Spring and Holiday Markets). The external 75% of Quaker Holiday Market proceeds, \$7,050, will be awarded to Fridays for Future~USA, the youth climate action group in which Kallan plays a prominent leadership role.

In addition to our financial support for the Bensons and Fridays for Future~USA, Quaker Holiday Market also benefited a number of other worthy causes through in-kind donation of unsold Market items: Orphan Grain Train, Light House,

Eastport Elementary School's holiday shop, Voices for a Second Chance, books for boys at the Cheltenham Youth Facility, Books for International Goodwill, Partners in Care, and Amvets. A limited number of unsold Market items are being marketed through other means. Any proceeds generated in this way will apply to Quaker Spring Market 2020, since Quaker Holiday Market sales finished at year's end.

Afghan Women's Fund, which has a long-standing relationship with AFM and Quaker Markets, also benefited from Quaker Holiday Market by being provided a venue for selling craft items to support their work in Afghanistan (current goal of raising \$100,000 to build a school in Achin District where there has been no school for 40 years). In addition to sales made on the day, with help from Friends, Ruth Slavin was able to generate an additional \$600 in sales of pashminas that will go directly to AWF. Fahima sends her love and gratitude to everyone at the Meeting House.

Annapolis Friends Meeting's Quaker Markets provide opportunities for our entire community to work together to create something magical, a gift to ourselves, our broader shopping community, and the causes we support. They require the time, energy, talents and donations of the Quaker Market Committee, other AFM committees such as Meetinghouse and Lands and Childrens' Religious Education Committee, the AFM community, and our broader network of family and friends. It is with warm gratitude that we wrap up Quaker Holiday Market 2019, and ask Friends to mark their calendars for Quaker Spring Market 2020 on 2 May!

Annapolis Friends Meeting
Officers and Committee Members, and Representatives Slate for 2020 (approved at MfB 1/5/2020)

*Committee positions are volunteer with nominal two-year terms beginning in January--e.g., (19) means the nominal 2-year term began in 2019 and will continue through 2020 unless the member wishes a change; (20) means that a member will serve starting in January 2020 and complete the term in December 2021. A term in which a member has served as clerk is designated by an underline. Each committee has subcommittees for which it serves as support and resource. **Updated Final January 5, 2020***

Clerk [Member AFM]: Martha Baer (19) **Asst. Clerk [Member AFM]:** Karen Cunyningham (19)
Treasurer: Dot Walizer (20) **Asst. Treasurer:** Julie Rouhi (19)
Recording Clerk: Ellen McBride (20) **Recorder:** Karen Cunyningham (17)(19)

Childrens' Religious Education

Co-Clerks: Jenn DeLorge McKeown (19) and Tim Mullady (19)
Members: Nancy Jo Steetle (20), Martha Lurz (20) Second Circle support teachers/helpers

Subcommittees:

Nursery Coordinator: Cairn Krafft (19)
Homeschooling Subcommittee: **Clerk:** Kimberly Benson (11)(13)(15)(17)(19)

Library

Co-Clerks: Dot Walizer (16)(18)(20) and Susan Dapkunas (15)(17)(19)
Members: Martha Lurz (17)(19), Nan Elsbree (19)

Subcommittee:

Friends Writing Together: **Facilitator:** Dotty Doherty (09)(11)(13)(15)(17)(19)

Meetinghouse and Land

Co-Clerks: Bob Bruninga (12)(14)(15)(17)(19) and Kim Finch: (15)(17)(19)
Members: Doug McClelland (12)(14)(16)(18)(20), Ron DeAbreu (16)(18)(20), Scott Taylor (16)(18)(20), Peter Taylor (16)(18)(20), Stephen Poe (19), Jeanne Ward (20), Diane Evartt (20)

Subcommittees:

Hospitality Subcommittee: **Clerk:** Marcia Ormsby (16)(18)(20), Joan Miller (20), Margaret Candler (18)(20), Peter Meredith (19)
Building Use **Coordinator** (BUC): Sheryl Grier (18)(20) Co-BUC: Cecile Taylor (19)
Ad hoc Building for the Future Committee: Kim Finch (15)(17)(19)

Ministry & Worship

Clerk [Member AFM]: Tom Wolfe (17)(19)
Members: Elise Albert (15)(17)(19), Peter Meredith (19), Margaret Candler (20), Al Baumann (20), Bonnie Peregoy (20)

Subcommittees:

BYM Contact: Barb Thomas
Quarterly Meeting Contact: Canby Robertson
Interchange Contact: Karen Cunyningham
Quaker History & Heritage: Kim Finch (since 08!)
Quaker Burial Ground: Phil Caroom (13)(15)(17)(19)
Silent Retreat Convener: Jean Christianson (since founding)
Deconstructing Racism Convener: Jean Christianson (since founding)

Nominating

Clerk: Wes Jordan (19)
Members: Susan Dapkunas (14)(16)(18)(20), Patty Robinson (15)(17)(19), Barb Thomas (19), Ann Riggs (20)

Outreach

Clerk: Margaret Holmes (19)

Members: Lee Lougee (14)(16)(18)(20), Arielle Jordan (18)(20), Cecile Taylor (19), Joan Miller (20)

Subcommittees:

Directory: Wes Jordan (16)(18)(20)

Web Manager: Sheryl Grier (18)(20)

E-mail List Manager: Doug McClelland (15)(17)(19)

Newsletter Editor: Susan Wolfe (16)(18)(20)

GAIN Liaison: Tom Wolfe (19)

Calendar: Mary Barbera (18)(20)

Tech Advisory Group: Sheryl, Arielle, Julie, Wes (convener); Content: Kit, Ellen, Diane E.

Pastoral Care

Clerk [Member AFM]: Barb Thomas (20)

Members: Lynada Johnson (20), Minette Clarke-Swindle (20), Mary Barbera (20), Jo Anna Schneider (20),

Subcommittees:

Spiritual Friends Group Convener: Kit Hanley (18)(20)

Quaker Dudes Convener: Phil Caroom (16)(18)(20)

Peace & Social Concerns

Clerk: Phil Caroom (20)

Members: Christina Fiedler (20), Mary Dadone (17) (19)

Subcommittees:

Peace & Justice Center: Clerk: Sheila Murdock (19)

AFSC contact: Joan Miller (20)

FCNL contact: Patty Robinson (20)

Lighthouse Shelter Liaison: Marcia Ormsby (07)(09)(11)(13)(15)(17)(19)

Lighthouse Board: Sheila Murdock (20)

MAJR representative: Phil Caroom (since founding)

Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis Liaison: Wes Jordan (19)

Green Team: Wes Jordan (19)

ACT: lead, Mary Dadone (20)

Change Group: **Convener.** Phil Caroom (19)

Quaker Market

Clerk: Cairn Krafft (12)(14)(16)(18)(20)

Members: Margaret Holmes (07-17)(19), Jean Christianson (14)(16)(18)(20), Francis Wayne (16)(18)(20), Ruth Slavin (16)(18)(20), Al Baumann (19), Martha Lurz (20), Canby Robertson (20), Christina Fiedler (20)

Stewardship & Finance

Clerk: Wes Jordan (20)

Members: Phyllis Singer (16)(18)(20), Carl Benson (16)(18)(20), Julie Rouhi (20), Jack Lahr (20)

Ex officio: Treasurer: Dot Walizer (20)

Trustees [AFM Members all]

Clerk: Jack Lahr (14)(16)(18)(20)

Members: Wes Jordan (15)(17)(19), Karen Cunyngnam (18)(20), Martha Baer (19)

Ex officio: Treasurer: Dot Walizer (20)

**Available to hold committees in the Light during meetings: Jean Christianson

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Mt Hebron House
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December 8, 2019

Annapolis Friends Meeting
351 Dubois Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Friends:

At our Monthly Meeting held on December 1st, 2019, we approved the request of the following full member in good standing of our Meeting for transfer of membership to your Monthly Meeting:

Jo Anne Schneider

We commend her to your loving care. We would appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of this request and notice of your action upon it.

On behalf of Patapsco Friends Meeting,

Eileen Stanzione,
Clerk