



Newsletter of the
Ithaca Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

January 2007

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Meetinghouse Minute

"We reminded ourselves of the traditional practice of minutes of exercise—which we also called 'process minutes'—to affirm where the meeting is at a given moment when there is as yet no clarity to act. These minutes simply state the various perceptions in the meeting on a given matter at that moment, and can be helpful in building a sense of the meeting. Often if we can clearly affirm where we are, it frees us to perceive new light . . ."

—Topic No. 7 Interest Group II, Friends Consultation of Worship, Richmond, Indiana, December 7-10, 1989 (Larrabee / Clerking Workshop)

"More than a solution, what we need is a process that will lead to a solution."

—Ithaca Monthly Meeting member

In preparation for drafting a Minute of Process, we (Steve Mohlke and Tonia Saxon) invite you to send us your thoughts and feelings regarding our search for a Meeting Home. Our intent in writing such a Minute is to express the range of emotions and opinions Friends hold about the process as we have experienced it so far. If we can accurately reflect the state of the meeting on this issue and perhaps explicitly name the tensions and differences that exist, we hope this will enable the Meeting to discern our next steps.

When we draft the Minute, we may choose to include quotations from material we receive in order to help illustrate a point. No contributions quoted in the final report will be attributed; all will remain anonymous. If you do not wish your words to be used, please mention that when writing to us.

—Steve Mohlke smohlke@lightlink.com

—Tonia Saxon tonia@iecc.com

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing The Dream

A Powell House symposium on Sunday 1/28/2007 from 2 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to join us for a symposium that seeks to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence on the planet.

Where on Earth are we going? And how are we called to respond? These two questions lie at the heart of the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium. Developed in response to a request from the indigenous people of Ecuador that we "change the dream of our brothers and sisters of the north," the symposium explores the links between three of humanity's most critical concerns: environmental sustainability, social justice, and spiritual fulfillment.

Through video clips from some of the world's most respected thinkers, inspiring short films, carefully researched information, and group sharing, participants gain new insights into the very nature of our time, and the opportunity we have to shape the direction of our world.

Facilitated by Hollister Knowlton (Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia - PYM) and Marguerite Chandler (Plainfield Monthly Meeting, New Jersey - NYYM)

This Symposium was developed by The Pachamama Alliance headquartered in San Francisco, CA www.pachamama.org

See pages 4-5 for details about this and other Powell House events.

January 2007 Calendar

Weekly Events:

Every Tuesday 9-9:20pm Worship in your own home

Every Wednesday 7:15 pm Midweek meeting for worship at the Burt House

Every Thursday 4:30 pm Peace vigil from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the bottom of East State Street

Events This Month:

Jan 3 Wed 1:15 – 3pm Kitchen Cupboard. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-3471). Please remember - Kitchen Cupboard desperately needs brown paper bags.

Jan 6 Sat 5:30 pm Peace potluck at the Perry City Meetinghouse, followed by a discussion

Jan 7 Sun 10:30 am Intergenerational Meeting for Worship

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room, and go to First Day School classes: Infants - 3 year olds in Café, Pre-K 3-4 year olds in Ground Floor Ladies Lounge; Kindergarten and first grade in Café, 2nd – 4th grade in Room 314. 5th - 7th grades in Hillel Library, ground floor. Power Quakers study group (ages 11 - 18) meet in the Church of the Latter Day Saints room on the third floor on the first and third first days of each month. For more information about the Power Quakers, call Melanie-Claire Mallison (272-1108).

Rise of Mtg Social Justice Committee meeting / location to be announced. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Rise of Mtg Light lunch provided in the Cul-de-Snack Café, followed by a performance by the Perry City Friends First Day School ***

Jan 14 Sun 10:30 am Singing in the Edwards Room

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room – see note on January 7
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE KITCHEN CUPBOARD

12:30 pm Annual Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Bring a sandwich and a half, if you're so inclined, to share with those who may have forgotten. Child care provided.

7:00 pm Second Sunday Celebration Circle / An interfaith worship service led by Jody Kessler ***

Jan 20 Sat 3:00-5:00 pm Annual Game Day / at the Burt House ***

Jan 21 Sun 9:30 am Children and the Life of the Meeting (CALM) committee meeting, Hillel Library, Anabel Taylor Hall.

10:30 am Singing in the Edwards Room

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room (including Power Quakers) – see note on January 7

Jan 22 Mon February newsletter due date. Please contact Bronwyn Mohlke if you have anything to be included in the February newsletter (see contact information listed below).

Jan 23 Tues 7:15 pm Meeting for Healing - 112 Mt. Pleasant Road ***

7:30 pm Peace Witness Committee meeting at the Burt House. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Jan 25 Thurs 8:30 pm As part of the Ministry and Oversight committee meeting, Friends will be held in the Light at 8:30. Those not on the committee are welcome to hold Friends in the light at that time as well.

Jan 28 Sun 10:30 am Singing in the Edwards Room

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room (including Power Quakers) – see note on January 7

Rise of Mtg Light brunch. Please bring finger foods to share.

Feb 1 Thurs 6:45 pm It All Starts with Meeting for Worship / first in the series A Journey Through Quaker Business / held at the Burt House *** [tentative date – stay tuned for an update]

Feb 2 Fri 7:30 pm The Cadbury Family: The Sweet Smell of Success / documentary shown at the home of Chris Dunham and Melissa Travis Dunham ***

***** = more details will be found in the announcement section of the newsletter**

Do you have something for the February newsletter?

Please get all information you'd like to have included in the February newsletter to Bronwyn Mohlke, by the method of your choice, no later than Monday, January 22. (277-4183 / bjm9@cornell.edu / 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 or after meeting for worship on January 21.)

Threshold Choir / January 9 and 10

The Threshold Choir will get together at Melody Johnson's home (112 Mt. Pleasant) on Tuesday, January 9, from 7:00-9:00 pm, and will sing at Hospicare on Wednesday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Melody (272-8755).

Announcements

Notice of Annual Meeting / January 14

Trustees announce that the annual meeting of IMMRSF Inc. will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2007 in the Cul de Snack Café of Anabel Taylor Hall. Annual Meeting is a special event, where we listen to reports of all Meeting's activities for the past year. It is moving to reflect on just how much our Friends do. Plan to come!

Second Sunday Celebration Circle / January 14

On Sunday, January 14, Jody Kessler will lead the Second Sunday Celebration Circle, an Interfaith celebration with music, meditation, and simple participatory ritual.

This month's gathering will be an opportunity for us to send prayers to all those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. We will explore the meaning of "healing" and how it differs from "cure." Through chanting, meditation, and prayer, we will create a powerful container to hold and send forth healing energy and love to all who are suffering. You are invited to bring photos or representations of any loved ones that you wish to have held in the Light. There will also be an opportunity for each person attending to come into the center of the circle and receive healing from the group.

The Second Sunday Celebration Circle takes place on the second Sunday of every month at 7 pm in the Henry St. John Building, 301 S. Geneva St., Ithaca, suite 103. Enter the building through the playground side entrance. We are downstairs, first door on the left. The building is wheelchair accessible, and there is plenty of free parking. For more information, visit www.commonheart.org or contact Jody Kessler, 272-0968.

Upcoming Events brought to us by the Program Committee / January 20 and others

ANNUAL GAMEDAY / Saturday, January 20

Chase away those winter doldrums with fun and games at the Burt House! Our annual GameDay will be Saturday January 20, 2007 from 3 to 5 pm. Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share.

ADULT DISCUSSION AND SOCIALIZING/ Friday, February 2

It's an evening of Quakers and chocolate! The focus of this adult discussion will be viewing a documentary entitled *The Cadbury Family: The Sweet Smell Of Success*. We will discuss how the Cadbury family blended their Quaker beliefs into their candy business. This discussion will be intermixed with chocolate fondue. The event will be held on Friday February 2 at 7:30 pm at the home of Chris Dunham and Melissa Travis Dunham (105 Dunmore Place, Ithaca).

In last year's Program Committee Survey, many friends indicated an interest in attending a social event geared for adults. If you cannot attend this event, don't worry. Program Committee has purchased this video and will be donating it to the Meeting Library so F/friends can borrow the DVD.

ANNUAL TALENT NIGHT / SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Our annual Talent Night will be Saturday, March 3. Start thinking about which of your talents you'll share at this year's talent show. All forms of talent are encouraged, whether it's visual art, performance art, or culinary art! More details to follow.

Meeting for Healing / Tuesday, January 23

One of the ways we can check in with ourselves and see how we're doing right this moment is using the six sayings. The six sayings are something you can sort of line up and see which is the easiest for you to say and also which is the most difficult for you to say. You can listen to the people around you, the people that you're working with, the people that you're trying to help, and see which of these six sayings you hear them say easily and which you never hear them express at all. These six sayings are basically all the important messages that one person can give to another. Right now, take time to bring to mind someone who you love, someone whose love you trust and find credible. Let me go through those six sayings, and see if you can pick out which is the easiest one for you to express to this person, and which is the most difficult.

The six sayings are:

I love you.

Thank you.

I'm sorry.

I need help.

That's not good enough.

No.

Now some of us work in places where you're not allowed to say those things. Some of us grew up in houses where some of those things were not allowed. When people are frightened because of their pain, or when people are getting tired from their hurt, the things that are difficult to say on this list will become almost impossible to say. But it's vital that we stay as emotionally round as we can when the monsters get large.

—John Calvi

A Meeting for Healing is held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Melody Johnson and Dick Crepeau's house (112 Mount Pleasant Road, Ithaca). This month it will be on January 23. All are welcome to attend. If you have a concern but cannot attend, let Melody know, and you will be held in the Light. For directions, or more information, please call Melody at 272-8755.

Commonheart Fellowship Intergenerational Celebration / Saturday, January 27

Jody Kessler will lead an **Intergenerational Celebration**, 4:30-5:30 PM, Henry St. John Building, 301 South Geneva Street., Ithaca, NY, Suite 103. An interfaith gathering for all ages, honoring diverse traditions with music, story, poetry, prayer, reflective silence, creative activities & simple ritual. For more info visit www.commonheart.org or contact Jody Kessler, 272-0968.

A Journey through Quaker Business / A new series starting on February 1

You are invited to participate in an information and discussion series aimed at improving the quality of IMM's monthly business meetings.

Feb 1 – It All Starts with Meeting for Worship

Feb. 15 – Quaker Business: Why do we do it this way?

March 1 – Meeting For Business: Are we prepared?

Mar. 15 – Clerk Please! Conduct during Meeting for Business

Mar. 29 – Seeking Unity

Apr. 5 – It All Ends with Meeting for Worship

[Please note: there may be a change in the dates on which this series will be held.]

These Thursday evening sessions will be held at the Burt House beginning at 6:45 and ending at 8:45. This series is being organized by Tom Brown, Beth Jolles, Melanie Claire Mallison, Steve Mohlke, Ellie Rosenberg and Mary Beth Tierney. This group formed out of enthusiasm that followed a Clerking Workshop at Powell House last February. After our first couple group of meetings, our clerk implemented a few changes during Business Meeting that were noticed and favorably commented on by several people. Encouraged, the group decided to try this information and discussion series in an effort to create some shared experience about all of our hopes and desires for Meeting for Business.

2007 Directory

The updated directory is now available at Meeting and at the Burt House. Please send any corrections or additions to the 2007 directory to Steve and Bronwyn Mohlke, 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 / 277-4183 / <bjm9@cornell.edu>

Burt House Vacancy

One of our Young Friends is vacating her room at the Burt House today, and thus we have a room available for rent at \$320 per month. The room has a partial bath with it. Renters have shared kitchen space, access to other shared space upstairs, and are welcome to use other areas of the house when they are not being used by Meeting or occasional outside groups. Laundry facilities are also provided. Renters need to be responsible and comfortable with Friends ways and communal living. For further information contact Mary Balfour, the Burt House caretaker, at 273-5421 or 342-6657 (cell).

Thank you for making anyone you know who may be looking for a room aware of this vacancy.

—Tom Brown

Reminder from the Financial Planning Committee

Our Treasurer has a set up special earmarked account for the New Meeting House. Although Meeting is still laboring to determine the essential aspects of a new Meeting House, that cost, and how those funds will be raised, it is clear that we need considerably more funds than we currently have in hand. Friends are encouraged to contribute to the new Meeting House fund now and in the coming months as they are able. Simply make the check payable to Ithaca Monthly Meeting, as usual, indicate on the check or in an accompanying note the purpose of the contribution, and send to Steve Mohlke, our Treasurer.

First Day School Donates to the Heifer Project

Thanks to the support of Friends from the Ithaca Monthly Meeting, during the Christmas dinner of December 18th the First Day School children were able to collect \$250 as a gift to the Heifer Project. This is enough to repeat the gift we gave last year of a water buffalo. Thank you, Friends, for your support of Heifer and for helping to develop the giving spirit in our children.

Flowers in the Snow / Poem from Ann Rhodin

Bitter cold circles the hills

Red flowers grow in our hearts

Around my father's house

The new season throws shadows

As winter reappears

A meal of soup steaming and stirred

The sounds dim, the chimes sing

Between spaces in the rafters

Of my father's house.

Seeds in the snow under a setting sky

The birdbath is frozen

No footprints just snow dunes

Inside ribbons of flame

A fire burns in dragon breaths

In my father's house

Through snow and firs

In sight and sound

Joviality comes in the new season

Powell House / Upcoming Events

Powell House is the conference and retreat center of New York Yearly Meeting - Religious Society of Friends. Their mission is to foster the spiritual growth of Friends and others and to strengthen the application of Friends' testimonies in the world.

It is a quiet, peaceful place conducive to reflection and spiritual growth. Programs and facilities are structured to foster community development and strengthen group identity.

Please contact Powell House at 518-794-8811 or go on the web at <http://www.powellhouse.org> for more information or to register for any conference. Child care is available with three weeks advance notice.

Note: There are some opportunities for carpooling coming up in the next couple of months. Melanie-Claire Mallison will be going to the "Nontheism Among Friends" weekend (January 26-28, led by her sister, Robin Alpern) and may also be going to "Quilting From The Center" (February 2-4) as well. Melody Johnson will be going to "Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy & Confidence" (February 23-25).

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

January 19-21: Dreaming

JUNIOR HIGH

February 2-4: Act on It

Take a stand and act on it.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

January 12-14: Stepping into the Silence

February 9-11: Spinning Circles

Fee: \$100.

ADULT WEEKENDS

January 12-15, 2007 (through Monday lunch)

Silent Retreat

“Dwelling Deep: An Extended Meeting for Worship”

Linda Chidsey, facilitator, Co-sponsored by the School of the Spirit Ministry

Cost: \$210 adults + \$40 School of the Spirit

Total \$250

January 19-21, 2007

Drawing Out Gifts V

Travel Under Concern

Brian Drayton, facilitator

January 26-28, 2007

Nontheism Among Friends

Robin Alpern and Joan Lukas, facilitators

AWAKENING THE DREAMER, CHANGING THE DREAM

The Pachamama Alliance 1/28/2007, Sunday 2 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at Powell House

See the cover article for a description of this event.

Snacks and beverages provided, pot luck supper.

Suggested donation: \$10 to \$20 (covers snacks, beverages, and contribution to Powell House)

Please bring a pot luck supper offering and any materials you'd like to share with others about your work for peace, justice and/or sustainability.

February 2-4, 2007

Quilting From The Center

February 9-11, 2007

Couple Enrichment

February 15-19, 2007 (Thursday dinner through Monday lunch)

Conflict Transformation 5-Day Intensive

Led by the Conflict Transformation Committee of NY Yearly Meeting

An opportunity for Friends to gain more in depth understanding and skills in conflict transformation. What is Conflict Transformation? How does it apply to my life? How does it apply to Friends and our testimonies? In our gathering we will explore our own responses to conflict and question ourselves as to whether there are more effective ways to express ourselves. We will ask how conflict builds and how to prevent it.

Cost: \$250 adults, \$125 ages 13-22, \$62.50 infants-12, and \$125 commuters

February 23-25, 2007

Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy & Confidence with Arthur Larrabee

This will be an opportunity for new, experienced and potential clerks of Friends' meetings and committees to meet and think together about the role of presiding clerk. It is expected that each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for being a clerk, feeling well grounded in both the theoretical and

the practical.

There will be handouts, exercises and opportunities for experience sharing.

Among other topics, we will consider:

* The fundamentals of a Quaker meeting for business.

* What is a “sense of the meeting,” and how is it different from consensus?

* What is the meaning of “unity?”

* “Standing in the way,” and how can we think about it?

* Techniques of “good” clerking.

* Dealing with difficult situations.

Arthur Larrabee is a lifelong Friend, and presently the clerk of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting (Pennsylvania). In addition to presiding at meetings of numerous committees and boards, he has led many workshops on clerking. In the past, Arthur has been the clerk of the Committee in Charge of Westtown School, and clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

February 23-25, 2007

Conscientious Objection to Military Taxation: A Group Legal Action Conference*

Some American taxpayers cannot provide funds for any form of military activity as a matter of individual religious conscience. A group of us will assemble to consider, organize and commence concerted legal action to call for federal tax laws that accommodate our rights of conscience.

American citizens who are already, or are considering, resisting income taxes used for military purposes as a matter of conscience and any others who wish to support such a coordinated legal effort, either spiritually, financially, or professionally, are encouraged to attend this gathering.

A similar group of people in the United Kingdom, the Peace Tax Seven, has taken this type of case through their national legal system and is now proceeding on to the European Court of Human Rights.

The proposed legal logic is as follows and has demonstrated notable legal rigor in the case of Dan Jenkins. In the US, the federal government assumed the power to compel individuals into armed service and to impose direct taxes on citizen income to fund military activity, while failing to acknowledge the counterbalancing rights of individual religious freedom and conscience that were established and protected in pre-federal times. Citizens of conscience provided non-military forms of alternative service long before the federal constitution was ratified. Therefore, conscientious objection to military taxation in the United States has a constitutional foundation, whereas federal use of coercive power to compel both personal and financial participation in military activities, in violation of individual religious conscience, has not received an express grant of constitutional authority from the American people.

The legitimacy of federal power of conscription still appears to be challengeable in lively, scholarly, healthy debate. Some Supreme Court precedents support the federal power, but a well-documented story can be assembled and expressed that could take the public imagination around and over such impediments.

For more information on this weekend, contact Jens Braun at sjbraun@taconic.net

*This weekend is co-sponsored by the NYYM Sub-committee on Conscientious Objection to Military Taxation.

Minutes of the December 2006 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Inc.

Beth Jolles, Clerk

Tom Brown, Assistant Clerk

Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk

Steve Mohlke, Treasurer

(the @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved by the Meeting)

200612.1 Gathering:

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) met on December 10, 2006, in the Cul de Snack, Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University campus. At 12:40 p.m., 21 F/friends settled into worship. Our Clerk read from the New York Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice, Advices and Queries.

1. From the beginning of our Society, we have considered it necessary to assemble frequently for the purpose of public worship held in expectant waiting for divine guidance, thereby manifesting our belief in and dependence upon our creator. Meeting for worship is fundamental for us, and we should be diligent and punctual in our attendance. We seek, through communion with God, the strengthening influence of the Holy Spirit to enable us to discharge with fidelity the services we owe to God, to each other, and to all people. 2. Friends are advised to read frequently the Scriptures and such other books as will inspire and instruct, and to encourage the practice by their families and others. 3. Friends are advised to be mindful of their conduct and conversation and to observe the testimonies of simplicity and moderation. 4. Friends are advised to observe our Christian testimony for a faithful ministry of the gospel under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Members are reminded that all have a responsibility in ministry.

There followed a gathering worship. Our Clerk reviewed today's agenda, and the November minutes were read. @

200612.2 New Meetinghouse Discussion:

Our Clerk noted that the Meeting has received information from the Design Committee and Financial Planning. Also, the Coordinating Team led a discussion with the Meeting in November. She asked if Friends had any leadings or comments regarding a meetinghouse? Friends spoke out of the worship. Several felt that a minute of process would be useful to our moving forward. Those Friends who feel so are encouraged to begin writing such a minute. Tonia Saxon, Steve Mohlke and Melanie-Claire Mallison will send out a request for such minutes, keeping in mind the concerns and comments of those gathered today. Tonia and Steve will collect the minutes, keeping the Clerk informed of their progress. @

200612.3 Consent Agenda:

There are three items of business on the Consent Agenda: proposed donations from Peace Witness Committee; Nominating Committee report for 2007; the proposed 2007 budget for Ithaca Monthly Meeting. Friends approve the consent agenda. @

200612.4 Farmington-Scipio Spring Gathering Planning Committee:

Steve Mohlke reported for Bronwyn Mohlke. The 2007 Spring Gathering will be held June 8-10 at Long Point Camp. Ithaca Monthly Meeting is in charge of this Gathering and there is a need for more members on the planning committee. There is a meeting January 27th, Farmington-Scipio Winter Gathering, where we will need to present our progress to the Regional Meeting. Planning Committee members are Rini Clarkberg, Ginny Gartlien, Bronwyn Mohlke, Melanie-Claire Mallison, and Marilyn Ray. @

200612.5 Treasurer's Report:

Steve Mohlke summarized the balance sheet for Ithaca Monthly Meeting's expenses and income to the end of November. Friends received the report. @

200612.6 Reminder from the Clerk:

Our Clerk requests that all Annual Reports from standing committees be received electronically by January 5th. The Clerk will be making copies of all reports and have them available on paper and electronically by First Day, January 7th. Annual Meeting, which includes the Meeting of the Corporation, will be held at 12:45 p.m. in the Cul de Snack, on January 14th, 2007.

At 2:15 p.m., F/friends settled into worship before adjourning. Out of the silence, Friends spoke of their gratitude and appreciation for Beth's five years as our Clerk.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melanie-Claire Mallison
Recording Clerk*



Brief Description of Our Committees

Attendees are welcome and encouraged to participate on all (*) starred committees.

Ministry and Oversight is charged with fostering the spiritual growth and pastoral care of the Meeting membership, enhancing the religious life and fellowship of the meeting, and supervising and strengthening the corporate worship of the Meeting. The Clerk and of members of the Meeting, especially members of M&O, can provide information about the Meeting and guidance about membership.

Trustees oversee the Meeting's legal matters, bequests, and property.

Budget works with the Treasurer to recommend an annual budget for Monthly Meeting consideration and oversees the budget.

Nominating talks with members and attendees to discover interests in committee assignments, fills vacancies on committees, and spreads the work of the Meeting among members and attendees. It recommends officers to MM, including Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Recording Clerk, and Treasurer.

Children and the Life of the Meeting oversees all matters related to First Day School, organizes the Monthly Intergenerational Meeting, arranges for child care during meetings and events, and organizes activities to integrate generations within the Meeting. (*)

Program organizes Adult Discussions, which take place in 314 Anabel Taylor Hall on most First Days at 9:30 a.m. before Meeting for Worship when we meet in Anabel Taylor Hall, our annual retreat, and special programs throughout the year. (*)

Publicity ensures times and places for Meeting for Worship are listed and accurate in local newspapers, and reaches out to new college students each fall. (*)

Peace and Social Action reviews a broad range of local, national, and international issues related to peace and social and economic justice. It provides the Meeting with information and educational materials about such issues, arranges forums and discussion groups, and informs Monthly Meeting of opportunities to help alleviate emergencies and pressing needs. (*)

Hospitality arranges refreshments for after Meeting for Worship, including brunch on the last First Day each month and on special occasions. It plans and organizes the Meeting's special Christmas dinner and coordinates greeters. (*)

Directory designs and updates the Meeting's directory of members and attendees which includes names, significant others, children, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and committee assignments. (*)

Burt House works with the Burt House caretakers on all matters related to the structure, functioning, and use of the Burt House. (*)

Hector Meeting House oversees all matters related to the structure, care taking, and use of the Hector Meeting House. (*)

Library is responsible for our large collection of books and pamphlets on history and other matters related to the Religious Society of Friends, Quakerly concerns and activities, and other related concerns. The primary book library is housed in the Burt House, and many pamphlets and some books are available in the bookcase in the Edwards Room, Anabel Taylor Hall. Everyone is welcome to sign out and borrow books from either library. Most pamphlets are free, and some have a small charge. (*)



2007 Committee Assignments

The following committee assignments were approved at the 12/10/06 business meeting. The number in parentheses after each committee's name indicates the minimum number to serve on that committee. "M" indicates the how many on the committee must be members of Meeting. The date after each person's name is the year in which that person's term ends. "*" indicates the nominee was previously serving on this Committee.

Clerk (M)

Tom Brown (09)

Assist Clerk (M)

Nancy Gabriel (09)

Treasurer (M)

Steve Mohlke (07)

Recording Clerk (M)

MC Mallison (07)

Rcdr of Members (M)

B. Mohlke (07)

Corres'g Clerk

Elspeth Rhodin (07)

Historian

Tom Brown (07)

Representatives:

NYYM (M 2)

MC Mallison (09)*
Mac Larsen (08)

Regional Mtg (M 2)

Lynn Grove (07)
B. Mohlke (08)

FCNL (1)

Mac Larsen (07)
Will White (07)

AFSC (1)

Barbara Barry (07)

FWCC

B. Berggren-Thomas (09)

ACT (1)

Elspeth Rhodin (08)

Kitchen Cupboard

Ginny Gartlein (07)

CURW (1)

Nancy Gabriel (08)

Liaison to Hospital

Elspeth Rhodin (08)
Bronwyn Mohlke (09)*

Budget (M 5 + Treas)

Dick Crepeau (07)
MC Mallison (09)*
Chuck Mohler (09*)
Mike Simkin (08)
Will White (09)

Burft House (6+Trustee+Crtkr)

Tom Brown (09)*
Virginia Cranch(09)*
Chris Dunham (07)
Bonnie Tyler (08)

Children & Life of The Mtg (7)

Kathy Beissner(09)
Eli Camp (09)
M & J Finlay (07)
MC Mallison (08)
Marilyn Ray (07)
Ellie Rosenberg (08)
Michael Trotti (09)

Directory (2)

B. Mohlke (09)*
Steve Mohlke (09)*
Mike Simkin (08)

Hector Meetinghouse (7)

Martin Jolles (07)
Jan Kelly Philpot(09)
E. Rhodin (08)
Tom Rodman (08)
Heather Ruff (09)*
Sue Ruff (09)*
Tom Ruscitti (08)
Doug Shire (07)
Sterrett/Kitson (07)

Hospitality (8)

Bruce Berggren-Thomas(09)
Chris Dunham (07)
Melissa Dunham (07)
Jan Kelly Philpot(09)
Lasers (First Day School)(09)
Lynn Podhaski (09)
Heather Ruff (09)
Simon St.Laurent (07)
Erica Weiss (07)

Library (4) (2)

Wilma Brown (08)
Esther Darlington(07)

Ministry & Oversight (M 7+2)

Rini Clarkberg (08)
Ed Cranch (09)*
Marion DaGrossa(09)*
Elspeth Rhodin (07)
Ellie Rosenberg (07)
Sue Ruff (08)
Tonia Saxon (09)

Newsletter (2)

Larry Clarkberg (08)
B. Mohlke (07)
Elspeth Rhodin (08)

Nominating (M 5)

Rini Clarkberg (07)
Marion DaGrossa (07)
Eliz. Schneider (06)
Mike Simkin (08)
Garry Thomas (06)

Peace Witness (6)

Marjorie Baines (09)
Wilma Brown (09)
Mac Larsen (09)
Elspeth Rhodin (09)
E. Schneider (08)
Lenora Schneller (09)

Program (6)

James Camp (09)
Esther Darlington (08)
Melissa Dunham (07)
Tony Gaenslen (07)
Suzanne Kates (07)
Toni Murdough (08)

Publicity (2)

Jody Kessler (07)
M. McCasland (08)

Rte 79 Property (3)

Rini Clarkberg (08)*
Martin Jolles (07)
Mike Simkin (09)

Social Justice (6)

Marjorie Baines (08)
Barbara Barry (07)
Ginny Gartlein(09)
M. McCasland (09)
Carol Mohler (07)
Elspeth Rhodin (08)
Tom Rodman (07)
Sue Ruff (09)*

Trustees (M 4+2)

Larry Clarkberg (08)
Melody Johnson (08)
Marilyn Ray (07)
Peggy Walbridge (09)*

Young Friends (3) (1)

Lenora Schneller (09)*