



Newsletter of the

Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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Newsletter

Submit contributions to clarkberg@cornell.edu. See the IMM Calendar, back page, for the next deadline.

Third Street Meetinghouse Workday, Saturday, July 13, 9a-1p

Join us for our annual work day at the Third Street Meetinghouse! Come help with some needed building and grounds maintenance, while sharing fellowship with F/friends. There are jobs for all abilities, ages, and time periods. If you can stay all day, great! If you can only stop by for 30 minutes, let us know and we'll find you an appropriate job to do for a short time. The work day will happen rain or shine. We have plenty to do both inside and outside. Lunch will be provided.

If your committee has a project related to the Third Street Meetinghouse that you'd like help with, let Gina Varrichio (zealth_1@yahoo.com) know so we can add it to the list of projects. We've already heard from the Garden working group about some outside clean-up that needs to happen. If you have a pick-up truck, or access to one, and are willing to help with a "dump run," please let Gina or Melissa Travis Dunham (mtravis823@yahoo.com) know.

— *Melissa Travis Dunham*

Friends Center for Racial Justice News

During the first and second year of FCRJ, Angela Hopkins organized three "Community Classes" at the Friends Center for Racial Justice with about eight folks in each one. There were suggested readings and then discussions. I was a late-comer, arriving during the second year. I found the readings and the discussions thought provoking, as our Meeting seeks to be a spiritual home that welcomes all. Being that welcoming spiritual home is maybe more challenging than we would expect. If you were in one of the Classes and would like to share what you have been thinking over this past year, as well as hear from others, how about an afternoon reunion/gathering at FCRJ on a Saturday afternoon in July or August? We can start with a potluck lunch (always a good start). Then we can share where our thoughts and readings have taken us in this past year. If you want to suggest a shared reading for the gathering or a query, please do. Possible Saturday afternoons are August 3rd and 17th.

Please let me know if you would like to come, and if so what date(s) are workable; also let me know if this is *not* workable for you: Neschneid@aol.com or 273-3566. I have the list of persons who attended, so if I don't hear from you, I will check in.

— *Elizabeth Schneider*

Thank You Notes from Ann



- Dr. Lippert for alerting early start of cancer in my left breast
- Dr. Huano for giving me a breast MRI
- Dr. Pullman for followup of radiation and sessions and breast lotion
- Dr. Campbell, oncologist for prescribing
- Dr. Lee for biopsy and surgical removal of breast lesion
- Quaker Meeting for contributing meals to my apartment
- Jeffrey Rhodin for weekly visits these three months from Boston
- Rides to the clinic: four people, alternating, for radiation treatments
- Dr. Shallish for a blood test
- Cards, gifts, email and telephone calls and a signed card from the library

— Ann Rhodin

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembrance

Tuesday, August 6, 6:00-7:00pm

There will be a one-hour silent vigil (rain or shine) seated around the Peace Pole in front of the Friends Center for Racial Justice (227 North Willard Way, Ithaca). This vigil will mark the 74th anniversary of the United States' dropping the first nuclear bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and dropping the second nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945. This is a vigil of mindfulness and remembrance of the thousands of persons who were killed 74 years ago at the instant of the blasts, and of those who suffered from, and those who died from their injuries. All are welcome.

If there are questions, please contact Elizabeth Schneider, Peace and Social Justice Committee, 273-3566, or at neschnid@aol.com.

— Elizabeth Schneider

From the Archives

Here's something slightly different from the usual, a report from Lynn Grove on the status of the IMM library. I like that it includes a list of acquisitions, giving us some idea of what was important to Meeting at the time, as well as some discussion of the challenges of maintaining a library in space we didn't really control.

— Simon St. Laurent, Meeting Historian

Librarian's Report, First Month 14, 1985

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting continues to receive Friends Journal and has a standing order for the Pendle Hill Pamphlets, of which there are 6 new titles each year.

This year Joanne Sturgeon selected items for the Meeting Library from the book table at New York Yearly Meeting that would fit the needs of the First Day School. These books are provided through the Mosher Fund and usually amounts to \$15. From last year's selections we added Elizabeth Cazden's Antoinette Brown Blackwell, a biography and Algie Newlin's Charity Cook, a liberal woman.

The following books were purchased and have been added to the library with library funds.

Browne, Gordon. The Base of the Mountain.

Hall, Francis B. Friends in the Americas.

Cadbury, Henry. Friends for 300 years. 3 copies.

"In the Presence of God and these our Friends" - A Quaker Marriage. PYM, 1981.

Palmer, Candida. Pray Without Ceasing: a prayer manual.

Scott, Janet. What Canst Thou Say? Towards a Quaker Theology.

Steere, Douglas V. Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writings. 1984.

Sheeran, Michael J. Beyond Majority Rule: Voteless Decisions in the Religious Society of Friends. 1983.

Kenworthy, Leonard S. Living in the Light: Some Quaker Pioneers of the 20th Century. Vol. I. - in the USA. 1984

Watson, Elizabeth. Clearness for Marriage. 1981.

Watson, Elizabeth. Sexuality: a Part of Wholeness. 1983?

During the summer months, a representative collection of the Meeting's library was taken out to the Hector Meetinghouse on Perry City Road.

It is my feeling that there needs to be at least two persons to work with the librarian to weed the existing collection and to serve as a committee to help with book selection and make policy suggestions.

I also do not feel that since the drapes in the Edwards Room must be kept closed and the area is so cluttered that the best use of the cabinets can be made. There is no way persons can get in to look at the books.

— Lynn A. Grove, Retiring Librarian

Lost & Found Cleanout on July 13

Did you know we have a Lost & Found bin at the Third Street Meetinghouse? We do! It's on the first floor, in the corner under the coat rack, by the restroom. The bin has been overflowing, so it's time to clean it out. The Third Street Meetinghouse Committee will be clearing out the bin during our work day on Sat. July 13 and will be sending any remaining items on to different, potentially more useful surroundings (such as the Re-use Center or Thrifty Shopper). TSMC encourages all F/friends (and other regular users of the building) to check the Lost & Found bin before the work day in case there's anything that belongs to you or someone in your household.

MfW at Hector Meetinghouse, 10am

The Hector Meetinghouse (5066 Perry City Road) is open for Sunday worship through September. Dreia Spies and Tom Brown are sharing responsibilities for worship there. The starting time for worship is 10:00am, allowing time for anyone worshipping at Hector to get to the Third Street Meetinghouse on Sundays for activities after worship there.

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, June 9, 2019

Clerk: John Lewis

Assistant Clerk: Bronwyn Mohlke

Recording Clerks: Marin Clarkberg, Blair Jennings

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting. Copies of all written reports are on file with and available from the Clerk or Recording Clerk.)

2019.6.1 Opening Worship

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on June 9, 2019. At 12:20pm, seventeen Friends gathered and settled into worship.

"May words of the Spirit be spoken, and words of the Spirit be heard."

Clerk recognized Nancy Gabriel, who was holding the Meeting in the Light.

2019.6.2 Nominating Committee: Setting aside the membership requirement for roles within Meeting

On behalf of the committee, Pat Sewell presented a minute that was changed by discussion to that which follows. He also shared the context within which the decision to propose the minute was made.

"Based on our individual and institutional history and experience, Ithaca Monthly Meeting sets aside the limitations articulated in NYYM Faith and Practice with regards to formal membership and service in certain roles and on specific committees. Using care and discernment in their work, the Naming and Nominating Committees as well as IMM's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business may recommend or appoint individuals to these positions without regard to membership status."

Clarifying questions were asked and answered. Clerk asked for comments and/or concerns as to the merit of the minute. Individual experiences and considerations as well as anecdotes from IMM's history were shared.

No legal requirement that trustees be members of IMM exists under the terms of our articles of incorporation.

Friends achieved general unity around the spirit of the minute and requested Nominating re-present the minute at a future business meeting with minor revisions to the language. @

2019.6.3 Immigrant Support Committee

On behalf of the committee, Elizabeth Schneider reported on the status – personal and educational – of Ambroise Lumanikio Nganyinoko. His legal status remains unchanged, his work permit, while verbally renewed and "in the mail" has yet to arrive and he will be moving in August to continue his studies at SUNY Albany. The committee acknowledges Ambroise will continue to be a valued member of the Ithaca community long after he leaves. Friends received the report. @

2019.6.4 Finance Committee

On behalf of the committee, Chuck Mohler presented IMM's new Reimbursement Request Form. The rationale, procedure and instructions for its use were reviewed. Friends received the report. @

2019.6.5 AVP Elmira Area Council

On behalf of the area council, Kathleen Gale presented the report, noting significant highlights and challenges. She also clarified the way in which AVP expenses have been accounted for and reimbursed. Friends received the report. @

2019.6.6 Other Concerns

No other concerns arose.

2019.6.7 Closing Worship

Fifteen Friends settled into silent worship at 1:58pm before adjourning. Our next regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held at the rise of Meeting on July 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Blair Jennings

Women's Chair Yoga, Mondays and Thursdays 11a-noon

Women of all ages are welcome to gather for gentle, yet powerful restoration of heart, mind, soul, strength. No experience or equipment needed. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Gabriel: 339-7123; ntg2@cornell.edu. We offer a donation to the teacher.

Meeting Retreat September 28

Ministry and Worship is looking forward to gathering for a day of spiritual learning and sharing at our Meeting Retreat on Saturday, September 28th. Together we will illuminate what calls us to our faith, and how we build a vibrant spiritual home together.

We'll start early with a tasty breakfast, then move into a day filled with small and large group work -- speaking, listening, connecting. There will be a tasty lunch. And childcare will be provided. Sign-ups begin in August. Mark your calendar!

July 2019 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

Quaker Guys Lunch Thursday, July 4, noon

Lunch for Friendly Men and those who don't mind talking with them. We meet at the Ten Forward Café in Autumn Leaves on the first Thursday of each month.

QuakerSpeak! discussion Sunday, July 7, 9:30a

First and third Sundays, Friends will gather in the library to watch a QuakerSpeak video and discuss. QuakerSpeak is a video series on YouTube featuring various aspects of Quaker worship, practice, community, culture and history. Come once or every time. This is a lovely, low key way to spend time together, learn and share

Earthcare Committee Sunday, July 7, Rise of Meeting

All are welcome to join us on first Sundays.

Third Street Meetinghouse Work Day Saturday, July 13, 9a-1p

See page 1 for details about the work day; also note that the lost and found will be cleaned out; see page 3.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Sunday, July 14, Rise of Meeting

Join the decision-making process. Proposed agenda items should be sent to our clerk, John Lewis, by the preceding Wednesday.

QuakerSpeak! discussion Sunday, July 21, 9:30a

Gather in the library to watch a QuakerSpeak video and discuss.

Peace and Social Justice Committee Sunday, July 21, Rise of Meeting

All are welcome to join us on third Sundays.

Newsletter submission due Thursday, July 25, 5p

Please provide your newsletter contributions to Marin Clarkberg: 150 Giles St., 14850, 607-279-4722, clarkberg@cornell.edu.

Last Sunday Dish-to-Pass Brunch Sunday, July 28, Rise of Meeting

Bring something tasty to share if you can. All are welcome.

Vigil for the Children

Every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in front of the Tompkins County Library, there is a vigil that focuses on the separation of immigrant children from their parents or other adult relatives who have come to the border of our country seeking asylum. The weekly vigil is organized by the Peace and Social Justice Committee. This peaceable assembly is a way of keeping this important issue before the public, a reminder that young children are facing a separation that may have deep repercussions in their lives. We stand in relative silence, though we do speak with passersby, and we provide information when people ask, "What can we do about it?" Please join us for however long you have on a Monday. Help us keep alive the plight of these children.

On Sundays

- 10:00a **Meeting for Worship** at Hector Meetinghouse
- 10:30a **Children gather** upstairs at the Third Street Meetinghouse
- 10:30a **Meeting for Worship** at the Third Street Meetinghouse

Other Weekly IMM Events

**Mid-week Meeting at the Burt House
Wednesdays at 7:30p**

The Burt House is at 227 North Willard Way, Ithaca.