

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
First Month 8, 2012**

Clerk: Kitti Reynolds

Recording Clerk: Jennifer Rhode Ward

Present: Jim Cavener, David Clements, Barbara Esther, Gita Larsen, Gjeorge Gjelfriend, Kristi Gjelfriend, Ed Harris, Rylin Hansen, Gail Hipkins, Jim Hipkins, Pat Johnson, Katherine Kowal, Laura Maynard Lane, Gita Larsen, Steve Livingston, Laura Marlow, Rusty Maynard, Edie Patrick, Alan Robinson, Ruth Stewart, Adrienne Weir

Opening Worship

Reading

"Believe in the perfectibility of yourself and society.

Always see the "ocean of light", and refuse to let the "ocean of darkness" dominate your attitude toward life. It's easy to be a cynic and harder to believe. Resist easy cynicism. Dare to be an optimist. Optimism builds and creates. It launched out nation and will always be our indispensable ally in improving our condition. Develop an attitude of expectancy, an inner bounce that is based on faith in the bounty of the next day. Believe always in the goodness of people and the fact that things can be made better. Without faith in what you and others can achieve, you cannot even begin to make your life speak. Remember always what Plato told us: "The strangest of all the mysterious things within us is our unceasing preference for the best."

from Robert Lawrence Smith, *A Quaker Book of Wisdom*. 1998.

Agenda

The first month agenda was accepted as written.

Review of Minutes from 11th and 12th Months

The 11th and 12th month minutes were approved as written.

Peace and Earth – Pat Johnson

Katherine Kowal will become the new clerk of the P&E committee by next business meeting. Pat explained allocations of outreach monies that had been done by P&E.

Peace Allocations:

- Ericka Suriger, volunteer with Ramallah Friends School and Amari Play Center (which collects monies through FUM)
- Vets for Peace (including a \$50 donation to support the International Day of Peace)
- Madison, WI Quakers (collects monies for a group doing outreach work in Vietnam)

Earth / Environment Allocations:

- Wild South
- River Link
- Western North Carolina Alliance

- North Carolina Power and Light

Social Justice Allocations:

- MANNA Food Bank
- Meals on Wheels
- Hope to Home
- Center for Participatory Change
- Jubilee Partners (collects monies to support Korean children)
- Pisgah Legal Services
- AFSC

A Friend requested that Thank You notes from these organizations be posted in the lobby. This is being done, as announced at today's rise of Meeting.

P&E is collected donations for MANNA Food Bank for the next two First Days.

On 5th Sunday (29 January), P&E will sponsor a letter-writing campaign at the rise of Meeting to send our opinions to elected officials.

P&E will sponsor some members of the Occupy Movement who will be gathering at our Meetinghouse.

***Request for Clearness Committee for Pat Johnson (for membership in AFM)**

The M&C Committee will discuss this request at their meeting tomorrow, and Kitti will archive a copy of this letter. Friends noted that the Clearness Committee should contain at least one member of Ministry & Counsel, and that the applicant could select other Friends to serve on that committee.

The committee will be comprised of Barbara Esther, Gita Larsen, and Steve Livingston.

***2012 AFM Budget**

Pat noted that the premium for \$100,000 of liability coverage for the Board of Directors was \$45 per annum; this is the maximum for which we are able to qualify due to the way in which the Board is comprised. Other items on the proposed budget remain as presented last month. Last year (2011), only the property casualty and worker's insurance line item went over budget; Finance Committee has allocated more to this expense in 2012 to reflect an actual increase in its cost.

A Friend noted his discomfort with the idea of insurance, and the fact that "insurance" was the largest line item in our budget (15% of the total AFM budget). He has chosen to stand aside from the approval of the 2012 budget. Another Friend suggested that Finance Committee examine the relative cost of raising the deductible. The Clerk asked for volunteers to examine this cost but found none willing to do this. Finance Committee will report back with the amount of current insurance deductibles.

December contributions resulted in contributions for the 2011 year exceeding our projected budget by \$1064. AFM thanks all who have supported the financial need of the Meeting.

With one Friend (Steve Livingston) standing aside, Friends approved the 2012 AFM budget.

Finance Committee noted that they did not have time to explore other options for banks or credit unions to hold our funds. Please contact Finance Committee if you are able to do this. Friends noted that the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union could hold our monies if at least half of our members had accounts, or were eligible to have accounts, with SECU.

***Nominating Committee – Katherine Kowal**

The committee nominated Jen Rhode Ward to the M&C committee. A Friend asked how many persons would serve on M&C. It will still be 6.

Friends approved Jen Rhode Ward’s membership on the Ministry & Counsel Committee.

Other

- Barbara Esther made and donated felted potholders to the Meeting, after noticing the lack of sturdy heat-resistant potholders during the December Cookie-Baking. Joyce Rawlings Davis expressed her appreciation for the cookies that were given to her.
- Micala Hatch will be attending Monteverde Friends School for three semesters, and so we will provide our donation in three separate installments.
- Friends noted that John and Ruth Baldwin were currently en route to Texas and will return to the area on 17 January. They have done a lot of travelling over the past weeks but there was some concern expressed by a Friend that the Baldwins have some problem with our Meeting.
- Next week, at the rise of Meeting, we will begin a series of Threshing Sessions (bringing forth ideas and issues for discussion without need for consensus) to make long-term financial plans (including the existence of a Building Fund) for AFM and the Meetinghouse. Please bring along copies of the AFM finance reports in preparation for this discussion.

Closing Worship

Appendix: 2012 Budget

| | | Jan - Dec 11 | Bud get | \$ Over Budg et | Jan - Dec 12 | Budget |
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| Supplies | | 48.58 | | | | 0.00 |
| Cleaning | | 731.25 | | | | 0.00 |
| Landscaping | | 282.50 | | | | 90.00 |
| Maintenance | | 150.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous House and Grounds - Oth- er | | 375.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| | | <u>0.00</u> | <u>3.00</u> | <u>3,000.00</u> | | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Hous e and Grou nds | 1,587.33 | 3,000.00 | 1,412.67 | - | 90.00 | 3,000.00 |

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| 6180 · In- sur- ance Board of Dir- ectors Property/Casu- alty | | 0.00 | 2,510.00 | 99.00 | | 0.00 |
| Worker's Comp | | 468.00 | 452.00 | 16.00 | | 0.00 |
| Total 6180 · In- sur- ance | 3,077.00 | 2,962.00 | 115.00 | 0.00 | | 3,125.00 |

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| 6390 · Util- ities Stormwater Fee | | 84.24 | | | | 0.00 |
| Electric | | 514.67 | | | | 0.00 |
| Gas | | 740.52 | | | | 95.92 |
| 6340 · Tele- phone | | 825.22 | | | | 0.00 |
| 6410 · Water | | 509.84 | | | | 0.00 |
| 6390 · Utilities - Other | | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | | 0.00 |
| Total 6390 · Util- ities | 2,674.49 | 2,500.00 | 174.49 | 95.92 | | 2,500.00 |

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| Total Meet- ing Hous e | 7,338.82 | 8,462.00 | 1,123.18 | 185.92 | | 8,625.00 |

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| Ctte | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | |
| Communications | | | | | | |
| Ctte | 150.00 | 135.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 135.00 | |
| Advertising | | | | | | |
| Friends Journal | | 88.00 | 88.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 88.00 |
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| Total Advertising | 88.00 | 88.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 88.00 | |
| Finance | | | | | | |
| Ctte | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | 42.69 | | | 0.00 | |
| Postage | | 8.80 | | | 0.00 | |
| Finance Ctte - Other | | 13.49 | 40.00 | -26.51 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
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| Total Finance Ctte | 64.98 | 40.00 | 24.98 | 0.00 | 50.00 | |
| Library | | | | | | |
| Ministry and Counsel | | | | | | |
| Ctte | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 650.00 | |
| 6240 | | | | | 0 | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| 6120 Bank Service Charges | | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Office Supplies (Meeting Clerk) | | 0.00 | 50.00 | -50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Sales Tax Paid | | 19.20 | | | 4.73 | |
| 6240 Miscellaneous - Other | | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | |
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| Total 6240 | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 169.20 | 300.00 | 130.80 | 4.73 | 200.00 | |
| 6560 | 134.70 | 260.00 | - | 0.00 | 150.00 | |
| Payroll Expenses | | | 125.30 | | 0 | |
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| | Childcare | 1,194.00 | 1,350.00 | 156.00 | | 0.00 | | 1,350.00 |
| | First Day School | 171.55 | 300.00 | 128.45 | | 147.84 | | 300.00 |
| | SAYF | -46.61 | 1.00 | 1,046.61 | | 0.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| | Total Religious Education Ctte | 1,318.94 | 2,650.00 | 1,331.06 | | 147.84 | | 2,650.00 |
| | Spiritual Enrichment Ctte | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | | 0.00 | | 50.00 |
| | Total Meeting Support Outreach | 1,925.82 | 3,958.00 | 2,032.18 | | 152.57 | | 4,358.00 |
| | 6140 | | | | | | | |
| | General Outreach | | | | | | | |
| | Hope to Home Center for Participatory Change | 50.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Jubilee Prtnrs Korean Children | 50.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | NC Interfaith Power of Light | 150.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Veterans for Peace | 225.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Madison Quakers | 100.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Erika Suriger | 150.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Friends United Meeting | 100.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Wild South | 150.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Meals on Wheels | 300.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Manna Food Bank | 175.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Pisgah Legal Services | 50.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Riverlink | 200.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | WNC Alliance | 150.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | 6140 · General Outreach - Other | 0.00 | 2.00 | 2,000.00 | | 0.00 | | 2,000.00 |

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| | | | Total 6140 | | | | |
| | | | General Out- reach | 1,900 .00 | 2,000 .00 | 100.0 0 | 2,000 .00 |
| | | | Mis- cel- laneo us | 50.00 | | | 0.00 |
| | | | Peac e and Earth Ctte | | | | |
| | | | Projects | | 0.00 | 200. 00 | 200.0 0 |
| | | | Total Peac e and Earth Ctte | 0.00 | 200.0 0 | 200.0 0 | 50.00 |
| | | | Quak er Out- reach | | | | |
| | | | Quaker Earth- care Witness | | 320.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | AFSC | | 340.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | FCNL | | 440.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | FGC | | 160.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | Friends Journ- al | | 160.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | FWCC | | 60.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | Pendle Hill | | 80.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | Quaker House | | 320.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | Ramallah Friends School | | 60.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | Right Sharing | | 160.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | Quaker Out- reach - Other | | 0.00 | 2.00 0.00 | 2,000. 00 |
| | | | Total Quak er Out- reach | 2,100 .00 | 2,000 .00 | 100.0 0 | 2,000 .00 |
| | | | SAY MA Dues | 2,860 .00 | 2,860 .00 | 0.00 | 2,860 .00 |
| | | | Total Out- reach | 6,910 .00 | 7,060 .00 | 150.0 0 | 6,910 .00 |
| | | Total Ex- pens e | | 16,17 4.66 | 19,48 0.00 | 3,305 .34 | 338.4 9 |
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| | | Net In- come | | <u>1,064 .64</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>1,064 .64</u> | <u>313.4 9</u> |
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