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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
2 10:00am Meeting for Worship	3 Labor Day 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	4 7:00pm Peace and Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting @ Lockhart's	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Anne Dalton 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	10	11	12 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond/Rhud y's	13	14 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	15 Fall Gathering 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
16 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback 11:30am NYYM Committee Open Meeting	17 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	18 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	19 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	20	21	22
23 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller 11:30am Joint Meeting Outreach/M&C	24 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	25	26 Deadline for PRISM submissions 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	27	28 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	29 4:00pm Fall Festival, 6:00pm Saturday Supper @ Merrifield
30 10:00am Meeting for Worship - unprogrammed						

Birthdays: 1st Jim Frisch, 3rd Priscilla Berggren-Thomas and Tony Gaenslen; 7th Bryn Grube; 8th Bess Simkin; 9th Edward Hayes; 10th Wystan Gunderson; 11th Samuel Buffam; 15th Dorothy Lonsky; 18th Peter Charles; 18th Sarah Richardson Green; 21st Auden Ferrari; 27th Jim Burkett; 28th Paul Simkin and George Schillenback

Anniversaries: 14th Mary Lou and Jack Charles; 18th Jackie Dickinson and Ed Maassen

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

MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

Minutes for the Aug. 19, 2018, Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:50 a.m.; the minutes from the July 15 meeting were read.

Attending were Larry Buffam, Phyllis Bunker, David Connelly, Barry Kahn, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Andy Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, and, Paul Simkin.

- Larry and Andy of the Building and Grounds Committee reported that it is considering adding horizontal guards between the existing snow guards on the roof to prevent snow from sliding into ramp below. Additionally, they will begin siding with added insulation on the west wall of the south addition of the Meetinghouse, weather permitting.

From a conversation Larry had with Mike Farrell from the Rochester meeting on his meeting's experience with a lift, Larry submitted the following report and elaborated it. The meeting was pleased with the lift, Mike said. Before proceeding, Larry recommended contacting local providers and builders about costs. The lower priced lifts can handle just one or two standing people.

The Building and Grounds Committee will take into account our discussions, do additional research, and will report its recommendations and additional questions next Monthly Meeting.

Copies of the plans are available in the meetinghouse's library.

Summary of conversations re: accessibility at PRFM.

Larry's written report:

"1. I had a phone conversation with Mike Farrell from Rochester meeting. He has been taking care of the maintenance and oversight of the lift there for several years. Their lift has been in operation since

1999. Mike started by stating that he has been very impressed with the lift, it has been used regularly, usually multiple times a week and continues to serve them well. It requires 6 month maintenance visits in Rochester (cost about \$400 annually). The major issue has been user familiarity in that the lift will stop, unaligned with the floor, if the user starts to open the inner door before lift totally stopped. This requires someone outside the lift to go to the control panel and hit a reset. Rather a major problem but one that has been worked out with familiarity. Minimal maintenance issues over the 19 years, mostly having to do with the inner door which is an accordion style as in a rolltop desk (hinges coming undone).

"Mike talked about different makes and styles of lifts and advised research into locally available, locally servicable units for price, user satisfaction reviews, etc.

"2. I looked up lifts on line briefly. They come in a price range of \$20,000. -- \$50,000. installed. This is for either hydraulic or pneumatic lifts. We would probably be looking in the midrange, as the lower end would be smaller and not advisable for a wheelchair.

"3. I talked to Kathleen. She sent a further set of drawings to indicate another possibility for how the lift could work on the south side of the building. She is inclined to want to have the lift (and the regular entry) toward the southeast corner of the kitchen, believing that it would be best to dedicate the west end of the kitchen space to kitchen and, upstairs, to leave the library intact.

"More research needed I believe."

- Ruth Bradley sent a note saying there are no significant changes since last month

- About Fall Gathering at our Meetinghouse on Sept. 15, food for the day will be organized by the Social Committee

- A committee from New York Yearly Meeting considering Rebecca's request to be a recorded minister will be here worshipping with us on Sunday after Fall Gathering. We are invited to meet with the committee to share our experiences of Rebecca's ministry amongst us. We will meet with the committee after the rise of worship on

Sunday.

- We will move our next Business Meeting to Sept. 9, a week before our regular date due to the Sept. 16 conflict.
- Andy is donating four folding tables that are lighter and safer than the tables we have, and we decided to buy two additional tables for about \$260 total from the General Fund. He will take away our older, heavier tables.
- We approved Christopher Sammond's request to update his travel minute. It will be approved by the Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting.

Submitted by David Connelly, Recording Clerk

ADULT EDUCATION

Ministry and Counsel is planning a five week series of discussions based on the Pendle Hill pamphlet 306, **FOUR DOORS to MEETING for WORSHIP** by William Taber. The text explores what Quaker worship is, and how we can prepare ourselves to participate in it as individuals and as a Meeting. The discussions will occur on the following Sunday mornings: 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4 and 11/11 from 9:00 to 9:45 am in the Meeting library. Copies of the pamphlet should be available for those interested by early to mid-September to give all ample opportunity to read it prior to the first week of the discussion series. On the week of 10/14 there will be a brief presentation about the history, organization and beliefs of Quakers. Each of the following weeks (10/21, 10/28, 11/4, and 11/11) will focus on one the "four doors" that William Taber describes.

FALL GATHERING

Fall Gathering will be held at our Meeting House on Saturday September the 15th. This will be a regional gathering of Friends from our Farmington Scipio Friends Region. The morning session will be led by our own Ruth Bradley. The theme is "Reaching the Sacred Across the Divide". The program will begin at 9:30. We will be providing soup, bring your own sandwich and visit with new and old friends. You are invited to stay for the regional business meeting in the afternoon if you choose.

Sunday September 16th the New York Yearly Meeting Committee who is considering Rebecca Schillenback's gifts in ministry has asked to meet with us after worship to share our thoughts, praises, concerns, feelings, etc regarding our experience with Rebecca as she has ministered to us over the past few years. As a reminder it was our Monthly Meeting for Business that requested to have Rebecca's gifts in ministry recorded with the New York Yearly Meeting. I invite you to stay following worship on Sunday the 16th for a short time in support of Rebecca!

For help with transportation contact
Joanne Rogers at 315-673-7345, 607-345-8468
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BUSINESS MEETING DATE CHANGE

September Monthly Meeting for Business will be held on September 9th.

FALL FESTIVAL

A.T. and Craig are Hosting their 19th Annual Fall Harvest Celebration Festival at Merrifield on Saturday, September 29th! This event includes activities for the whole family starting around 4pm. It is a potluck dinner along with pumpkin carving, a parade, a bonfire, a harvest waltz dance, and an inspiring ritual to celebrate the bounty of the earth and to put the earth to bed for the season. Come as you are and bring family and friends. We plan to enjoy each others' company as a community, as well as reflect on the year in creative ways. Stay as late as you like to enjoy the evening around the bonfire that also serves as a family night supper for the month for Poplar Ridge meeting. The house is on the corner of Black Street and Center Road in Scipio Center, 2345 Center Road, and there is parking on Black Street.

SATURDAY SUPPERS

The Family Night title is changed to Saturday Supper. The tentative schedule is as follows: September 29th Fall Festival at Merrifield, November 17th Music Night, January 26th Game Night, March 30th, and April 27th.

Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting Fall Gathering at Poplar Ridge

Sept 15, 2018



Reaching the Sacred Across the Divide

As Friends, we affirm “that of God” in each person. Yet, many of us struggle to see and answer to the sacred in those with whom we disagree about the salient issues of our time.

Recent studies of morality, ethics and values across the political spectrum can help deepen our understanding of the current divisions among us and inform a constructive response.

Join us for an exploration of the moral matrices put forth in Jonathan Haidt’s book, [The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion](#), and let us see how the way forward opens for us together.

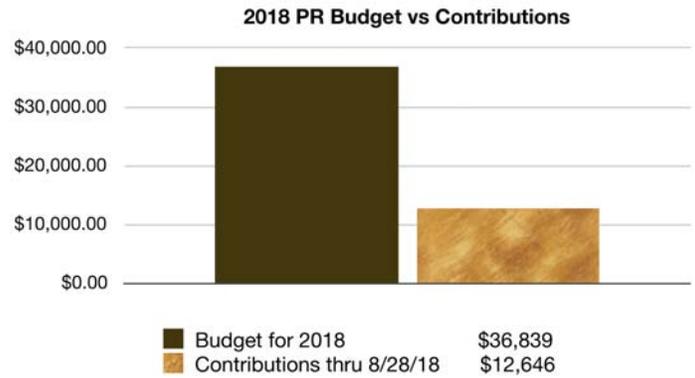
Schedule:

9:00 am	Arrival, refreshments
9:30 am	Gather for program
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch, Soup and beverages provided. Bring your own sandwich
1:15 pm	Business Meeting
3:00 pm	Refreshments

The Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY. For more information email pr.prism@gmail.com or call 315-364-3531.

Contact Hannah Richter (hannahrichter79@gmail.com) to arrange overnight hospitality or childcare.

Budget for 2018	\$36,839.00	
Contributions for 2018	\$12,646.00	34.33%
Budget deficit for 2018	\$24,193.00	



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Hannah Richter
Assistant Clerk – Andy Simkin
Treasurer – Ruth Bradley
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney, Mary Jo Granger

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 has a variety of formats. 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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