

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly

JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30pm Meditation Group	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship	6 10am King Ferry Food Pantry Birthday - Jay Ardai
7 10am Meeting for Worship - Songs and Silence	8 Birthday - Stacey Rejman Anniversary - Dillwyn & Sally Otis	9	10	11 10:30am Hazard Library - Dinosaur Dig 7pm Mid-week Worship – Sammond's	12 Birthday - Carl McCaffery	13 Birthday - Eveleyn Clarkson Zumaya
14 10am Meeting for Worship - Paul Simkin Birthday: Sigrid Mortensen	15	16 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture - Claire's	17 7pm San Pedro Community Group Meeting @ Buffam's	18 10:30am Hazard Library - Steel Drum Paradise 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group Birthday - Brenda Rose Simkin	19 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group Birthday - Zachary Nelson	20 9am Genoa Food Pantry
21 10am Meeting for Worship - Ann Burch Monthly Meeting for Business	22	23 Birthdays - Bill Fairhurst, Erika Richter	24 Deadline for PRISM submissions	25 10:30am Hazard Library - A trip to Ireland 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas household	26	27
28 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogramm ed) Birthday - Dilwyn Otis	29 Birthday: Marilyn Brice	30	31 Birthday - Charles Weld			

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact pr.prism@gmail.com

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2013

Attending: Larry Buffam (clerk), Ruth Bradley, Cathy Mullarney, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, Charles Weld.

Meeting began with Hannah Richter's reading of the May, 2013 minutes for information.

The clerk asked Ruth Bradley to report about the recent meeting of the Brooktondale worship group which she attended. The group wishes to continue meeting under the care of the Poplar Ridge Monthly meeting. Christopher Sammond has agreed to serve on the worship group's oversight committee.



The clerk reported about Poplar Ridge Monthly meeting's hospitality extended to the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign. Members of that group spent the night at the Meeting House on 6/6/2013. After eating dinner prepared by Poplar Ridge Monthly meeting members and attenders, and organized by the Social Committee and Peace and Social Action Committee, visitors from the Two Wampum group spoke about their activities after dinner. Dill Otis reported about the arrangements for the group's canoe trip that embarked from the Meetin house the next morning by automobile. Jane Simkin reported that many helped with hosting the group, and suggested that a building check after the group's departure by a Meeting member would have been helpful as the oven in the Meeting House's kitchen was left on.

The Meeting approved use of tables and chairs by the Richter family for a family gathering on 7/12/13.

The clerk reported receiving a request from Eddie Richter and Carly Pearson for the use of the Meetinghouse for their 8/9/2014 wedding. Meeting approved the request.

The clerk asked for a report from Julie Lockhart's clearness committee which recommended that she be accepted as a member of the Poplar Ridge monthly meeting. The clearness committee's recommendation was received, and the meeting approved that Julie Lockhart be accepted as a member of Poplar Ridge monthly meeting.

The clerk asked for a report from Andy Simkin, as a member of the Finance Committee, about the resurfacing of the Meeting House's roof. Andy Simkin reviewed year-to-date balances in the General Fund, Memorial Fund and Youth Fund along with the Finance Committee's recommendations about how much could be used from each fund to meet the approximately \$14,000, anticipated expense. Paul Simkin reviewed the history of the establishment of the Youth Fund, and suggested that the roof be paid for entirely from that fund. Meeting settled into silence to consider these options at the Clerk's request. Hannah Richter, speaking for Andreas Richter, suggested that a "standing seam" metal roof, which would cost more but last longer than a conventional metal roof, might be worth the additional expense. Discussion followed, focusing on how much of the roof needed replacing, what kind of roof should be applied, and how many bids the meeting needed to entertain. After further discussion, the decision was made to continue research about types of roof surface before making a decision about how to fund the roof replacement.

Minutes were reviewed for accuracy, and edited. Minutes were then approved.

The clerk reopened discussion, asking that roofing replacements bids be ready for review at the July monthly meeting for worship with attention to business. There was discussion about number of bids, and Meeting approved the

request for two bids for a “standing seam” metal roof, and two for standard metal roofs.

The amended minutes were approved as read.
Meeting closed at about 12:42 pm.
Minutes recorded by Charlie Weld

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

LEADINGS

"An inner conviction that impels one to follow a certain course under a sense of divine guidance. A Friend may submit a leading to the meeting for testing by corporate wisdom." - NYYM Faith and Practice

Glossary

"Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts, which are the leadings of God." - Britain YM Faith and Practice, 1995

"We may find that the guidance of the Spirit leads us toward specific actions; such leadings should be cherished. Our first leading may simply be to rise to speak in meeting for worship despite our diffidence. We may feel a leading toward some service, perhaps involving a social problem or a meeting or community need. A real concern is a gift of grace and demands our obedience, but we should also consider how early Friends sought to distinguish true leadings from false ones: We question our motives to find whether any selfish desire or unanswered personal need lies at the bottom of our impulse. We wait in patience to test our leading over time.

We seek to find out if our leading is consistent with other revelations of the Spirit. We seek the counsel of other Friends, either individually in conversation or by asking for a clearness committee, where members meet in worship over a concern to test its validity and weight and to clarify its implications for action.



A personal concern, meant for us individually, might become a concern involving our meeting. Individual concerns can become the means by which the community can bring the power of the Spirit into social action; the method Friends have developed to do this involves the progression and deepening of concerns from monthly to quarterly to yearly meetings. This process is another part of our gospel order, by which we wait with a concern and test it individually, then with a friend or family member, then with a group of Friends and the monthly meeting itself, and finally with quarterly and yearly meetings. Friends are thus available at each step to "test the concern in the Light," to consider the concern in relation to all they know about the situation and the persons involved and, most important, to hold the concern up to the light of the Inward Teacher, although we do not need to share, agree with, or endorse each other's concerns in order to support them. Each group may support the concern; possibly it may commend the concern as a call to action for the greater group of Friends.

In this way Friends have developed (sometimes slowly and painfully) the social witness that we have traditionally called our testimonies. Even such seemingly self-evident truths as the peace testimony or the testimony against slavery did not spring up fully articulated; rather, Friends worked each out over time and in social circumstances that resulted finally in its acceptance as part of our understanding of the will of God."
- NYYM website under 'leadings and concerns'

LIBRARY BOOK LIST

The library inventory has been updated. You can find a copy of the latest inventory online at [http://www.quaker.org/poplar/2013prismminutesandannualreports/Book list June 2013.pdf](http://www.quaker.org/poplar/2013prismminutesandannualreports/Book%20list%20June%202013.pdf). Stop by the library and find something new to read.



MEETINGHOUSE CALENDAR

There is a paper calendar on the tray/shelf of the blackboard in the library labeled Meeting House Use calendar. To avoid conflicts any use of the Meetinghouse other than regular Sunday worship and regular activities included in the PRISM calendar should be written on that calendar and confirmed with Jane Simkin.

For activities such as care committees where there is some confidentiality about all the participants, it is sufficient that it just be listed under the name of the person from the meeting arranging for meetinghouse use.

Examples of activities for which meeting approval already exists but that should be on this calendar are Hazard Library events, cemetery meetings, Camp Gregory meetings, and care committees.

INVITATION TO MEETING FOR DISCERNMENT

Please join other New York Yearly Meeting friends in our continuing experiment, begun in 2008, to listen for the word and work of the Spirit in the life of our Yearly Meeting. Our twelfth sessions will be held from 10:15 – 4:00 on July 24, 2013 at Silver Bay, Lake George. You must

register to attend (information at www.nyym.org).

We will consider the following queries at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Please let them begin to work in you even as you read them now.

What does it mean to be faithful as individuals? As a gathered body? What does faithfulness mean for a meeting?

Your monthly meeting has (hopefully) appointed one or two friends to attend Meetings for Discernment but they can only bring part of the picture, so all are encouraged to bring their light to the gathering. Friends in your meeting may find it fruitful to reflect on these queries together, but please come with open hearts. Listen and speak from the Spirit, not from prepared messages.

“Over time, I feel that I have gotten to know people well, only from sitting with them and maybe hearing their messages.”

For those who wish to reflect on the day with some of the elders who have held us in prayer there is a concluding session at 7:45.

“Holding the group in prayer has been an amazing experience for me. I feel that it is more possible to pray there, in that group, than anywhere else I have ever been.”

There are funds available to reimburse up to \$75 in travel/accommodation costs for Friends appointed by their meetings to the Meeting for Discernment and for Friends invited by the steering committee to serve the body as elders or recorders. Requests above \$75 may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Please contact Lucinda Antrim at lucindaantrim@verizon.net for the necessary forms or with any questions. And please come!

“The Spirit guides in ways seen and unseen. Integrity removes the artifice that we create and removes the inhibitions that lie in front of us allowing us to become closer to the Spirit. We are stripped of what binds us and can then be a vessel for the messages of the Spirit.”

2013 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS CORRECTIONS

The PRISM committee was not included in the previous lists for committee assignments.. Please update your records.

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Mary Lou Charles*
Suzanne O'Hara
Jane Simkin
Laura Buffam
Scott Heinekamp
Kathleen Connelly



WESTMINSTER MANOR YARD SALE

Westminster Manor will hold a Yard Sale Saturday, August 17. We are looking for unwanted items to sell for the benefit of residents. Please contact me if you have any treasures. What you don't want someone else is looking for. Stephanie Nelson

NEW ADDITION TO PRISM

Anne Dalton and Larry Buffam, acting as representatives of the Outreach and Ministry & Counsel committees, will be writing a short article for PRISM each month dealing with aspects of Quaker practice, history, and terminology. This will commence with the June issue and will be under the heading, "Did you ever wonder...." Feedback would be valued; please share your suggestions, comments, and criticisms.

SHARED SECURITY: AN INVITATION TO REIMAGINE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Friends have a long history of standing for peace in a militarized world. At FCNL, we recognize that the U.S. cannot sustain a foreign policy based on higher walls, bigger armies and more drones. It will take a new vision of shared security to address the challenges of our time—including climate change, stateless terror groups, infectious disease and an uncontrolled arms trade.

Working with the American Friends Service Committee, we've spent the last few months preparing [some initial documents](#) to start the conversation about what this new, shared security would look like and require. [Now we need to your ideas, discernment and development of these ideas](#) as we continue to shape this vision and implement it in our work. Visit sharedsecurity.org to find out more about the project and to contribute your thoughts to this conversation.

Take Action

Immigration Reform: The full Senate is scheduled to begin debate next week on legislation to offer a comprehensive reform of our broken immigration system. Find out our takes on [what we think are the positives and negatives](#) of this legislation, then [let your senators know what you think](#).

See the [online version](#) of this FCNL newsletter. with additional information at <http://fctl.org/resources/pubs/enews/060413/>.

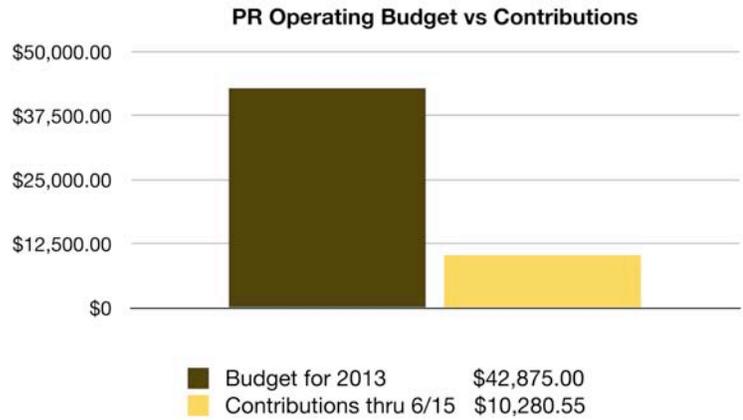
HAZARD LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Hazard Library presents 2013 Southern Cayuga Arts Programs

- June 25 - Summer Kick-off! - Pirate Adventure with Captain Jack
- July 11 - Steel Drum Paradise with the McClure Artist Guild
- July 18 - Dinosaur Dig with storyteller Diane Edgecomb
- July 25 - A Trip to Ireland with Deirdre McCarthy

All programs at 10:30 am in the meetinghouse
Programs are FREE All ages are Welcome!
Contact [Hazard Library](#) for more information.

Budget for 2013	\$42,875.00	
Contributions YTD	\$10,280.55	23.98%



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Larry Buffam	Pastor - Ruth Bradley
Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton	Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Howard Nelson
Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney	

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. There is Nursery during meeting. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

See <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/> for more information, updated calendar information or copies of previous newsletters. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

To change or correct a mailing label please contact Mary Lou Charles at 364-7391 or Scott Heinekamp at 364-7676. You can request PRISM electronically and save the Meeting the expense of postage by emailing pr.prism@gmail.com.

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