

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWS

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Meetings for Worship:

First Days, 11:00 A.M.

First Day School for Children

11:15 A.M. (Join Meeting for Worship from 11:00-11:15)

Nursery Care for Our Youngest

11:00 A.M. (For questions call Suzanne Spoor at 410 257 2379)

Meetings for Worship with a

Concern for Business:

1st First Day of Month at 9:00 A.M.

Adult Religious Education:

As noted in calendar below

JULY & AUGUST 2008 CALENDAR

JULY	06	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
			12:00 Noon	-	Potluck
	07				Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 4)
	13	(2)	9:30 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	20	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
			12:15 P.M.	-	Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting
	27	(4)	9:30 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	29	(5)			
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
AUG.	03	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
			12:00 Noon	-	Potluck
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			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
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			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
			12:15 P.M.	-	Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting
	24	(4)	9:30 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
			11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
			9:00 P.M.	-	Newsletter Items Due: email AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
	31	(5)	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship

Care of the Meeting House for Seventh Month: Ministry and Worship

Care of the Meeting House for Eighth Month: Pastoral Care

Divine love imposeth no rigorous or unreasonable commands, but graciously points out the spirit of brotherhood and way to hanniness. John Woolman

QUERIES FOR SEVENTH 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? **Faith & Practice, p.40**

QUERIES FOR EIGHTH MONTH: OUTREACH

Do you as way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance? **Faith & Practice, p.40**

AFM library books on the monthly query are in the wooden rack to the left side of the counter. "Query of the Month" pamphlets are labeled in the pamphlet rack.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS MINUTES 1st Day of the Sixth Month, 2008

Present: B. Thomas (Clerk), M. Ormsby (Recording Clerk) B&K Chandler, N&S Elsbree, H. Saunders, C. Mayer, C. Krafft, P. Favero, R&T Hawkins, P. Meredith, D. Walizer, W. Jordan, J. McKeown, J. Hobbins, M&C Reid, J. Rodkin, L. Pickens, J. Mendelman, W&M Candler, B&C Kinzer, M. Gerace, E. Albert.

Our Meeting began with centering worship.

CREC: Michele Reid Reporting:

Child Safety Policy: was read and distributed. It will be found in the library, office, bulletin board in the lobby, hallway, classrooms, and the nursery. It will also be sent by internet to the community. The Policy revisions were read and approved with gratitude for the hard work. The Policy is attached to these minutes.

Peace & Social Concerns: Sylvia Oliva presenting but Barbara Thomas reporting:

Updated UNITY STATEMENT OF THE SAVE DARFUR COALITION, 2008

'We stand together and unite our voices to raise public awareness and mobilize a massive response to the atrocities in Sudan's western region of Darfur.

Responding to a rebellion in 2003, the regime of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir and its allied militia, known as the *Janjaweed*, launched a campaign of destruction against the civilian population of ethnic groups identified with the rebels. They wiped out entire villages, destroyed food and water supplies, stole livestock and systematically murdered, tortured and raped civilians. The Sudanese government's genocidal, scorched earth campaign has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives through direct violence, disease and starvation, and continues to destabilize the region. Millions have fled their homes and live in dangerous camps in Darfur, and hundreds of thousands are refugees in neighboring Chad. Violence continues today. Ultimately, the fate of the Darfuri people depends on establishing a lasting and just peace in all of Sudan and in the region.

We are committed to the goals that the Save Darfur Coalition advocates, including:

- Ending the violence against civilians
- Facilitating adequate and unhindered humanitarian aid
- Establishing conditions for the safe and voluntary return of displaced people to their homes
- Promoting the long-term sustainable development of Darfur
- Holding the perpetrators accountable

We call on the United States, other governments, the United Nations and regional organizations to focus their efforts on ending this crisis.'

This statement was read and approved.

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Minutes Continued:

Stewardship & Finance: Will Candler reporting:

Phil Caroom will be speaking about the substance of our support for the Geneva initiative. S&F approved spending about \$2,000 as a deposit to ensure that there would be accommodation at the Bon Secours conference center when required. This money came from the existing Peace and Justice Center group's fund. At our last Meeting, it was not known how much (or if any) external funding would be available for the proposed negotiation. The total cost is currently estimated to be in the range of \$65,000 to \$75,000.

We decided to recommend to Meeting for Business that: If needed the Meeting launch an appeal for any required balance of funds (i.e. up to as much as \$75,000) to finance the negotiation. This appeal would be public, going beyond our Meeting Community. We are assured this appeal would be successful, nevertheless this fund raising effort would represent a serious commitment by the Meeting. We should perhaps hear from the Peace and Justice Center group, before considering S&F's recommendation.

N.B.: When contributions are made, it is necessary to specify the Peace and Justice Center for proper distribution.

Peace and Justice Center Update: Phil Caroom Reporting:

The Geneva Initiative and disputes over the Water Rights Accord has resulted in a need for negotiation, proposed to occur in the Annapolis area. The needed people including mediators, facilitators and negotiators are being contacted to officiate this sort of meeting. These professionals are willing to donate their time and expertise with the great anticipation. Tremendous success has been enjoyed in amassing these needed experts. The Budgetary constraints, which exist for transportation and facility fees, have been encountered; solutions are being contemplated. Fund raising campaigns are being considered. A request was made to hold this event in August, however the needed funds are still being sought. The location is to be held at Bon Secours during the week of Eighth Month 17th to the 22nd 2008. Additionally, the National Press Club may be rented for increased exposure and space. Additional security may be needed and contacts for such security needs have been made. Trip insurance policies should also be considered.

A discussion about purpose and intent ensued, as to whether our center is local or international or both. The leadings and energies are being recognized in many different directions. Those directions were discussed, briefly.

Consideration of this effort by AFM and the need for a financial appeal was worshipfully made. Refiguring the costs now result in an estimate that approaches \$45,000 rather than \$75,000.

The launching of an appeal for funds was approved.

Library Committee: Ken Chandler reporting:

A full inventory of the library is to be made to amass a catalogue of books CDs and literature. The purchase of a computer may be needed at a later date. Regular meeting times have been designated for the committee. A request was made to hold the library in its intent in use, thereby using it as a meeting room, only as a last resort. A sign to be placed on the library door would read:

'A GENTLE REMINDER: Please allow the library to be open for library users just before and after Meeting for Worship! Please stop Committee Meetings by 10:45a.m. and don't start again until 12:45p.m. Use other meeting rooms first! Thank you! AFM Library Committee.'

The approval for establishing this sign will be brought back to the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Thomas, Clerk

Marcia V. Ormsby, Recording Clerk

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

ANNAPOLIS AREA MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER, ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTER, AND PANTRY

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday (July 7th and August 4th). Peter Meredith (410-647-2487) and Marcia Ormsby (410-280-5025) serve as our schedulers to identify Friends to coordinate monthly meals. We also collect non-perishable food items to deliver to the pantry after each first First Day. These items may be placed in the container in the hallway of the Meeting House.

SPECIAL JULY FOOD DRIVE FOR THE LIGHT HOUSE PANTRY

Friends, once again we have the opportunity and the commitment to provide the bulk of the Light House Pantry food supply for the month of July along with members from St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. We have truly been blessed this year with new churches participating in the program and enough supplies to increase our distribution to families in the Annapolis area. Food supplies are especially appreciated toward the end of the month when food stamps run out for many of our families, and we hope to maintain our level of support. We know how much you give throughout the year to confirm our belief that folks should not be hungry. If you would like to share your resources in this way once again, we are especially in need of the following items: peanut butter and jelly, powdered milk envelopes, hamburger helper, canned vegetables other than green beans and corn, instant or canned potatoes, dry noodles or pasta mixes, and paper towels. As always, any nonperishable food items are most appreciated. If you would like to serve in this way, please place your items in the green container in the Meeting House and they will be delivered to the Pantry. Thank You.

ABRIDGED PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 6/15/08

Following silent worship, a "Peace Nouvella" Presentation on June 21st at St. Johns College was announced. This event includes a play by Alice Yeager entitled "A Capital Idea," and a peace flags presentation by the World Peace Prayer Society, which is connected with the peace pole movement.

Town Hall Meeting: At rise of meeting on May 18th it was announced that a Town Hall meeting was being called on May 29th at Annapolis City Hall, to discuss the war in Iraq and its effects on our local economy. A.A. Peace Action was the sponsor and asked AFM to co-sponsor, but this could not be approved before our next regular business meeting (6/1/08). Therefore, Pat Schenck asked PSC committee to consider co-sponsoring. Via phone calls and emails each member of PSC responded, and although all viewed it as a very positive event that we wanted to support, we did not reach agreement. We agreed that there is a need to find a streamlined and fair process for responding to requests for AFM sponsorship of causes we would all support.

Input for Growing & Greening Working Group: Guided by the two queries provided by G&G, we discussed the prospect of growing the Meeting's physical space. PSC Committee has no need for additional space and will give a complete report of our feedback at the June 29th G&G meeting.

Harold Saunders's Leading: We discussed Harold's petition decrying the paying of federal taxes that support our military engaged in war; his leading; the minute he has requested us to present to business meeting; and his traveling letter from Meeting Clerk. We are not sure what our committee is called to do to at this time to support him, and will bring it up at a future committee meeting when more members are present.

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PSC Committee Continued:

PSC Leadings: Today we made an action plan after establishing a new mission statement (pending approval of Meeting), sharing about our past individual leadings regarding peace and justice, deciding what we feel called to now as a committee, and searching and researching implementation.

- We are considering actively supporting “Bridges for Peace” with committee members and other interested Friends (some of whom have been doing this faithfully over the years), including our children if possible.
- We are holding Harold in the Light and still trying to discern if his leading is a part of the action we are led to take.
- We plan to bring to light the actions Friends in Meeting are currently taking individually, what we have done corporately, and what more we are led to do in response to the situation in Iraq in connection with our Peace Testimony and BYM PSC’s “Call to Action” of Eighth Month 2007 (see October 2007 Newsletter).
- We considered the value of letters and emails to our Senators and Representatives, showing we stand clearly on the side of non-violence and peace. It was noted that one letter counts for twenty people’s opinion.

We closed in silent worship.

OUR RESPONSE/RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP END THE WAR IN IRAQ

We believe the Iraq war and occupation are profoundly wrong. Led by our peace testimony and our minute for peace of 12th month, 2002, and challenged by the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Peace & Social Concerns Committee’s “Call to Action” (see 8th month, 2007 Newsletter), the Peace and Social Concerns Committee feels it would be very beneficial to bring to light Friends’ efforts in working for peace in Iraq and in promoting healing, reconciliation and justice regarding the catastrophes our war and occupation have caused, both there and at home.

We invite your response to the following 3 queries. Please put it in the PSC Committee mail cubby in the office or email it to Sylvia Oliva: soliva@erols.com. PSC Committee will collect and compile the responses sent in by August 10, 2008 and report back to you.

1. What are you doing to help end U.S. occupation in Iraq; what are you doing to promote healing, reconciliation and justice there and at home?
2. What have we done, or are we doing, as a Meeting?
3. What more do we feel led to do?

Thank you so much for your response. It will help us in Peace & Social Concerns Committee to do our work, and we believe it will help our entire Meeting.

REMINDER TO MAKE YOUR QUAKER CAUSES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009

All Friends are welcome to recommend to Peace and Social Concerns Committee, **before their July 20th committee meeting**, an addition to, removal from, or a change in a percentage amount allocated in the current list of Causes, for the 2009 Quaker Causes Budget. The current list (2008) with allocated percentages is as follows:

- 24% for Annapolis Area Ministries (Lighthouse Shelter)
- 10% for Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center
- 5% each for: American Friends Service Committee and Friends Committee on National Legislation
- 3% each for: Friends International Center in Ramallah; Friends Peace Teams; Women for Afghan Women;

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PSC Committee Continued:

Pendle Hill; William Penn House; Washington Work Camps, DC; Ufufuo, Inc. (Quaker Work Camps); John Calvi; Madison Quakers, Inc.; Quaker House of Fayetteville, Inc.; Save Darfur Coalition; and Right Sharing of World Resources
20% for Emergent Social Concerns Fund (fixed)

Please follow the Procedure Below for Recommending Quaker Causes Recipients

Submit in writing the following information to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. It may be placed in the PSC mailbox in the meeting house office anytime before our July 20th meeting, or it may emailed to the clerk of PSC at soliva@erols.com by July 19th.

- Name of and contact information for proposed recipient.
- Brief description of purpose of recipient or how the money would be used.
- A brief personal justification for your request.
- Your phone number and/or email address.

GET YOUR “WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER” YARD SIGN

Pat Schenck is the local distributor for yard signs from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). If you would like one, ask her at Meeting. She carries a few in the trunk of her car. FCNL asks for a voluntary contribution of \$5, the cost to print and mail one sign.

ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL SESSIONS OF BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

Baltimore Yearly Meeting is offering each Monthly Meeting the opportunity to send three of its members or attenders to Annual Sessions at for two days at no cost. This offer is for Friends (adults or children) who would not be able to attend otherwise. Annual Sessions run from August 4 through August 10 at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland. Attenders can choose any two days from among the six. If interested, let Barbara Thomas know and she will provide the gift certificates for registration.

THREE CHEERS FOR FRAN PALMERI!

Fran Palmeri has received 2nd prize in the Florida Press Outdoor Articles Competition for newspapers with a circulation over 15,000. Three cheers for Fran and the environment.

NEXT DAYSPRING SILENT RETREAT WILL BE 10/10 THROUGH 10/13. SAVE THE DATE!

The gift of love is the gift of the power and the capacity to love, and, therefore, to give love with full effect is also to receive it. So, love can only be kept by being given away, and it can only be given perfectly when it is also received. Thomas Merton.

LIBRARY CORNER

STRIDING TOWARDS FREEDOM: THE MONTGOMERY STORY

-Review by Phil Caroom

Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote *Striding towards Freedom* exactly 50 years ago in 1958, as an autobiography including his early career as a minister (he then was 29 years old) and his successful leadership of the year-long, nonviolent Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott. But, with his central and final chapters, the Boston College Ph.D. also outlined the academic study and personal religious faith that led to his adoption of Gandhian nonviolence.

The early autobiography moves quickly from childhood experiences with racism in Georgia to completion of grad school in Boston. King and his young bride Coretta in 1955 are tempted by comfortable job offers in the Detroit area. Almost reluctantly, King decides to accept an offer to be the pastor of a church "for a few years" in Montgomery, Alabama-- the heart of the Jim-Crow south.

Simply from effective church committee work, King finds himself in the room when the report arrives that Rosa Parks was arrested, too tired to give up her bus seat to a white man. The boycott is proposed by another minister, but the young, well-educated King is selected as spokesperson for the organizers.

Although the scholarly King spent at least 15 hours to prepare each Sunday morning sermon, events left him only 15 minutes to prepare his first speech to hundreds of angry parishioners gathered to organize the boycott: "How could I make a speech that would be militant enough to keep my people aroused to positive action yet moderate enough to keep this fervor within controllable and Christian bounds?"

Despite ever-increasing attention attracted by the boycott around the U.S. and the world, King and the boycott participants locally coped with anger then fear of ever-increasing anonymous telephone threats, Ku Klux Klan drive-bys, assaults, arrests of King and many other supporters, then ultimately bombs set off at King's home and those of other organizers. Even when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the boycott and against bus segregation laws, local authorities' cooperation was slow.

In passages exhorting nonviolent resistance, Friends will enjoy many lines which sound like Quaker testimonies: for example, "We will only say to [prospective boycott participants], 'Let your conscience be your guide.'"

King concludes with a survey of the U.S. in 1958, finding the southern half of the country still rife with segregated schools, businesses and discrimination of every kind. Considering the election in 2008, Friends reading this book will marvel at how far we have come.

[NOTE: Although it's autobiographical, this book is shelved in AFM library under "Peace & Social Concerns.]"

JOURNEYSCAPES

What: JourneyScapes – Explore the four elements

Where: Multi-Purpose Room, Annapolis Friends Meeting

When: Saturday, September 20th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

This 4-hour workshop will have participants embark on a journey to explore the 4 elements – air, water, fire, earth – and learn how the elements serve as guides on our life path. There is a cost, please contact Karen Hodges for fee information, questions and to register. Contact Karen Hodges, personal and business coach at www.synthesiscoaching.com at khodges@synthesiscoaching.com or call (401) 497-6900 with any questions.

“Let me light my lamp,” says the star “and never debate if it will help to remove the darkness.”
R. Tagore.

What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. St. Augustine

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40)(KJV)

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