

Horsham Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Eleventh Month, 2005

Query for Eleventh Month

Stewardship of Resources

Does our Meeting serve social and economic justice in its uses of property and money?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting's work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the quarterly and yearly meetings

and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our Meeting rely on current members for financial support, and what role does endowment income serve? Does the Meeting consider carefully the appropriate role of invested funds?

Am I clear that I am the steward, not the owner, of property in my care?

Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to

avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources?

Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income?

Do my employment and other activities allow for use of time and energy in spiritual growth and in service to the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting, in the yearly meeting, and in the wider world of Friends?

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Minutes of Tenth Month 2005

October 23, 2005

Clerk Amy Ann Jarrett opened the meeting immediately following Meeting for Worship.

The Tenth Query and Advices on Stewardship of the Environment, having been read in Meeting for Worship, the Clerk asked for further comments. Several members spoke citing the land use, previously farming and now being used for education.

Old Business – Penrose Hallowell invited members to attend the ground breaking for the School to be held right after Meeting on November 13, 2005, and will be followed by light refreshments in the All Purpose room.

Penrose Hallowell also informed members that Meeting has signed 4 documents required by the Township of Horsham: 1- Development Agreement, 2- Basin Easement, 3 Road Work Easement and right of way and 4- Lease

Agreement. The Meeting approved all four documents.

Overseers Report – There is no soup Sunday this week because we are invited to the Ham Dinner on November 5th at 6 pm.

Appointed to Oversee the wedding of Matthew Keck and Kelly Tessena are Richard and Alice Wetherill, Amy Jarrett and Elizabeth Lukshides.

Trustees Report- Elizabeth O. Jarrett and J.Ellwood Kirk met with Douglas Thomas, Attorney for the Meeting , on Octo-

ber 24th to sign the aforementioned documents for The Quaker School use of the Meeting's land. The Meeting approved the Trustees signing the agreements.

The work on the Carriage Shed has not been started yet. The Contractor should begin in the next week or so.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2005 at 7 pm.

The Clerk read a note from Dorothea Sines thanking the Meeting for the flowers received in her



Peace Quote:

**We are,
each of us
angels
with only
one wing;
and we
can only
fly by
embracing
one
another.**

**- Luciano de
Crescenzo**

There is a higher level of work and service and ministry, which, thank God, men like us can reach. It is attained when one swings out into a way of life which is motivated and controlled by genuine sincere love and devotion, when consecration obliterates self-seeking, when in some measure, like Christ, the worker can say without reservations, "Not my will but thine be done."

Rufus Jones, 1922

recent illness.

Worship and Ministry Report Alice reported for Christine Greenland, who was not present, that Christine and Elizabeth Lukshides attended a workshop at Fellowship Farm . Their tuition was paid by the Meeting.

Alice asked about Meeting for Worship scheduled for Christmas Day, December 25th and New Year's Day, January 1. December 25th would be Monthly Meeting. It was agreed that Monthly Meeting for December be changed to January 1, 2006.

Representative Meeting for the Abington Quarter will meet at Horsham at 9am on January 8, 2006. Horsham should provide breakfast type refreshments with coffee and tea. Abington Quarterly Meeting will be at Horsham Meeting on February 5 2006. Horsham will host the meeting for 9am coffee, etc. and lunch beverages and dessert. Attenders bring their own lunch.

Dorothea Sines recommended that members attend Quarterly Meeting. It is very informative and Friends meet with Friends from other Meetings. Dottie asked to step down as Quarterly Representative. Michele Bender-Gruber volunteered to be the new Representative, and Dottie will introduce her to the Committee in January. R.Evelyn Carpenter is the alternate.

Alice reminded us that we need help with the children at Quarterly Meeting.

Gwynedd is partner in child care for this Meeting. A service project for the children was suggested. Meeting approved a gift of \$500.to Alice to purchase health kit items. The kits will be prepared by the children and held in storage to be used for emergencies. Recent weather related emergencies show the need for this type of preparation.

Alan Folsom suggested that the Worship and Ministry Report be sent to him for printing in the Newsletter. Any items sent to Alan should be in a type that he can easily incorporate into his format without retyping.

Alice copied a "Message to Visitors" from Quarterly Meeting explaining Quaker Sunday Worship. She made 24 copies. Friends are asked to return them to the Back Bench after reading. Alice also asked Members to help out with First Day School.

Treasurer's Report

J. Ellwood Kirk reported for Treasurer, David Charles,

that in September a gift of \$2000. has been approved to be dispersed as follows: The American Red Cross - \$500.00,

\$500. Salvation Army and \$1000 to Katrina Hurricane Fund. The Treasurer has also sent \$1000 to American Friends Service Committee. \$250. Horsham Fire Company, \$500. Hatboro-Warminster Coordinating Council and \$250 Horsham Ambulance Corp.

He reminded Friends that gifts to The Quaker School at Horsham will be matched by the Meeting in 2005 and 2006.

Ellwood asked the Meeting if it wanted to consider increasing the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Covenant for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Meeting gives \$11,100 at present. Discussion resulted in the agreement to have the assessment remain the same with no increase. If

Bucks Quarter Skating Party

Once again, Bucks Quarter would love to have Abington Quarter Friends join us at our Annual New Years Day Skating Party held at Face Off Circle in Warminster. I have attached the flier and will mail hard copies of the flier to each Meetinghouse for posting and announcing next week. There will be directions on the reverse side of the fliers that I'll be mailing out.

Please spread the invitation far and wide to Friends and friends of Friends, we would love to have you all come play with us again!!!If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Peace, love, and joy~

Holly Olson
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215-453-7358



Meeting increased this donation the individual membership assessment would have to increase. Members are reminded that it is very important to give to the Special Appeals of Yearly Meeting.

Present membership at Horsham Meeting is 62 adults.

Dottie Sines will deliver the collected food to Warminster this week.

New Business - Chardean Langdon's, husband, Bob, is very ill having had 40% of his liver removed.

Friends are asked to send cards and keep the Langdon's in their prayers. Laura Powell will be asked to send a plant.

The Horsham Historical Society will host a reception on Tuesday, October 26th from 6-9 pm. at the Horsham Library. A display of memorabilia about Horsham will be on display. Several members have loaned items to be shown.

There will be a book sale at 17th and Cherry Meeting on October 28th.

The Clerk read several

other messages and announcements some of which will be placed on the back bench for those interested in more information.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned. There were 24 members and 2 guests present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothea C. Sines,
Assistant Clerk

Upcoming Events

November 27 Concert at Fallowfield Meeting

The Greenwood Singers will present their first Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 27, at the historic Fallowfield Friends Meeting, Route 82 and Buck Run Road in Ercildoun, three miles southwest of Coatesville, PA. Fallowfield Meeting is inviting the public to attend.

The Greenwood Singers' program will include a wide range of familiar and distinctive noels and interpretive song arrangements. All members of the choral group have extensive musical backgrounds.

After the Greenwood Singers performance, "Quaker" refreshments including angel food cake, cupcakes and beverages will be offered in the community-room. A basket for voluntary contributions will be placed near the door.

Quaker Parenting Project

Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series The Quaker Parenting Project of PYM is offering two parenting discussion series. One focuses on Quaker beliefs, testimonies and practices. Those are explored for their meaning for parenting and family life. The other series, Parenting Creatively, uses queries to help parents envision what they want for their children, the kind of relationship they want to have with them, and what the specific situation demands. Underlying the discussions are the Quaker beliefs, testimonies and practices that can vitally support parents as they answer the queries and continue to guide their children. Each series runs six to eight weeks. They are scheduled to meet the needs of Meetings, schools or other groups interested in strengthening their family lives. For further information contact Harriet Heath at 610 649 7037 or Harriet_Heath@hotmail.com

Impending Retirement of Helen File

It is with deep gratitude for her 28 years of remarkable service that the Yearly Meeting announces the impending retirement of Helen J. File as the Director of Arch Street Meeting House, planned to be effective at the end of January 2006. We are, at the same time, very pleased to say we expect Helen to continue to serve PYM as a consultant to the Meeting House Trust Fund Granting Group, where her extraordinary knowledge of how to maintain and improve Meeting properties – especially historic properties – will continue to benefit our Meetings and members.

PYM will always be in Helen File's debt for the work she has done. She has cared for our treasured property with great love, kept it operating even through the dramatic renovations and repairs of 1991, and welcomed many of us to many functions there. She has helped plan and implement Yearly Meeting sessions, and cared for the practical needs of our community in many ways. And her service to a myriad of Meetings, offering them advice and counsel on how to care for and repair their buildings, has literally saved many other meetinghouses.

December 11 Program on Prison Visitation

Green Street Meeting, 45 W School House Lane in Philadelphia, will be having a presentation on prison visitation at its monthly Peace and Social Concerns sharing on Sunday, December 11, from 9:15 to 10:30 AM, prior to meeting for worship.

The presenters will be Eric Corson, Marlene Santoyo and Linda Singleton, all of



whom are active with Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS), the only organization with nationwide access to all federal and military prisons. PVS has 300 volunteers across the U.S. who visit prisoners no one else gets to see - those far from home, often in solitary confinement or on death row or transferred from prison to prison.

In addition to the three presentations, a short video about PVS will be shown. In the video, prisoners and visitors talk about how important prison visits are.

Interested persons may contact Green Street Meeting at (215) 844-4924.

Skatng Party

Bucks Quarter's New

Years Day Skating Party is welcoming all Friends and Friends of Friends. See details elsewhere

Retreats for Friends, Winter 2006

Three retreats are offered this winter at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA. Renee Crauder from State College Meeting (PA) is the spiritual director for these retreats. Retreats are cosponsored by PYM's Adult Religious Education Concerns Group.

Eight-day retreat, Wednesday, January 4 to Thursday, January 12. Cost is \$420.

Mid-week retreat, Tuesday, February 7 to Thursday, February 9. Cost is \$150.

A Lenten Weekend retreat, Friday, March 17 to Sunday, March 19. Cost is \$150.

The cost includes room, board, the facilities of the Retreat Center, and Renee's availability. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at the time of registration. Each retreat is limited to five retreatants.

To register, call St. Raphaela Center at 610-642-5715. For more information, call Renee Crauder at 814-867-0644 or email rcauder@adelphia.net

Meetinghouse

Maintenance Workshop

is February 4, 2006 Hold this date - Saturday, February 4, 2006 (snow date, February 25) - for "Living Witnesses III," the third meetinghouse care event geared to Monthly Meeting property committee members, trustees, and all others interested in historically sensitive meetinghouse repair, maintenance, and adaptation. This day-long event at the Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia will provide practical information about meetinghouse care through workshops on specific technical topics. It will also explore the usefulness of the "Living Witnesses" workbook,

sold through Quaker-Books of FGC. Watch for event flyers and invitations.

For more information, contact Peggy Morscheck, representing the HABS (Historic American Buildings Survey) Working Group of PYM. Call (610) 642-4069 or email morscheck@comcast.net.

Sun Feb 5, 2006

Abington Quarterly Meeting at Horsham

Mar 25, 2006

PYM one-day session at Arch Street Meeting House, Philadelphia

Sun May 7, 2006

Abington Quarterly Meeting. Quarterly Meeting at Cheltenham.

July 1-7, 2006

2006 FGC Gathering of Friends "Swimming in Living Waters" Pacific Lutheran University Puget Sound, Washington .

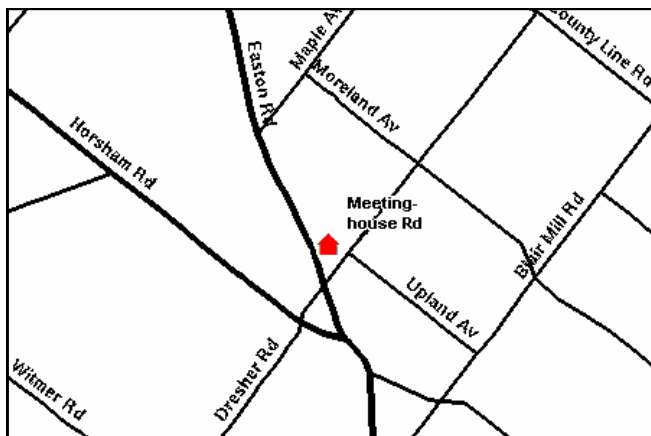
Tuesday-Sunday

July 25-30, 2006

PYM Residential Yearly Meeting at DeSales University, Center Valley, PA

About Horsham Monthly Meeting

We welcome all to visit us for worship on Sundays at 10:30AM. First Day (Sunday) school is held during worship from September through May. For more information, call (215) 672-1714, or email our Clerk, Amy Jarrett, at ajarrett@peoplepc.com.



Information for this newsletter should be given to Alan Folsom by the 10th of each month for inclusion in that month. Articles or information can be emailed to: alan@folsoms.net.