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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 New Year's Day 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller</p>	<p>2 New Year's Day observed 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's</p>	<p>3 7:30am Peace and Social Action Commitee @ Andy Simkin's 7:00pm Youth Commitee Meeting @ Lockhart's</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry</p>
<p>8 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Howard Nelson 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's</p>	<p>13 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Day</p>	<p>17 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'</p>	<p>18 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:30pm Movie Night - The people Speak @ Buxenbaum's</p>	<p>21 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry</p>
<p>22 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group</p>	<p>25 Deadline for PRISM submissions</p>	<p>26 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's</p>	<p>27 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group</p>	<p>28 6:00pm Family Night - Patterns and Examples: Games with Friends</p>
<p>29 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Children's Program led by Melinda Werner Bradley 11:30am Lunch with Melinda Wenner Bradley</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

Birthdays: 4th Jackie Dickinson; 7th David Connelly; 8th Mark Temelko; 9th Evan McGonagle; 10th Sarah Nelson Weiss; 12th Suzanne O'Hara; 13th Trudy Buxenbaum; 14th Kate Parker; 16th Garrett Hanson; 25th Kristin Trapane Otis; 28th Gregory Otis; 31st Julie Lockhart

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR DEC. 11, 2016

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:50 a.m.; the minutes from the Nov. 20 meeting were read.

Attending were Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Barry Kahn, Jeff Layton, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

We revisited Barry Kahn's wish to address the Upstate Citizens for Equality "No Sovereign Nation" sign at the Triangle on Ridge Road and State Route 34B in Scipio. We decided to refer Barry's concerns to Ministry and Council and his care committee.

We reached clarity on the proposed 2017 operating budget as presented by Jeff Layton of the Finance Committee. We decided to rename the General Fund the "General/Capital Fund" and set aside \$2,500 from the Operating Budget for 2017 in anticipation of future capital needs. We added \$200 to our FC&L contribution. We approved using the Jamison Fund for our outside contributions. We will publish the proposed 2017 budget in PRISM and reconsider it for final approval at the January Monthly Meeting.

Reporting on the basement renovations, Larry Buffam said the Children's Room work is substantially complete, and a coatrack will be installed by next week's events. Shelving and trim still need done. He suggests doing kitchen renovations next year. We may need to replace windows, add siding and insulation there. Work would begin in spring or summer.

We decided to display a smaller, artificial Christmas tree this year. Some people attending our worship meetings are allergic to a real fir tree.

The Meeting's contract with Craig Kukuk for Pastoral Care has been approved through 2017. We no longer consider it an interim arrangement.

We approved Jane Simkins' request for a wooden sign to be added to our outside Welcome Sign offering a welcome in Spanish, "Bienvenidos."

Hannah Richter will clerk the committee coordinating our hosting a New York Yearly Meeting's Meeting for Discernment on March 11. Others serving on the committee are Christopher Sammond, Joanne Rogers, Andrew Simkin, and Anne Dalton.

Suzanne O'Hara asked for guidance how to handle emails she receives from Quaker organizations. We asked her to place them on our Facebook page and ask meeting members familiar of the organizations sending the emails to create blurbs to publish in PRISM describing the kind of emails the organizations send and inviting Friends to sign up to receive them.

We closed with a moment of silence at 2:02 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk.

MOVIE NIGHT

The People Speak (<http://howardzinn.org/related-projects/the-people-speak/>) a movie inspired by Howard Zinn's groundbreaking books will be shown on January 20th at 7:30pm at Trudy Buxenbaum's home. The Peace and Social Action Committee sponsors this movie. All are encouraged to attend.



FRIENDLY SUPPERS

The social committee is looking for Hosts for February Friendly Suppers in lieu of a Family Night supper. This will be conducted as in the past; Hosts will be provided with a list of names from the Meeting attenders to be invited to the Host's home for a covered dish supper. Please contact Hannah if you would like to be a host and the number of people you are able to entertain: hannahrichter79@gmail.com or by phone: [315-364-3531](tel:315-364-3531).

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Halloween Carnival such a huge success. With almost 60 children visiting, accompanied by 50 adults, it was our best-attended carnival ever. Over two-dozen Poplar Ridge Meeting Friends (and friends!) made it all happen with games galore, fresh homemade pizza, baked goodies and a few gently spooky touches. Attendees, coming from as far away as Auburn, expressed their gratitude for an event geared to small children.

The carnival is the biggest outreach event of the year that Poplar Ridge Meeting sponsors on its own. The old meetinghouse was filled with bright faces and happy voices. And we raised \$445 to send to UNICEF! That amount includes \$75 generously donated at the Meeting for Worship the morning after the carnival.

We would like to specially thank the older children and teens that came and helped: Patrick Connelly, Alex Arpino, Jackson Otis, Leif (and Wytan) Gunderson and Cyrus (and Cazimer) Schillenback! Thank you also to Hannah and Heidi Richter, who kept the pizzas coming, and Tara Arpino who starred as "The Autumn Lady", our fortune teller for 2016. Thank you to Joe Arpino, who constructed the gorgeous freestanding wood signs for the carnival that should last for years. Also a big thank you to Larry Buffam and his dedicated team, who built, renovated, painted, and cleaned the basement. It was a cheery space for a special evening.

The Youth Committee – Charlie Weld, Kathleen Connelly, Rebecca Damiani, Sally Otis, and Scott and Julie Lockhart



"He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter."

--John Burroughs



FGC GATHERING

The FGC (Friends General Conference) Gathering is an annual get-together of more than a thousand Friends from across North America for a week of worship, workshops, recreation, fellowship, and much more for Friends of all ages. The Gathering moves around to different regions of North America each year. In 2017 it will be July 2-8 on the campus of Niagara University in Niagara Falls, NY. Though there is plenty to do on campus, you may be interested to know that the Niagara Frontier is rich in history. Home to over 1000 years of Seneca Nation history, several centuries of African American History, and to Quakers, who built the very first religious structure in Erie County. The mighty Niagara Falls are located nearby in America's oldest state park (1885). From the Niagara University campus, one can take the Discover Niagara free shuttle to over a dozen tourist sites including Niagara Falls, the Underground Railroad Center and Whirlpool State Park.

This year's theme: Ripples Start Where Spirit Moves.

Be sure to reserve your vacation time now. More information is available at the Gathering website and will be updated as we approach registration in April.

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>

Pastoral needs or questions:
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

WHITE GIFTS THANKS

Many thanks for the generous and thoughtful donations for the gift boxes. We were able to fill 12 overflowing with a great variety of food and other goodies. Special thanks to those who slipped and slid on the skating rink parking lot to fill boxes and graciously volunteered to deliver them. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks to all. Ann

PROPOSED REVISION TO FAITH AND PRACTICE

Our Yearly Meeting's Committee to Revise Faith and Practice has adopted a protocol of directly advising each monthly meeting when a proposed revision to our Book of Discipline is being considered. I write to advise you that, at Fall Sessions, one such proposal was given a first reading.

The proposed language appears below, and is intended to replace similar language that now appears at p. 122 of the 2014 printed version of *Faith and Practice*:

SPIRITUAL CARE OF MEMBERS. *Seeking divine guidance in their discernment, members of ministry and counsel should seek to:*

- *foster the spiritual growth of the meeting membership and enhance their religious life and fellowship, including especially the nurture and strengthening of corporate worship of the meeting;*
- *consider individual needs for guidance and to make provision for personal counsel and assistance in matters of interpersonal relationships among members;*
- *assist individuals and families confronting problems pertaining to illness, financial matters, marital relations, and decisions of conscience, keeping in mind at all times the limits of ministry and counsel's expertise;*
- *review annually the spiritual condition of the meeting and its membership and to write the State of the Meeting reports;*
- *develop programs and conferences, study groups, and public meetings to disseminate information regarding Friends' spiritual concerns and to assist members and attenders to deepen the life of the spirit;*
- *where desired by local meetings, consider qualifications and make recommendations concerning recording gifts in ministry or engagement of pastors or meeting secretaries;*
- *foster a meeting culture that encourages the emergence of gifts, and assures support and accountability for Friends who carry individual gifts in ministry.*

These proposed revisions were prompted by the adoption, at Summer Sessions 2015, of a modification to our discipline on "Care of Ministries and Recording of Gifts in Ministry." This modification was adopted by the Body after the printing of the 2014 version of *Faith and Practice*, and may be found at pp. 55-57 of the 2015-16 Yearbook (the one with the yellow cover). The proposal now before us makes clear that monthly meeting Ministry and Counsel has the responsibility to identify and support Gifts in Ministry, as well as all gifts within the monthly meeting.

The Committee to Revise Faith and Practice asks that you bring this proposal to the attention of your meeting, and convey any suggestions or concerns directly to the Committee at

FPeterPhillips@gmail.com.

F. Peter Phillips, Clerk

New York Yearly Meeting Committee to Revise Faith and Practice



Contact Barry Kahn (SCL42carry.com) for help with transportation.

LOCAL AUTHOR'S BOOK CONTRIBUTED TO SAN PEDRO SISTER COMMUNITY

Jim Burkett, a member of our meeting, recently published *Mustang Tales*, a fictional collection of short stories, vignettes, and poems based on his life experiences. He composed them over the past several years and with the help of Jill Gomez had the book published this fall. While the stories have historically correct elements embedded in the text, Jim has taken artistic liberties with all. Jim reflected that he wrote the material for fun, but at the prodding of his daughter and encouragement of Howard Nelson he decided to share the stories, vignettes, and poems with others by publishing them in a book.

Jim believes in the mission of the San Pedro Sister Community project and wants to travel with the group to El Salvador in the future. The San Pedro project deserves support, and he is making the book available at the Meeting House for a \$10 donation to the San Pedro fund. You can find a stack of the books on the San Pedro shelves.

VIDEOS ONLINE AT NYYM

Visit the New York Yearly Meeting's video portal at <http://www.nyyym.org/?q=Videos>. It is a one-stop access to the vibrant culture of Quaker video production. Available videos include:

- [*Conflict in Quaker Meetings: Crisis or Opportunity?*](#)—a film of the workshop offered by NYYM's Conflict Transformation Committee.
- [*The Syrian Refugee Crisis—A Documentary*](#), by Powell House youth, December 23, 2015.
- [*Open for transformation: being Quaker*](#), by Ben Pink Dandelion; The 2014 Swarthmore Lecture, Britain Yearly Meeting
- [*Statement of Conscience on Torture*](#) of New York Yearly Meeting—by Chad Dell
- [*The Future of Quakerism: The Image of Fish*](#)—by Callid Keefe-Perry
- [*Second Flushing Remonstrance: 2013 Signing Event*](#)—by NYInterfaith; about a rededication to religious freedom based on the first such declaration in American history
- [*The Quaker Way*](#)—Baltimore Yearly Meeting's introduction to Quakerism

- [*The Quaker Way: Junior Young Friends*](#)—Baltimore Yearly Meeting's youth speak on Quakerism
- [*The Quaker View of Christianity*](#)—by Tim Sauder, a Mennonite
- [*Quaker Beliefs*](#)—an interview of two Friends on *Vermont Today*, a TV program
- [*A Brief History of Quakers*](#)—According to the Young Friends of Richmond Meeting
- [*Jan De Hartog's The History of Quakerism*](#)—Excerpts from the unfinished English version of Jan De Hartog's documentary series on Quakerism. The full series exists only in Dutch, which was aired on Denmark television in the '70's.
- [*Max Carter: The Quakers Explained*](#)—Quaker Religion professor Max Carter of Guilford College discusses the Quakers (documentary interview format) the diggers, levelers and other movements
- [*Quakers Living Adventurously*](#)—A lecture on the persecutions of Quakers in the 17th century, by David Blake of the Library and Archives of the Society of Friends (UK)
- [*Quakers and Nakedness: Maggie Harrison & Jon Watts Interview*](#)—Jon and Maggie talk about their joint multi-media project, "Clothe Yourself in Righteousness"... an exploration of "going naked as a sign" amongst Early Friends and the implications for Quakers today.
- [*Being a Quaker in Today's World*](#)—A Patheos interview with Laura Mancuso at the Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne, Australia.
- [*Series Producers & Playlists*](#)
- [*QuakerSpeak*](#)—dozens of videos on many aspects of Quakerism.
- [*QuakerQuest*](#)—videos introducing Quakerism produced by QuakerQuest, a program for helping meetings reach out to newcomers.
- [*QREC Videos*](#)—videos produced by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative on spiritual nurture of children and families.
- [*The Jewels of Quakerism*](#)—videos introducing Quakerism produced by Callid Keefe-Perry.

- [Mineapolis Friends Meeting](#)—members of Minneapolis Meeting speak about their faith.
- [Quakers and Friends](#)—A YouTube playlist of videos produced by Martin Kelley, currently Editor of *Friends Journal* and of [QuakerQuaker.org](#).
- [Claire Simon](#)—three videos produced by Friend Claire Simon of Montclair Meeting, New Jersey
- [The Watford Quaker Videos](#)—videos published by Watford Meeting in the UK and produced by Just Film
- [Quaker History: The Bridge Film Festival](#). A YouTube playlist of lectures on various aspects of Quaker history in America
- [Popular Quakers and George Fox videos](#)—An automatically-generated YouTube video channel, #Quaker, comprising 32 videos on aspects of Quaker history
- [Dame Judy Dench: I'm a Quaker and a Peacenik](#)—Interview on Channel 4 News
- [Quaker Beliefs](#)—Featuring the pupils of Bootham School, York, England
- [Equality: Is it really what we think it is?](#)—George Gorman lecture, Britain Yearly Meeting 2014
- [The Separation Forced Upon Us: Philadelphia's Free Quakers and the Culture of Revolution](#)—A production of the Library of Congress about the Free Quakers who supported the War for Independence and were disowned
- [An introduction to Quakers](#)—Friends at Watford Quaker Meeting in Great Britain explain why Quaker silent worship is important to them.
- [George Fox's Book of Miracles](#)—A lecture on the long-suppressed record of miracles performed by Quakerism's prophetic founder George Fox by Michele Lise Tarter, given to Haddonfield Friends Meeting on September 16, 2012.



NYYM CHILDREN AND YOUTH FIELD SECRETARY VISITS

January 28-29, 2017 visit with NYYM Children and Youth Field Secretary Melinda Wenner Bradley

Saturday, January 28 — 6:00pm Family Night

Covered dish dinner, followed by multigenerational program, **“Patterns and Examples: Games with Friends.”** All ages are invited to participate in a playful exploration of what we share in common with one another and with “famous Friends” in history and today. We’ll play games that help us learn more about our community and the different ways Friends have let their lives speak.

Sunday, January 29 — 10:00am Meeting for Worship Semi-programmed, multigenerational worship will include Melinda sharing a Godly Play story and the gathered community wondering together about the message.

There will be a light lunch following worship, and then Melinda will lead a discussion about her work for NYYM, including the Monthly Meeting Partner Project and approaches to building multigenerational spiritual community.

Melinda has extensive experience in both leading worships and retreats for adults interested in Quaker spiritual formation, and creating programs for children and youth. Her work weaves together interests in children’s spiritual lives, program development, and how to support families in local meeting communities.

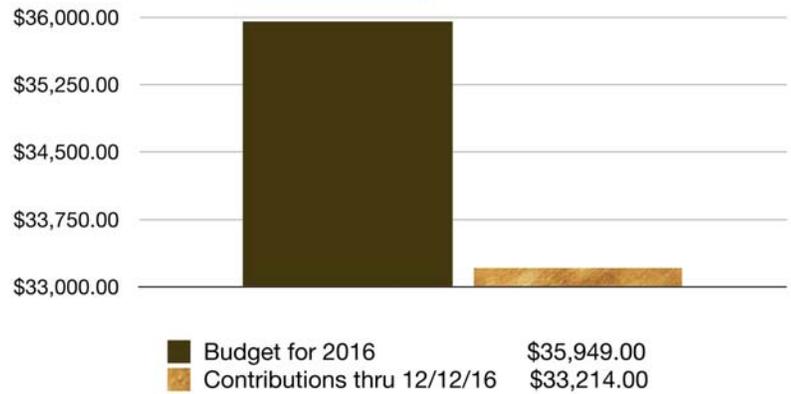
Ithaca Meeting has been invited to join us in these events. Contact Anne Dalton (annedalton@me.com) for more information.

POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS PROPOSED 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Category	Budget for 2016	PD YTD 12.12.16	% of full year	Proposed for 2017	comments
Pastoral expenses	\$3,000.00	\$538.50	17.95%	\$1,500.00	
Pastoral Care Compensation	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	100.00%	\$12,000.00	
Speaker Honorarium	\$4,100.00	\$4,050.00	98.78%	\$4,500.00	
Building Maintenance	\$500.00	\$129.70	25.94%	\$750.00	back side of building needs work
Reimburse Gen/Cap Fund				\$4,150.00	borrowed for Basement project
Contribute to Gen/Cap Fund				\$2,500.00	preparing for future major expenses
Fuel Oil	\$4,500.00	\$1,695.60	37.68%	\$3,500.00	basement is now insulated
Electric	\$600.00	\$412.98	68.83%	\$1,000.00	basement now has electric heaters
Insurance	\$1,030.00	\$1,057.00	102.62%	\$1,057.00	
Snow Plowing	\$300.00			\$300.00	
Conferences	\$250.00	\$414.00	165.60%	\$325.00	
Library					if needed take from misc.
Ministry & Counsel					if needed take from misc.
Misc.	\$425.00	\$255.50	60.12%	\$400.00	
Motto Calendars	\$145.00			\$145.00	
Music					if needed take from misc.
Outreach	\$125.00			\$125.00	
Peace & Social Action		\$100.00			if needed take from misc.
Postage					if needed take from misc.
Prism	\$300.00	\$170.80	56.93%	\$250.00	
Religious Edu.	\$100.00			\$100.00	
Scholarships					If needed take from Talcott
Social/Housekeeping	\$100.00	\$189.18	189.18%	\$175.00	
NYYM	\$6,458.00	\$6,458.00	100.00%	\$6,700.00	Includes 3.75% increase
Regional Meeting	\$516.00	\$516.00		\$516.00	
Human Services Cayuga	\$40.00	\$40.00		\$40.00	
Am. Friends Service	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
AVP	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Bolivian Quaker Edu.	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Camp Gregory	\$250.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	
Camp Gregory camper's					If needed take from Youth Fund
CCAIM	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Center on Conscience	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Christian Peacemakers	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	
FCNL	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$400.00	MM proposed increasing to \$400
FGC	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Friends World Com.	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Non-Violent Peace Force	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	
NYS Council of Ch's.	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$25.00	
The Sharing Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	
San Pedro	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
UNICEF	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	
Vive, Inc.	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Wider Parish	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$75.00	
Total	\$35,949.00	\$29,487.26	82.03%	\$41,693.00	
				\$39,993.00	1,700 lower if Jamison fund used

2016 PR Budget vs Contributions

Budget for 2016	\$35,949.00	
Contributions for 2016	\$33,214.00	92.39%
Budget deficit for 2016	\$2,735.00	



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Andy Simkin
 Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton
 Treasurer – Jeff Layton
 Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney
 Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk (734-717-7719)
 Recording Clerk – David Connelly
 Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Dill Otis

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. Nursery is available 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 or copies of previous newsletters or 1st day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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