

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfW wAtB)  
7<sup>th</sup> Month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, 2022  
(7/3/2022)  
Meeting Minutes – **Approved**

Note: The MfW wAtB was conducted from the meetinghouse in person and with participants using Zoom.

**Present at the meetinghouse:** Martha B. (clerk), Joan M., Canby R., Barb T., Ellen M., Skye E., Nan E., Peter M., Sheila M., Dot W., Karen C., Wes J., Jack H., Sylvia O., Bonnie P.

**Present on Zoom:** Arielle J. (recording clerk), Minette C-S., Ria H., Pat S., Julie R., Jean C., Phyllis S., Cairn K., Margaret C., Will C., Martha L., Ann R., Judy B., Jeanne W., Patty R., and Phil C.

9:00 am Opening: The clerk displayed the 7<sup>th</sup> month Baltimore Yearly Meeting queries while we settled into silent centering worship and as we considered the queries. We were greeted by the clerk and her expression of gratitude to be clerking in-person and to have some of our community online:

7<sup>th</sup> Month: CARING FOR OTHERS

- Do you respect that of God in every person?
- Do you search yourself for and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, and economic condition?
- In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates?
- Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy?

BYM Faith & Practice, 1988 (revised 2001)

The clerk reviewed guidance for MfW wAtB, including that we speak from Spirit and to the center of the room or to the clerk, not engaging in cross-talk. The agenda was displayed on the screen, followed by the AFM Anti-Racism Queries which the clerk read, so that we could use the queries to assist us with our decision-making efforts.

Agenda:

- 1) 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Month 2022 MfW wAtB Meeting Minutes Reviewed & Approved:
  - a) The revised 5<sup>th</sup> month minutes along with the 6<sup>th</sup> month draft minutes were both shared for review. No additional changes were noted and the minutes were approved.
- 2) Treasurers Report & Stewardship & Finance (S&F):
  - (a) Treasurer's Report, 2022 (attached)
    - (i) On behalf of the treasurers, Julie R. provided the updated 2022 Treasurer's report, current as of July 3, 2022. It was noted that all expenses are as expected, as well as noting that with restarting rentals, there is discussion to be had on where potential surplus funds will go.
    - (ii) There was additional discussion on the recent MH&L work on the parking

lot, questioning which funds the work should be assigned to--the operating budget or designated capital improvement fund. S&F agreed to work with the clerks of MH&L to discern which fund those expenses will be assigned to. Friends shared their gratitude for the work done by MH&L to upgrade the parking lot.

(b) **BYM Annual Session Pay-as-Led**

BYM Annual Session will be taking place in-person this year at Hood College, in addition to having a virtual attendance option. Wes J. brought forward the recent request to monthly meetings from BYM to support all those interested to be able to attend BYM Annual Session regardless of their financial capacity. This new “pay-as-led” model of payment is meant to take the burden off of individuals having to make a financial case for resources to their monthly meetings. In turn, monthly meetings are asked to re-direct funds that they may have set aside for individual scholarships to annual session to help make up for any gap in revenue.

S&F expressed desire to support BYM's request and Friends joined in discussion on the details and sources of funding involved with confirming our commitment. Friends requested clarification particularly on the timeline and amount being requested, while adding that AFM is blessed with adequate funding and in a position to support such requests without impacting our ability to fulfill AFM needs. It was noted that should additional scholarship funds be needed for other requests, we could accommodate such requests by reallocating funds from areas such as the committee contingency fund.

- (i) Additional gratitude was shared for the work being done by the treasurers with an open call for Friends who are interested in AFM's use of funding to join the committee.
- (ii) Friends were in unity to approve use of half of the adult scholarship fund (\$1k) as donation to BYM in good faith effort of support for Pay-as-Led.

3) AFM support for Urgent Quaker Call to Action statement:

- a) Phil C. shared an endorsement request (<https://quakercall.net/>) circulated to Meeting and discussed during a recent Meeting for Learning (MfL) concerning the rising levels of friction in the US government and democratic process. The statement sent out by a network of weighty friends from organizations including FGC, AFSC, SCNL, and others, expressed a need to support voting rights and meaningful, nonviolent communication & action in the event of conflict, with an emphasis on being prepared to support nonviolent actions.
- b) Friends who attended the MfL joined in in support of the message and endorsement and desire to continue the conversation to include possible actions and next steps. Although no specific actions besides the message endorsement were requested at this time, interested Friends were encouraged to connect with Peace & Social Concerns to discuss ideas for future AFM involvement.
- c) Friends were in unity to support the motion and endorse the message.

4) Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting report:

a) Canby R., our AFM liaison to Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting, shared a report from the recent meeting held at Patapsco Friends Meeting. Friends met for Meeting for Worship, followed by lunch with attendees from 9 Friends Meetings; about 25 in-person and a few on Zoom. The meeting minutes were taken by Ellen M. and a draft version is available for reference. Discussion highlights included:

i) Many, if not all, other meetings represented are also involved in supporting reparations as well as Afghan resettlement efforts in various forms.

ii) Additional update was shared about a program led by Bob Rudy, a professor at Howard University who is active in the MD Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR). Bob focused on the concern for Maryland's status as the #1 state with a disproportionate number of black people in the prison system.

iii) Canby R. also praised and recommended Syriana, a local Syrian cafe in Ellicott City supporting refugees & settlement, which provided catering for lunch.

5) Ministry & Worship (M&W) reminder:

a) On behalf of M&W, Ann R. asked Friends to be mindful when sharing during Meeting for Worship that messages are prompted by the spiritual connection and experience or spiritual insight. A request was made that other topics Friends would like to share or discuss, including current events and reflections, be shared in other settings. M&W welcomes ideas for how best to create these additional opportunities.

6) 8<sup>th</sup> month MfW wAtB update

a) The clerk suggested that we cancel the August 7<sup>th</sup> MfW wAtB at AFM so that Friends are able to participate in BYM Worship and Meeting for Business at Annual Session that day. Our next MfW wAtB would be on Sunday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a committee clerks' meeting on July 31 (1:30-3:30).

b) All were in unity to cancel AFM's August Meeting for Business.

Closing

The MfW wAtB closed with a moment of silence, reflection and gratitude.

The recording clerk will send the draft meeting minutes to the AFM-Announce email list, so that Friends can review the draft minutes and provide feedback. The minutes will be brought forth for approval at the beginning of the next MfW wAtB on September 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Month 2022 MfW wAtB Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, 2022
- Urgent Quaker Call to Action statement

**Annapolis Friends Meeting 2022**

Treasurer's Report July 1 2022

Operating Budget				AFM Fund Balances				
Income	Budget	Actual	Balance	Internally Designated Funds	Start	Credits	Debits	Total
Contributions	42,988	17,405	25,583	Social Justice				
Rentals	5,000	2,135	2,865	Emergent Social Concerns	3,784	0	500	3,284
Other	0			Peace & Justice Center	2,928	0	0	2,928
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>47,988</b>	<b>19,540</b>	<b>28,448</b>	Meetinghouse and Lands				
In Kind	1,675			Building Fund	194,718	0	0	194,718
				Capital Improvement	27,131	0	0	27,131
				Capital Replacement	46,017	0	0	46,017
				Memorial Garden	3,110	0	700	2,410
<b>Expenses</b>				Individuals				
Committee activities				Adult Scholarship	2,000	0	0	2,000
CREC	500	0	500	Camping	2,000	0	0	2,000
Communications	100	0	100	Embraced Ministry	2,000	0	0	2,000
Library	400	118	282	Suffering / Individual Emergency	6,171	0	0	6,171
Market	500	180	320	Young Friend's Opportunity	2,005	0	1,500	505
Meetinghouse and Lands	22,500	18,735	3,765	Other				
Ministry and Worship	300	0	300	Committee Contingency	13,097	0	0	13,097
Outreach	950	0	950	Founders Fund	10,905	4	0	10,909
Pastoral Care	500	174	326	<b>Total Internally Designated Funds</b>	<b>315,865</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>313,169</b>
Peace and Social Concerns	3,400	0	3,400					
Stewardship and Finance	1,255	0	1,255	Market Income	9,738		9,550	188
Restricted Funds	992	0	992					
Quaker Causes	3,966	0	3,966					
Apportionment	12,625	6,313	6,313					
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>47,988</b>	<b>25,520</b>	<b>22,468</b>					
<b>Net</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,980</b>	<b>5,980</b>	Bank account balances	386,553			
				minus designated funds	313,169			
				minus other off-budget activities	188			
				unrealized gains/losses this year				
				other balance items				
				Reserves	<b>73,196</b>			
				remaining approved budget	5,980			
				Undedicated Reserves	67,216			
<b>Bank Account Balances</b>								
BB&T CD	101,350							
BB&T Checking	47,581							
Capital One Savings (old ING)	104,277							
Friends Fiduciary Corp	122,389							
Sandy Springs Savings Bank CD	10,956							
<b>Total</b>	<b>386,553</b>							

Treasurer's Report  
July 2022

**Operating Budget:**

The operating budget income is derived from two sources – Unrestricted Contributions and Rental Income. The expenditures are based on the general operating budget (and do not include expenditures from ID funds).

Totals effective July 1:

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	
Unrestricted Contributions:	17,405	2020 budget approved plus up for ID funds:	0
Rental Income:	<u>2,135</u>	Other Expenditures:	<u>25,520</u>
Total Operating Budget Income:	19,540		25,520

The contribution numbers are in line with what we had brought in previous years at this point in the year.

We began renting the Meetinghouse again. It is too early to estimate what our final figures will be, but we had agreed as a community to prioritize the Capital Replacement Fund and Young Friends Opportunity Funds with any additional income.

We have currently spent 5,980 more than we have brought in. This is slightly higher than in previous years due to tree work. However, we expect to be able to cover these costs.

**Notes:**

- (1) The majority of the expenditures have been for Meeting House and Lands responsibilities. They
- (2) We have paid the following significant Budget expenditures at the request of Committees responsible:  
BYM Apportionment: 6,313 (half)
- (3) We have not yet paid the following significant Budget expenditures

Light House Shelter:	2,000
BYM Apportionment:	6,313 (half)
ACT Membership:	1,350
Quaker Causes:	3,966

**Other Disbursements from Designated Funds:**

(Questions regarding these disbursements should be directed to the responsible Committee Clerk)

Memorial Garden:	700
Emergent Social Concerns:	500
Young Friends Opportunity Fund:	1,500

# An Urgent Call to the Religious Society of Friends

May 2022

We Quakers, members of the Religious Society of Friends, hold strongly to the principle of speaking truth with integrity. We ground our speaking truth in our worship and our searching of ourselves, as we listen deeply and honestly within and across all differences. Our testimony to the world includes standing up for spiritually discerned Truth, the equality of all persons, the peaceful resolution of conflicts, and respect and care for our neighbors and the earth. Right now, we see many forces at work in our country and the world that are undermining these basic values. Accordingly, we call on Friends everywhere to act.

In this country, in 2020, we witnessed an attempted coup. The January 6 assault on the Capitol was a deliberate, violent attempt to prevent Joe Biden — the clear winner of the 2020 election — from taking office and keeping then-president Donald Trump in power. To maintain that the last election was riddled with fraud is demonstrably false. This politically motivated movement has now embarked on an orchestrated campaign to suppress voting by black, brown and young people and to pass new state election laws giving the power to throw out huge numbers of valid ballots to highly partisan legislatures, governors, and state attorneys general. Thus, this lie is being used to deprive people of their constitutional rights and constitutes a major injustice.

As Friends, we feel called to speak out against these falsehoods and anti-democratic actions. We encourage Friends to seek spiritual guidance on any actions that you and your meetings might take to witness against this gross injustice. If this politically motivated movement succeeds in its anti-democratic takeover attempt, any hope of making significant progress on racial and economic justice, the equality of all people, the climate crisis, gun violence, and other urgent issues of our time will be gone.

We know that democracy in the United States has many flaws. During the past 100 years, our local, state and federal governments have acted to prevent formerly enslaved people and other communities of color from voting. It was not until 1920 that women finally won the right to vote, and their equality is still being challenged. We call on Friends to act — first, to resist all efforts to undermine our current democratic processes, and second, to support true democratic reforms to our still flawed election system. We cannot allow a government that is built on lies and injustice.

We the undersigned are encouraging Quakers throughout the country to work in their local communities, states, and the national arena to take critical actions to prevent an authoritarian takeover of our democracy. We urge Friends to discern the deep truths that provide a foundation for active love, wisdom, compassion, and a truly democratic electoral system—and then to actively support such changes. We know that love conquers fear. Let us lean into Divine Love and find ways forward in Truth.

On the reverse are two queries for you and your meeting to consider in

response to this call. We've also included a list of specific actions that Friends could begin taking now. Some actions may become necessary later if there is another attempted coup during the next presidential election cycle.

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# Queries & Actions

Some queries and suggestions regarding what Friends and meetings might do in response to the *Urgent Call to the Religious Society of Friends*

## QUERIES

1. What, if anything, is the Light Within calling Friends to do in response to the unprecedented rise of domestic extremism, white supremacy, and authoritarianism that is threatening the destruction of our democracy at home and abroad?
2. How can I/we respond with resolute love even while I/we may be struggling with fear, anger, apathy, or hate?

You can endorse this Quaker message, find additional resources, register for national conversations on these issues, report on specific actions that you, your meeting, or your organization has undertaken, and sign up for continued updates at [www.quakercall.net](http://www.quakercall.net).

We also welcome your questions, suggestions, and resources at [info@quakercall.net](mailto:info@quakercall.net).

## POSSIBLE ACTIONS

### *Defending Truth*

We urge all Friends to discern the deep truths that provide a foundation for active love, wisdom, compassion, and peace in the world — and then to defend them. We ask:

- Individual Friends to search yourselves about the threats to our country, and the world, and to witness publicly to the truths that you discern are grounded in your experience of the Spirit.
- Quaker meetings and organizations to issue public statements calling out lies and the purveyors of lies, all in the context of our understanding of love, equality, and justice for all.

### *Working for True Equality and Justice for All*

We urge Friends to act for equality and equity within our diverse society:

- Join or support organizations led by people of color which are working for the empowerment of black, brown, indigenous and Asian people and communities.
- Speak, write, and protest in support for full equality of all people in American society, whatever their racial or sexual identity, gender, or class.
- Support legislative and economic changes that would lead to actual equity among all peoples.

### *Promoting Free and Fair Elections*

Stemming from our testimonies of Integrity and Equality, we urge Friends to:

- Support non-partisan voter-registration drives, particularly in communities under attack from those seeking to prevent them from voting.
- Publicly condemn partisan efforts to restrict access to voting.
- Confront partisan efforts to seize control of the election administration apparatus.

- Support conscientious, non-partisan election officials in our communities.
- Volunteer as poll workers, election monitors, and drivers to get people to the polls.

### ***Preparing for Non-Violent Resistance***

We believe that as a religious society grounded in nonviolence, we can:

- Initiate discussions on the impacts of voter suppression and new laws enabling partisan actors to legally throw out ballots and change the results of elections, then garnering support for nonviolent resistance against all this, and forming community-based networks of support for such actions.
- Arrange for nonviolent direct-action training in our Quaker meetings and organizations, as well as with others in our larger communities.
- Form small “affinity groups” that can prepare to carry out direct actions in support of free and fair elections and the state and local officials who support them.
- Support wider efforts to plan and organize nonviolent resistance on a state and nationwide level, as needed.