

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
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Monthly*

AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm Peace and Social Action @ Buxenbaum's	2	3	4	5 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
6 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	7 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	8 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	9	10 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ sammond's	11 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	12
13 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback	14	15 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Crosman's	16 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	17	18	19 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
20 10:00am Meeting for Worship – Howard Nelson 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business 7:00pm HSSM –Time Travel with Craig Kukuk	21	22 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	23 Deadline for PRISM submissions	24 7:00pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's	25 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	26
27 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	28	29 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	30	31		

Birthdays: 1st Eric Devin; 2nd Ethan MacCormick; 9th Craig Kukuk; 15th Marlee Harris, Bradley Farrell; 24th Andrew Simkin, Shawn Grube; 28th Connie Mather; 31st Caroline Burch, Karen Menges

Anniversaries: 6th Scott and Julie Lockhart; 7th Tess Nelson and Perry Gorgen; 12th Maryl Mendillo and Mark Vorreuter; 15th Helen and George Hebben; 16th Sarah Richardson and Aaron Green; 25th Gregory and Janet Otis

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2017

The Monthly Meeting and Annual Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m.; the minutes from the May meeting were read.

Attending were: Ruth Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Barry Kahn, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Charlie Weld.

The drain was cleared, after the rains last Friday there was no more flooding.

The meeting approved Suzanne's suggestion that we give bits and pieces of old electronic hardware the Meeting does not use to Ithaca Reuse.

The meeting agreed to purchase 24 new folding chairs we have been trying out. They are strong, inexpensive at \$27 each, and flexible. They are more comfortable than the folding chairs we have now. We will ask the Treasurer to use Memorial Fund money. Next, we will decide which of the wooden chairs to keep.

Miles Rideout, a grandson of Anne Dalton, is applying for membership. The application has been referred to Ministry & Counsel, which has set up a clearness committee. Charlie, Craig, Heidi and Suzanne are on the committee.

Andy described our trial using a cleaning service to clean the Meetinghouse. The first bill for two one-hour sessions in June, totaled \$50. This month should be four sessions. We are satisfied with arrangement so far, so it will continue for now. Bess will continue overseeing the arrangement until we decide to use it permanently. We will continue to be responsible for the usual tidying-up. Anyone with concerns are asked to contact Bess.

Charlie reported for Ministry & Counsel that it has begun considering changes in the Monthly Meeting speaker schedule. A.T. Miller and Rebecca Schillenback now both speak once a month; we have a guest speaker once a month; we have an unprogrammed meeting once a month, and the Youth Committee usually plans an intergenerational service during months of five Sundays. Rebecca will not be available September

through May, so the Committee is considering a range of possibilities.

We could add an unprogrammed meeting, an unprogrammed meeting with a query to consider, or, we could retain the present order of service with a query introducing a period of silence instead of a message from a guest speaker.

Ministry & Counsel Committee will continue its deliberations and report back to the August Monthly Meeting for business on August 20. We invite members and attenders of our community to attend that meeting, or if they cannot, to approach Charlie Weld, the Ministry & Counsel clerk, with their feelings.

We closed with a moment of silence about 1 p.m.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk



WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL NURTURE GROUP

The Women's Spiritual Nurture group will meet at Wendy Crosman's home, 3920 Highland Avenue, Skaneateles, NY 13152 on August 15th

7:15pm. Contact Wendy for more information.

email: wcrosman@gmail.com

House phone: [315-685-6158](tel:315-685-6158)

Cell phone: [951-316-1761](tel:951-316-1761)

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

"I have learned from experience that most of our happiness or misery depends on our disposition and not from our circumstances."

-- Martha Washington 1732-1802

Please notify Nance Simkin (Donald.simkin@yahoo.com) to send a special note of remembrance from the meeting. Donations of cards are welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL THOUGHTS

"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever." Psalm: 102:25

When I read this verse I think of the earth and her sustainability, the ability to endure. The systems that remain are indefinitely diverse and productive. How the earth and humans can work together to make sure these systems help to nourish the humans, animal and the people who work the land. We are all sustainers in our own way when we plant a field, a garden, our rooftops or even a garden in pots on our porches.

Climate change is a reality. We need to change as well to keep our earth in one piece. We are polluting the land, the oceans and the forests faster than ever. I know everyone knows how to recycle and I would hope everyone is finding ways to further this along. We can recycle even down to our food scraps that can be composted to use back in our gardens again. I know when my wife and I hike or go riding the horses and mules in the woods we stop and pick up things people just throw on the ground, mainly water bottles. It is a fact that a water bottle will take 75 to 100 years to break down. It is equally maddening to find a plastic water bottle in a garbage can when a recycle can is right next to it. Education, in my opinion, is the key, but we need to find a way to make it palpable for people to read about and observe, let alone play a role in or practice it. We find cigarette butts everywhere. Even on the trail people's attitude is varied and many don't believe what we do harms or disturbs the natural way of life. One person CAN and WILL make a DIFFERENCE.

Renewable energy is first and maybe the most important. Wind, Solar and Geothermal are alternatives we can all use to replace other less clean methods of energy.

Here we use Hydropower to light our homes and businesses. We are trying to outguess mother nature on how much electricity to use and how much to save or sell to others. Dams used for electricity and water collection interrupt the natural flow of water. We save rainwater in a 55-

gallon drum that has a small pump to water my wife's flowers. A drip system to makes sure we only use the correct amount each day. We have signed on to Wind Turbines, the kind that does not harm wildlife, and we are using solar to power the barn. I am reminded standing here today that;

"The LORD God put the man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and to look after it." Genesis 2:15

By Carl McCaffey



HOWLAND STONE STORE MUSEUM

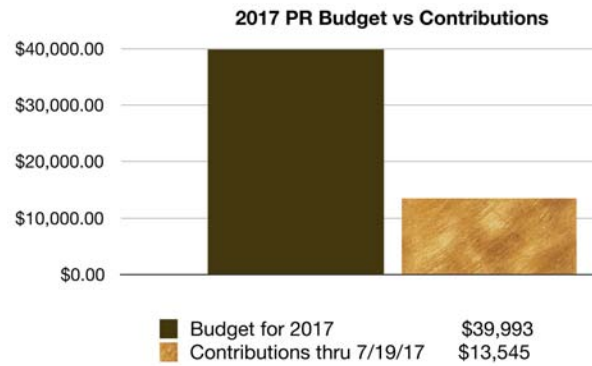
Join your friends at the museum on August 20, 2017 7:00pm for *Time Travel with Craig Kukuk*.

*"The year is 1809, the setting is a historic farm. Four people embark on a three day **pioneer experiment**, immersed in time travel, from roping beds to plowing with oxen, open hearth cooking to blacksmithing, and so much more. Come join us as we go back in time and see how our ancestors might have lived."*

For more information call 315-364-5587 or email pwhite2299@aol.com.

Contact Joanne Rogers (315-673-7345, 607-345-8468 cell, SCL42carryu@gmail.com, or SCL42carry.com) for help with transportation.

Budget for 2016	\$39,993.00	
Contributions for 2016	\$13,545.00	33.87%
Budget deficit for 2017	\$26,448.00	



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Andy Simkin

Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter

Treasurer – Jeff Layton

Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Charlie Weld

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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