

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Meetings for Worship:

Annapolis Friends Meeting House

351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Maryland

First Days, 11:00 A.M.

First Day School for children:

11:15 A.M. - (children first join meeting for worship from 11:00_11:15)

Nursery care for our youngest:

11:00 A.M.

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

MARCH 2010 - SPECIAL EVENTS

07 (1) 9:00 A.M. - Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
11:00 A.M. - Meeting for Worship
Potluck

08 - Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (pg.3)

(2) 8:00 A.M. - Early Meeting for Worship

9:00 A.M. - Adult ed.

11:00 A.M. - Meeting for Worship

21 (3) 9:00 A.M. - Committee Meetings

11:00 A.M. - Meeting for Worship

28 (4) 8:00 A.M. - Early Meeting for Worship

11:00 A.M. - Meeting for Worship

9:00 P.M. - Newsletter items due: please email!

APRIL 4 - Easter 7:00 A.M. - Brief sunrise meeting, walk on nature trail, breakfast

Care of the Meeting House for Third Month: Meeting House and Land Com.

QUERIES FOR THIRD MONTH: THE MEETING COMMUNITY

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs? Faith and Practice, p.38.

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS

Fourteenth Day of the Second Month, 2010. Present were: Barbara T. (Clerk), Marcia O. (Recording Clerk) with 22 other Friends and attenders. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Ministry & Worship Committee: Marcia O. reporting:

Request was made and approved to hold the annual Spiritual State of the Meeting worship sharing at 11:25, during Meeting for Worship on Second Month 28th Day. This year's queries for the worship sharing were distributed. All committee clerks are reminded to send their annual reports for 2009 to Elise.

Treasurer's Report: Joel R. reporting: The Meeting's 2009 accounting ended with a positive balance, to be discussed by the Stewardship & Finance Committee. Some \$3000 from the Quaker Market proceeds have been divided and distributed to the Alternatives to Violence Project and the Lighthouse Shelter.

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Mary K. reporting: Adjustments to the accounts have been made so that all core Committee requests have been budgeted. Any special requests for funds, by committees need to be passed directly to Stewardship & Finance. The actual amounts need confirmation, but \$3800 is estimated for the approved funding of a bookkeeper and an accountant to manage our books and to set up Quick Books for the Meeting. Some \$2000 from CREC, camping, which has been offset by a designated contribution, \$500 from the Peace & Social Concerns Committee and \$581 from Meetinghouse & Lands, will defray these costs. The use of our 2009 surplus, of a similar amount, will be discussed next month, when the final numbers are tabulated. Appreciation was extended to those involved, for the all the hard work on these efforts.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Phil F. reporting: A \$500 contribution to AFSC was sent from the Emergent Social Concerns Fund, 1_20_10, for relief in Haiti. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Haitians, who have suffered this tragic earthquake that occurred there on First Month 12th, 2010. We were reminded that the use of this fund does not require prior approval from business meeting. We were further reminded of our immense gratitude for our current abundance.

Ministry and Worship Committee: Marcia O. clerking an open discussion: An exploration to discover ways to increase attendance at Meeting for Business was entertained; additionally, ways to make Meeting for Business more spiritually led were considered. The discussion included changing the days and times of day to hold Meeting for Business, a brown bag lunch after Meeting for Worship, at 12:30, ending worship after half an hour, or possibly holding Business Meeting on an occasional weeknight. It was noted that a clear ending time needs to be set. Since the ones who attend, approve the time Business Meeting is held, it remains unchanged. Outreach suggested an early Meeting for Worship followed by Meeting for Business. Experimenting with different times is attractive but routine is important. Perhaps potluck could be offered at a different time from Meeting for Business. Holding Meeting for Business on the fifth first day was mentioned. A survey could be distributed by email and by hard copy to discern suggestions. We need to be respectful of our renters and their time using the building. Child care needs to be offered two young Friends from CREC may provide childcare, but we still need to ask for volunteers.

2/10 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - continued: Other concerns: Barbara T. reporting: Returning from New Zealand, she notes that their Yearly Meeting honors our testimonies as Social Testimonies and recognizes others as additional Religious Testimonies including: 'That of God in Everyone, Direct Communion with God, All of Life is Sacramental, and Continuing Revelation.' Our Ministry & Worship Committee will consider these additional Testimonies and the manual from New Zealand for discussion and possible Meetings for Learning.

The discussion about the publishing of our Minutes on the internet, now resides within the Outreach Committee. No clear decision has been reached; our Clerk will be in touch with the BYM webmaster for ideas and suggestions.

The Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting will be held here at Annapolis Friends Meeting on Third Month, 13,14&15. The flyer will be published and a paper announcement will be circulated.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship. Respectfully Submitted, Barbara T., Clerk & Marcia O., Recording Clerk. (Minor editing is made to this AFM newsletter edition.)

**HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PLEASE NOTE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR & EMAIL ADDRESS**

Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the deadline listed above in the calendar. Please recall that Phil Caroom is the new editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at [e-mail removed from website].

Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting. oEvent and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!

Announce List: [e-mail removed from website] — Discuss List: [e-mail removed from website]

"Easter Season in Story and Music" and Worship Sharing -Sunday, 3/14

We'll meet in the Children's Religious Ed room (unless someone else has already reserved it) from 9:15 till 10:45. We'll have four sections instead of Worship Sharing questions: Passover, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. For each we'll read a brief Bible passage, I'll share a brief reflection, we'll sing a related song, and then have some worship sharing time.

If you can't make it on time, please just come in quietly and join us. Any questions or changes (such as another group using the Children's Room) please let me know by email or by phone at 240_391_6680. blessings, Beth Chandler

LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER, ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTER, AND PANTRY

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday of each month (Feb.8th this month). 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 lobby of the Meeting House. Please contact Carol Brantley for an updated list of items especially needed.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Committee Service Opportunities

Have you ever wondered how the Religious Society of Friends continues to thrive and change? The secret is Spirit_led Friends willing to dedicate time, energy, and hard work.

Serving on a BYM committee can be a very special experience. It is an opportunity to engage in meaningful work, deepen Quaker roots, and widen horizons by working with Friends from the 53 Monthly Meetings/Worship Groups, etc. The growing knowledge and inter_visitation experience gained strengthens the Friend serving and your Monthly Meeting as well.

Areas of interest and service include administration, ministry and pastoral care, peace and social concerns, children and youth, advancement and outreach, and representing BYM at various Friends organizations. See BYM's website (www.bym_rsf.org) for full descriptions.

Service is a three_year commitment, beginning at the August Annual Meeting this year. Most committees meet together at Interim and Annual Meetings as well as undertaking various activities throughout the year.

To discuss further the gifts you may bring to the various openings, contact Barbara Thomas. Clerk, BYM Nominating Committee at [e-mail removed from website]OR 410_867_2473.

QUAKER QUOTES FOR MARCH

This is the reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you ... for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and love and of self_discipline.

II Timothy 1:7

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracle, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

I Corinthians 12: 8-11.

Remember, O my soul that the Prince of Peace is thy Lord, that he communicates his unmixed wisdom to his family, that they, living in perfect simplicity, may give no just cause of offense to any creature, but may walk as he walked. John Woolman (1720-1772)

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world."

John 12:44_47

SPRING MARKET THOUGHTS

The snow is finally melting and it's time to start thinking about where we would like to direct the bountiful proceeds (positive thinking here) of our next market which will be Saturday May 1st, 2010. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the work of a local, national or international non-profit as well as our own Annapolis Friends Meeting. Remember that 75% of the proceeds will be donated to a charitable organization outside of our Quaker meeting and 25% of the proceeds will be designated for projects or goals within the meeting. Please let us know which organization outside the meeting that you would like to support this Spring. It may also be helpful to let us know what you understand their mission to be and any specific activity they are involved in currently. The Market Committee will review all of the suggestions and choose one. You may give your suggestions to market committee members Margaret Holmes, Careen Mayer, Jean Christianson or Patricia Robinson OR you may e-mail or call Margaret Holmes, Holmes[e-mail removed from website] or 410_721_5551. Put the date on your calendar to attend and start putting aside items you no longer need. We look forward to hearing from you.

Nursery Caretakers Needed: Spending time with our youngest Annapolis Friends is a joy that we invite you to share. You get to play, read to the kids, play again, tell stories, play more and have a snack! If you forgot how to play, the kids will remind you. Please consider volunteering in our nursery and contact Suzanne Spoor at [e-mail removed from website]

LIBRARY CORNER:

The 2010 Library committee is ready to go and hopes you are too. All kinds of books, magazines, and pamphlets are available to borrow. Everything from Bible Quakerism to fiction. Areas are labeled for subject. There is a 3-ring notebook of a list of books available. Books are due back 2 months after the date they are taken out. Please put your name and phone # on the card and place it in the wooden box on the counter. Pamphlets and magazines are signed out on the appropriate pink card in the wooden box.

If you have any questions or comments please see one of the committee: Nan Elsbree, Beth Chandler, Susan Dapkunas, Phyllis Singer, Esther Geil, Michelle Veloso.

[A book review from our collection](#)

NONVIOLENCE: TWENTY-FIVE LESSONS FROM THE HISTORY OF A DANGEROUS IDEA (2006)

Mark Kurlansky writes popular history books that focus not on great persons or single nations, but on commodities. His past works include: *Salt - World History* and *Cod - A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*.

In *Nonviolence*, Kurlansky actually goes further than his title subject finding repeating cycles of war, nonviolent resistance, government repression, then gradual acquiescence to the peace movements' demands.

Ranging from Confucius and Tao in ancient China, through Christ and "Holy Wars," to Quakers and the modern peace movement, Kurlansky finds illustrations for his 25 lessons. Depending on your view, the exercise may be uplifting or discouraging. But it's a good history lesson in any event.

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