

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for The Conduct of Business**  
**First Month, 14th Day**

96-1 The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding meeting for worship. There were 19 people in attendance, a number which later grew to 26.

The Clerk read the first query from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, Meetings for Worship: "Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged? Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways?"

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-2 Nominating Committee. Second reading for Carol Hoage and Eugenia Walters for Library Committee was delayed due to the snow.

96-3 Finance Committee (Page Lacey) A number of explanatory graphs and charts have been prepared for review of 1995's expenses and income.

We didn't make our budget goal, though did make all our expenses for 1995. She indicated a goal of finance committee for next year's budgeting process that it would be based on what we believe is reasonable and realistic to expect we might raise.

There were 144 households who donated to meeting in 1995. The largest proportion of donors (37%) in our meeting give 0-\$75 annually. 13% of the donors gave over \$900 in 1995. These figures reflect the numbers of households giving, not the amount of money donated.

Stocks donated to the meeting will be sold and income used for operating expenses

A question was raised regarding financial contribution to the Friends Community School. It was noted that the Blackburn scholarship fund is the only donation to the school and that it is less than one child's tuition. Finance Committee will review this issue, pending a request for such a review.

A recommendation was made that there be a line item for expenses associated with the Strawberry Festival.

Individual members of meeting are encouraged to give their suggestions for organization of the budget line items to finance committee directly.

Capital Reserve indicates what "reserve for replacement" has in the past.

There were changes made to the Designated Outreach budget. Interfaith Alliance for the Homeless is no longer functioning, so Finance Committee did not pay the remaining half of our pledge. The Pat Brown Sharing Fund received the money allocated for Children's Homelessness Prevention, the Pat Brown sharing fund is an active component of the Children's Homelessness Prevention project. This was done at the recommendation of a member of meeting.

A member requested that meeting promote the availability of financial aide for camp scholarships for children more broadly. The person in charge will be reminded of this charge. Help is available.

A request was made that the Finance Committee be given the freedom to revise their format of recording and reporting our financial records to reflect the meetings' increasing sophistication in this arena.

A friend asked if we asked organizations we donated to for year-end reports. It was explained that the organizations we donate to are ones who members of meeting are directly involved with or who are associated with Community Ministries, an organization which we have a member sitting on. Often they are invited to bring a display to Strawberry Festival to share with us. Peace and Social Concerns committee would like a member of meeting to act as advocate for each of the recipients of our designated outreach.

A Friend announced an additional contribution to the 1995 budget of \$130 in rolled coins, counted during Meeting for Business by some of our young people.

The Committee's Report was received with thanks for their hard work.

96-4 Harold Confer requested that his clearness committee report to the monthly meeting for business. It is unclear what Committee it is to report to -- Pastoral Care or Ministry and Worship. It is a Committee for Release in Ministry. The mechanisms established a few years ago for such committees need to be reviewed, which Pastoral Care Committee will attend to.

96-5 The minutes of the 12th month, 1995 Meeting were approved.

96-6 There were several announcements made. Joys and concerns were shared. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**Second Month, 11th day, 1996**

96-7 The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 24 in attendance, a number which grew to 31.

The Clerk read the second query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice: "Are meetings for business held in spirit of worship, understanding and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?"

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?

96-8 Pastoral Care. Bruce Bush, Co-Clerk. Harold Confer's request to be released in the ministry was presented for first reading. His request will be reviewed by finance committee and presented for second reading next month. The request includes the establishment of a support committee and a contribution of \$500 in seed money, to be added to as way opens by friends. Committee to consist of a member of Pastoral Care, a member of Ministry and Worship, and others of Harold's choosing.

96-9 Pastoral Care. Jameson Goodman. An announcement and request for those interested in investigating the creation of a Memorial Garden at Adelphi to come forward. Such a garden would provide a place for the internment of the ashes of deceased Friends, attenders or family members. The proposal has the support of Ministry and Worship and Pastoral Care. Those interested may contact Jameson Goodman.

96-10 Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty, Clerk. Second reading for library committee of Carol Hoage and Eugenia Walters. Approved.

96-11 Ministry and Worship. Glen Riley, Clerk. Reporting on a suggestion for called meetings for worship to consider financial contributions and committee commitments. The Committee was hesitant to give the impression that we were seeking divine assistance to solicit money and work from members and attenders.

Regarding announcements on second first day when Business Meeting occurs at rise of Meeting for Worship and there are no vocal announcements: Friends are encouraged to use alternate methods such as silent announcements, flyers, and printed signs on this particular first day in lieu of vocal announcements. Emergency announcements can be made via a sign on the front door.

Regarding greeting of visitors and friends: Ministry and Worship recommends that people who are so inclined be invited to leave and greet such visitors. Ministry and Worship will provide a welcomer each first day to answer questions of newcomers.

96-12 Peace and Social Concerns. Esther Webb. A request for permission to circulate a questionnaire regarding use of Grocery Store certificates from Safeway, Giant, and the Greenbelt Coop for fundraising purposes. The income would be used to support work with the homeless. Approved.

96-13 Peace and Social Concerns. Alexander Barnes, Clerk. A suggestion was offered for those contemplating service on this committee to attend two meetings prior to their nomination as an opportunity to investigate ongoing service on such committee. The Business Meeting was hesitant to raise this as a requirement for membership on any committee and reminded Friends that they are welcome to attend any committee meeting, with the exception of personal support or clearness committees and conversations of a personal nature that might occur in Pastoral Care Committee.

A Friend suggested that Friends consider the following query: If you are considering service on a Meeting Committee, have you attended a meeting of that committee? Are you aware of the function of that committee? Are you willing to work on some aspect of that committee's concern?

96-14 Treasurer. Page Lacey. January received \$5756.83, a larger figure than past years. Friends are encouraged to read this as a good sign, and a reflection that more Friends are donating earlier in the year. 18 people have responded to Finance Committee's survey.

96-15 Minutes for first month, 1996 were approved with the following amendment to minute 96-3: The sentence reading : "It was explained that the organizations we donate to are ones who members of meeting are directly involved with or who are associated with Community Ministries, an organization which we have a member sitting on.", was changed to read "It was explained that the organizations we donate to are ones which are dear to the hearts of members of meeting . . . .

96-16 Joys and concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock,  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**Third Month, 10th day, 1996**

96-17 The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 34 in attendance, a number which grew to 44.

The Clerk read the third query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice: "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 of the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs?"

96-18 The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-19 Pastoral Care. Charlotte Miller, Co-Clerk. Clearness Committee for Membership for Peter O'Brien, Kathy Cox and Deirdere Clarkin reported, recommending approval for their requests for membership. The recommendations were approved with gladness and joy.

96-20 House and Grounds Committee. Denny May, Clerk. A request was brought forth from a young friend for use of the community room for a band concert. The request conflicts with Safe Haven and the expected number of 150 participants exceeds the use and occupancy permit. The meeting suggested that a modified proposal for a future date would be joyfully welcomed.

House and Grounds reported improvements in the 2nd floor White House classroom. Additionally Friends were invited to a future House and Grounds Committee meeting to consider options for carpeting the Meeting House.

An anonymous member of meeting has offered a donation to the meeting for improvement in the physical plant, possibly in the basement room in the White House or the basement of the Meeting House. Friends recommended that House and Grounds proceed in the clearness process with the donor.

A Friend raised a concern that Friends park on our side of the street and be aware of parking regulations in order to maintain our good relations with our neighbors. The Friend also called attention to locking the doors of the Meeting House and White House. These concerns were referred to House and Grounds for communication to the Meeting community.

96-21 Bill Samuel, representing a group called Friends in Christ. The group wants to call a Revival for April 20, 1996. The meeting will include hymn singing, statements from people about Christ's work in their lives, bible readings and prayer. Approved.

96-22 Religious Education. Marcy Seitel, clerk. Thanks were expressed to House and Grounds for helping make the space for children nicer and more cheerful. Gratitude was expressed for the whole-

hearted way in which our meeting welcomed the Young Friends Conference last month.

The Committee was unable to fill an adult leadership position for Fifth Sundays 3 times during the school year. The Friend who has been leading the young people in singing is unavailable in March. Should the children be welcomed to meeting for worship for the full hour on 5th Sundays? Extensive sharing on the meeting's relationship with children in worship was held.

The meeting approved welcoming the children on 5th Sunday in March for intergenerational worship. Business Meeting in April will re-visit this question. Childcare is always available for children 4 and under.

96-22 Finance Committee. Bryan Camp reporting. Revised 1996 budget will be discussed in committee this month and presented at the April, 1996 business meeting. The Committee requested members and attenders return their statements of financial support for the meeting in a timely fashion to support their discerning of the revised budget.

A Second reading for Harold Confer's request for release in the ministry was made.  
Approved.

96-23 Nominating Committee. Rob Oerter reporting. First readings were made for Barbara Platt for Ministry and Worship for a term of 3 years and Dennis Ireland for Strawberry festival co-coordinator.

96-24 Emergency Housing. Adrian Bishop reporting. Friends are invited to join Adrian in working with Paul Confer on a local emergency housing project.

96-25 Minutes. The minutes for second month, 1996 Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business were Approved.

96-26 Clerk's Mail. A Request for financial support for Gordon Bishop attending Friend World Committee For Consultation, Section of the Americas annual meeting as a BYM representative was referred to Finance Committee.

96-27 Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**Fourth Month, 14th day, 1996**

96-28 The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 32 in attendance, a number which grew to 38.

The Clerk read the fourth query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice: Do you make time for meditation, prayer and worship? Do you read the Bible, the writings of Friends, and other inspirational works, seeking new light? Do you regularly seek God's guidance? Are you open to guidance and support and do you give thanks for them? Do you share your spiritual insights with others and willingly receive from them in turn?

The Clerk also read, from advises, Number 5:

"I think a quiet spirit before the Lord and not always looking out for "concerns," but knowing how to be still, is a very great point in the religious life." Elizabeth Fry, 1847

96-29 The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-30 Ministry and Worship. Glen Riley, Clerk. The Spiritual State of the Meeting Report was presented. A friend suggested a statement be added regarding the challenge the meeting has felt in responding to hurt feelings members or attenders have had regarding meeting actions or inactions in the past year. The report was approved with corrections to be made by M&W Committee.

96-31 Finance Committee. Brian Camp reporting. Revised budget for 1996 presented (attached). Returned to Finance Committee with instructions to maintain levels of apportionment to Baltimore Yearly Meeting and the Blackburn Scholarship Fund. A Stewardship Committee to help educate the meeting community will be anchored by Mosie Harrington and Alaine Duncan, with consultation from M&W, Pastoral Care and Finance Committee.

96-32 House and Grounds. Denny May, Clerk, reporting. Committee will be changing the locks on both buildings and needs to provide keys to those who currently have building keys. The Committee also asks for feedback on consideration of the purchase of carpet for the meeting house.

96-33 Nominating Committee. Tom Skallerup reporting. Second reading of Barbara Platt to Ministry and Worship, 1996-98. Approved. Second reading of Dennis Ireland for Strawberry Festival Coordinator for 1996-1997. Approved.

96-34 Takoma Park Friends Meeting - Preparative. Adrian Bishop reporting. Presenting a Minute on Process for Considering the Acquisition of Property (attached). A process is being established to investigate the rental or purchase of 8114 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park for multiple use, including

(TPFM(P) meeting for worship and community use

96-35 Washington Quaker Workcamps. June Confer reporting. A request to house a group of week-end workcampers at the White House on April 19-21. Approved with instructions to coordinate with the Friends of Christ revival scheduled for April 20.

96-36 Minutes for 3rd Month, 1996 were approved.

96-37 Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**12th day, 5th Month, 1996.**

96-38 The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 16 in attendance, a number which grew to 23.

The Clerk read the fifth query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice: Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacity toward reaching your divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

The Clerk also read, from Advices on the Practice of the Life of the Spirit:

In the experience of Friends, faith in God finds its expression in a way of life based on spiritual rather than material values. We place authority of the Divine Spirit above any outward authority. By testing the perception of conscience against the personal and collective experience of others, we hold our plans and concerns up to an Inner Life which will stand the trial of time. A good friend who can support one's search may be helpful with such testing; Friends may choose to set up "spiritual friendships" designed to encourage and mutually uphold their spiritual journeys. We respect the insights found in the lives and writings of spiritual men and women of all ages, and take particular inspiration from the ministry of Jesus. Jesus' command to love one another is the ideal of Friends' practice.

96-39 The agenda was reviewed

96-40 Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty, Clerk, reporting. First readings for nomination of Reuben Snipper and Bob Cahalan for Ministry and Worship. First reading of nomination of Tom Horne for School Committee. First reading of nomination of Peter O'Brien for House and Grounds.

96-41 Pastoral Care. Charlotte Miller, Co-Clerk reporting. There are a lot of requests for personal support coming to this committee. The committee has been active in responding.

The Pastoral Care Committee, with the assistance of the Ministry and Worship Committee, held a meeting to memorialize the unborn child of Brian Camp and Susan Gillette. It was carried out in good order.

Angela Botzer reported on Clearness Committee for Membership of Angelyn Flowers and

associate membership for her children, Felicia and Adrian. Approved with joy.

96-42 House and Grounds Committee. Guy LeValley reporting. The committee desires to replace the rug in the second floor of the white house, with funds to come from the reserve for replacement budget. Approved.

The Committee additionally proposed the purchase of carpet for the meeting room and foyer. Approved.

A young friend reported on the painting of the third floor room of the white house. There are additional plans for tie-dying new slip covers for the furniture. The Meeting minuted support and thanks to Alison Duncan, Marin Nelson, Mathias Nelson, Eliza McCoy, Katie Irving and her friend Melissa, Emory Luce Baldwin and Sandy Irving for their good work.

96-43 Religious Education Committee. Marcie Seitel, Clerk, reporting. Friends with leadings to work with children as teachers, assistants or other offerings are asked to contact the RE Committee. Over the summer committees have been asked to work with the children to share the work of their committee with the children. Committee Clerks need to contact RE for scheduling.

96-44 Wendy Zeroth and Marcie Seitel. A Home Schooling Collective is being considered for Junior High age graduates of Friends Community School. Some are holding a vision of this project growing into a junior high offering under the care of AFM in the future.

96-45 Finance Committee. Page Lacey reporting. Revised budget was presented. Attached. We need to remove \$260 from designated outreach as Peace and Social Concerns Committee has declined to act on this subject again. Concern was voiced for the health and well-being of the Peace and Social Concerns committee. The \$260 will be removed proportionally from each organization in our designated outreach budget. The first \$260 over the budgeted gross for the strawberry festival will go to reimburse the designated outreach fund. Nominating Committee is addressing the concerns regarding the health and well-being of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

96-46 Minutes for 4th month, 1996 were approved.

96-47 Strawberry Festival. Flyers are available.

96-48 Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. Thanks were expressed to House and Grounds Committee for its work at yesterday's workday. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**10th day, 6th Month, 1996.**

The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 16 in attendance, a number which grew to 22.

96-49 The Clerk read the fifth query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice:

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

The Clerk also read from the Advices of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Britain Yearly Meeting:

Try to make your home a place of loving friendship and enjoyment, where all who live or visit may find peace and the refreshment of God's presence. We need to be mindful of those who, for any reason, live alone. While such individuals often live rich full lives and contribute much to others, they need to be particularly included in all aspects of the Meeting, for frequently the Meeting is their family.

96-50 The clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-51 Clerk's mail.

Letter from Richard D. Hathaway, Clerk of Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting requesting transfer of membership for Judy Smith and Thomas Smith from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting to Adelphi Monthly Meeting. Approved. The letter also requested that we recognize the status of Thomas Smith as a recorded minister of New York Yearly Meeting and of Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting. His name will be forwarded to the BYM office as a recorded minister moving to our yearly meeting. The School Committee will provide Judy Smith with a support committee. A welcoming committee for Tom and Judy will be provided by Pastoral Care. A member of Ministry and Worship Committee will sit on this committee.

Letter from Bill Samuel on behalf of Friends in Christ requesting use of the Meeting House from 2-4 p.m. each first day for Bible sharing, open worship and a brief time for business. Request approved with details of payment and logistical arrangements referred to House and Grounds Committee with advice from Finance Committee.

Letter from Dennis Botzer proposing a Community Square Dance and Pot Luck on September 7, 1996 on the lawn behind Adelphi Friends, or inside in the case of rain. Approved. Contributions to cover the cost of the caller will be welcomed, concerns regarding overcrowding of the basement in the case of rain will be referred to the event's organizers.

Letter from Friends United Meeting Associate Secretary of World Ministries Commission informing us that the work teams of the Romania America Friends Project in Tecuci, Romania has been postponed to 1997.

Letter from Prince George's County Department of Social Services regarding their Send a Child to Camp Project. Referred to Emergency Housing Committee. Interested Friends may contact Theresa Woods, Special Project Coordinator of DSS at 301-422-5000 who is facilitating the donation of money, clothes, camping equipment, etc.

Several additional items were noted and placed on the bulletin board.

96-52 Finance Committee, Bryan Camp reporting. Strawberry Festival income was greater than budgeted, so the Peace and Social Concerns budget will be restored to its full 1996 budget. The meeting has received a bequest of \$8,780 from Paul Koenig to be used for a House and Grounds project. Referred to House and Grounds. A letter of thanks was immediately written to Alice Koenig. She will be additionally advised of the outcome of our decision with regard to the use of these funds. Bob Mitchell will prepare a biographical write-up on Paul Koenig. Friends were advised that the gift should have the qualities of being lasting, practical, and of immediate service to the Meeting in the spirit of Paul Koenig.

96-53 Nominating Committee, AnnMarie Moriarty reporting. Second readings of Bob Cahalan and Reuben Snipper for Ministry and Worship, Tom Horn for School Committee, and Peter O'Brien for House and Grounds. All approved with thanks to the Nominating Committee and these individuals for their offer of committee service.

There are vacancies on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee that the Nominating Committee has been unable to fill. Friends may contact Nominating Committee to express their interest.

96-54 Minutes. Approved from last month.

96-55 Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**7/21/96**

**96-56 Opening.** The clerk read the seventh query from the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and economic condition? In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy?

The clerk then read a portion of the advice on Prejudice and Discrimination from the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

We are all human before we are of one race or another, and it is on this common ground of being human that we live truly and on which we meet. *Martin Buber*

**96-57.** In response to an inquiry, a Friend reported that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee has been meeting, with Ester Webb filling in as clerk.

**96-58.** Families of Diversity (an ad hoc committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting) would like to meet at Adelphi three Saturdays during the year (10AM-2:30PM). Proposed meetings would be coordinated with Horeb Haitian Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Friends APPROVED this request for one year. It is renewable.

**96-59.** The Advisory Group of Young Friends (BYM), which includes planners and Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs), has requested to meet at Adelphi 9/6-8, 1996. This coincides with the planned square dance, but would not interfere. Friends APPROVED.

**96-60.** A minute from Warrington Quarterly Meeting on the death penalty has been received and referred to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, which does not agree with the second sentence. The Committee proposes a 2nd hour, which would occur after Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meeting requested that the committee facilitate further discussion. The Clerk will write a letter to Yearly Meeting stating that at present Adelphi is not clear to move forward on the minute. This minute may or may not come up at Yearly Meeting sessions.

It was not clear to several Friends whether or not Monthly Meetings appoint representatives to Yearly Meeting sessions. The Manual of Procedure calls for Monthly Meetings to name representatives to Representative Meeting, which meets three times a year, but not to sessions.

**96-61.** Friends welcomed back Jim Beard, who has been living in Namibia and who brought a Traveling minute from an allowed meeting in Namibia. He would like to share his experiences. A potluck will be held later in the fall on an evening when the whole family can attend.

**96-62.** Friends Community School. In response to a report by a Friend that the new director, Judith Smith, would like to report monthly, Friends would encourage her to report as necessary, but felt that the School Committee and the Director need to speak with one voice. Friends were asked to hold in the light a search for more Adelphi Friends (who are not parents) to be active in the events of the School. Friends would welcome improving ties between the school and the meeting. The School Committee will sponsor an event on 9/14/96, 2:00-4:00, to welcome Judy Smith. Friends are invited to share desserts.

**96-63.** The clerk read a request for marriage after the manner of Friends from Tori Bolton and Michael Netzer. They also request appointment of an oversight committee. They have been active in this and other meetings lately. Bryan Camp, an attorney, explained the legal meaning of marriage under after the manner of Friends. Friends APPROVED.

**96-64.** The Minutes of 6th mo. meeting were APPROVED.

**96-65.** A Friend expressed concern that no preparations have been made for a 40th anniversary reunion to celebrate the founding of the Monthly Meeting. Bob Mitchell volunteered to coordinate a 50th anniversary celebration, by which time we will have a history written, and the minutes microfilmed and indexed. He volunteered to head an ad hoc committee for this. Robalee Chapin volunteered to help and suggested a practice run on the occasion of the 45th anniversary. A Friend inquired what existing committee the Meeting would be willing to give up in order to make room for this new activity. Discernment of what we are called to do is certainly difficult. We need to be tender with one another in the choices we make. Meetings based on volunteer service will inevitably be flawed and sometimes fall short. Guilt doesn't help us love one another.

**96-66.** To avoid conflict with Yearly Meeting sessions, Monthly Meeting in August will be on the 3rd Sunday.

Agnes Woodstock, clerk

Martha L. Gay, assistant recording clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**17th day, 8th Month, 1996.**

The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 17 in attendance.

96-67 The Clerk read the eighth query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice:

Do you, as the way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance?

The Clerk also read from the Advices of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Britain Yearly Meeting: "On Fellowship and Community"

Try to make your home a place of loving friendship and enjoyment, where all who live or visit may find peace and the refreshment of God's presence. We need to be mindful of those who, for any reason, live alone. While such individuals often live rich full lives and contribute much to others, they need to be particularly included in all aspects of the Meeting, for frequently the Meeting is their family.

96-68 The clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-69 Letter from Carole Hoage requesting membership. Referred to Pastoral Care Committee.

96-70 Clerk's mail. Letter from Philip M. Larkin requesting the use of our meeting house for a wedding ceremony on August 31. Approved. Referred to Ministry and Worship Committee.

Letter from Alaine Duncan requesting a letter of support for her leading to offer a workshop on the Spirituality of the Five Elements at the 1997 gathering of the Friends General Conference. Approved. Referred to the Corresponding Clerk.

96-71 Minutes from the July Meeting for Worship. Approved.

96-72 Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Glen Riley  
Acting Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**8th day, 9th Month, 1996.**

The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 17 in attendance, a number which grew to 22.

96-73 The Clerk read the ninth month query and advice on Social Order from Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting Faith and Practice:

Are you alert to practices here and throughout the world which discriminate against people on the basis of who or what they are or because of their beliefs? Are you working to bring about a just and compassionate society which allows everyone to develop their capacities and fosters their desire to serve?

The basic Quaker trust in the light leads to our trust in the inherent dignity and sacredness of each person. Seek to understand the causes of social unrest and fear. Bear witness to the humanity of all people including those who break society's convention and its laws. Respect the laws of the state, but let your first loyalty be to God's purposes.

96-74 The clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-75 Ministry and Worship Committee. Glen Riley, Clerk, reported on a request that their committee give attention to Adelphi's Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The two committees have met together to discuss the problems facing the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A reorganization meeting for this Committee is planned for October.

96-76 Religious Education Committee. Marcy Seitel, Clerk, reporting. The RE committee requests that adult members of the community offer a special welcome to new kindergartners in intergenerational worship in the first twenty minutes of Meeting for Worship. They also inform us that there are needs for teachers in the 4/5/6 class and in the nursery. She also reminded us that there is a 5th Sunday in September, and that all members of our community from kindergarten on up will be present for worship that first day.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of formal program for young people on 5th Sunday. RE has turned this concern over to the meeting as a whole at this time. The Ministry and Worship Committee is overseeing this concern.

96-77 School Committee, Angelyn Flowers, Clerk, brought a minute requesting that the principal and a teacher be added to the committee as ex-officio members. The meeting asked that the committee consider the possibility of the committee's going into executive session, that the by-laws be made consistent and that a minute be brought back at a later date.

96-78 Finance Committee, Page Lacey, Clerk, expressed concern over the mechanism for financing the Square Dance. We should make every effort to have the budget be an accurate representation of what we actually spend. There is currently no provision for such activities in the budget.

96-79 Minutes. Approved from last month.

Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**13th day, 10th Month, 1996.**

The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 28 in attendance, a number which grew to 33.

96-80 The Clerk read the 10th month Query on the peace testimony from Quaker Faith and Practice from the Book of Christian Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

"We are called to live 'in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars.' Do you faithfully maintain our testimony that war and the preparation for war are inconsistent with the spirit of Christ? Search out whatever in your own way of life may contain the seeds of war. Stand firm in our testimony, even when others commit or prepare to commit acts of violence, yet always remember that they too are children of God. Bring into God's light those emotions, attitudes and prejudices in yourself which lie at the root of destructive conflict, acknowledging your need for forgiveness and grace. In what ways are you involved in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups and nations?"

96-81 The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

96-82 Oversight Committee of the Wedding of Victoria Bolton and Michael Netzer reported that the wedding took place in good order after the manner of Friends. It was a joyous and happy occasion for all.

96-83 Clerk's mail. Letter from George Edward Perry and Eden Brooke Crane requesting membership for themselves and associate membership for their son George Brooke Perry. Referred to Pastoral Care.

Letter from Annie Storr requesting associate membership for her sons Jesse and Eli. Referred to Pastoral Care.

96-84 Friends Community School, Judy Smith, Principal, reporting. All classes have had very successful camping trips, mostly to Catoctin. Fall Fair was fun and successful. Judy made a request that we all please share receipts from Giant and Safeway for the school. She also reported that FCS has an e-mail address now, which will appear in silent announcements. The first application for next year has been received. She looks forward to a close relationship between Friends Community School and Adelphi Friends Meeting.

96-85 House and Grounds/Ac Hoc Residents Support Committee. Denny May, Clerk, reporting. The Committee brings a request for a change in the contract with the White House Resident. The spirit of the revision calls for the resident to participate fully in the life of the meeting not only in Committee work, but also in Meeting for Worship. Friends became clear that we could not mandate attendance at Meeting for Worship. We clearly realized that duties will be less onerous and relations more loving and meaningful if the resident is a regular attender by choice. There was a sense that the person who is the resident grows best and serves best if they are already involved in the Quaker spiritual journey.

Approved. "The Resident is an important member of the Adelphi Friends community, and is expected to participate fully in the life of the Meeting, both through active involvement in committees and through attendance at Meeting for Worship, as the individual is led."

Other changes reflect a clearer articulation of duties, responsibilities and expectations of the resident and the meeting.

96-86 Religious Education Committee. Dee Clarkin, reporting. The Committee is still in the need of helpers in the nursery. The Committee is questioning the amount of work involved in organizing the first Saturday intergenerational events, given the size of the turnout. The committee would like the assistance of friends who are interested in supporting these events.

96-87 Announcements. Ronald Akins, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting Camping Program sends a minute of appreciation to the Monthly Meetings which acquired and maintained the property in the past, including Adelphi Friends Meeting. Special thanks were extended to those who have served as Trustees of the Camp.

96-88 Young Friends requested approval for their sponsorship of a SERVE crafts sale on December first. Approved. They also reported that \$109.70 was earned last week by the Bagel Sale to benefit Whitman Walker Clinic.

96-89 Minutes. Approved from last month.

96-90 Joys and Concerns were shared. Announcements were made. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Called Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**27th day, 10th month, 1996.**

The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship.

96-91 The White House Resident Search Committee. Pam Tyng reporting. The Committee brought forward the name of Lucy Storey for White House Resident. Lucy is an attender at Dunnings Creek Meeting and active in yearly meeting Young Friends activities. Approved.

96-92 The Meeting closed with sharing of Joys and Concerns followed by announcements.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**10th day, 11th Month, 1996.**

The meeting began in worship which flowed out of the preceding Meeting for Worship. There were 22 in attendance, a number which grew to 32.

96-93 The Clerk read from the Book of Christian Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

"Beatrice Saxon Snell relates a story from her own experience, which reminds us that we are all potentially the instruments of God:

I had a salutary lesson in sober thinking when I was first asked to become an elder. The invitation appalled me; I felt I was not old enough, had not been in the Society long enough; I suspected strongly that my monthly meeting had asked me on the inadequate grounds of vocal ministry; I read up the appropriate passages in Church Government and felt still more appalled. Nevertheless I had been in the Society just long enough to know that the group often has a wisdom which can seldom be justified on logical grounds but which is, nevertheless, superior to the wisdom of the individual. I therefore went to consult a much respected elder of my acquaintance. She and her house were late Victorian; she sat on her ugly sofa with the poker up her spine, her feet set nearly together and her hands folded in her lap; and she let me talk myself out. When I had quite finished she inclined herself slightly towards me and said: 'My dear, we have to take what we can get.' I have since been convinced that this is a text which ought to be framed and hung up over the bed of every elder in the Society. It ought to be hung over the bed of every Friend who is tempted to refer to the elders as 'they'."

96-94 The Clerk reviewed the Agenda.

96-95 Clerk's Mail.

Letter from Jane Manring calling attention to our relationship with Friends Community School and enclosing queries from Providence Monthly Meeting regarding the spiritual oversight and ownership of a friends school, in our case Friends Community School.

Letter from Annie Storr and Joel Grier requesting associate membership of their children, Eli and Jesse. Approved.

96-96 Finance Committee. Bryan Camp reporting. Report attached. The committee feels it has inadequate information to craft a budget for 1997. Relatively few households have responded to their questionnaire on anticipated donations. Agreed to postpone the formulating of the budget for 2 months to gather additional data from the community. Concerns regarding the spiritual discipline of financial stewardship were raised. Friends were encouraged to pray on this issue as we come to clarity on our process of financial discernment.

96-97 Finance Committee requests approval to have the "Emergency Housing" telephone line

in the Meeting House cut off. Approved, referred to House and Grounds for implementation.

96-98 Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty, Clerk reporting. First Reading of the nominating committee report for 1997. Attached.

96-99 Ann Marie Moriarty. Request for use of Meeting House on New Year's Eve by an Adventist Group. Approved, referred to House and Grounds for implementation.

96-100 Pastoral Care. Charlotte Miller, Clerk reporting. Carole Hoage's clearness committee for membership reported, recommending approval of her application for membership. Approved with great joy.

96-101 Interim report on the Memorial Garden. Jameson Goodman reporting. Report attached. The Ad-Hoc Committee is encouraged to continue pursuing the legal and financial issues regarding moving forward on this project.

96-102 Young Friends request holding their SERVE sale on both December 1st and 8th at rise of meeting. Approved.

96-103 Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Ernest Walker, Clerk reporting. Regular meetings are the first Sunday of the month at rise of meeting. All are welcome.

96-104 Minutes. Approved with one correction: Associate Membership for both children of Annie Storr and Joel Grier, Eli and Jesse was requested.

96-105 There was a sharing of Joys and Concerns. The Clerk read from the Book of Christian Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain. "In addition to its many religious forms, healing also includes many arts and sciences. There is the art of listening, the art of smiling, the art of empathy, of knowing just what people need, and not rushing in to offer help that is not suitable. Then there is the healing that comes through music and dance, painting and color, through communion with and understanding of the world of nature, and through friendship.

96-106 The meeting closed with announcements and a period of silent worship.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Alaine D. Duncan  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**12/8/96**

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. 96-107 The clerk, Agnes Woodstock, read the Query for 12th month, "On the Environment", from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

"Are you concerned for responsible use of natural resources and their nurture for future generations? Do you try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do you seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world?"

She then also read an excerpt from the Epistle of Black, White, Asian, and Mixed-heritage Friends, 1991, quoted in the Quaker Faith & Practice of Britain Yearly Meeting, 1994.

"Our Society is often blind to the gifts and richness of other traditions and this cultural chauvinism impedes its development. Racism within the Society of Friends is perhaps more damaging because it is unconscious and springs from stereotyped assumptions: 'And no harm is meant by it. Harm may be done but it is never meant.'"

96-108 The clerk read a letter from Bill Samuel on behalf of Friends in Christ. He reported that the group has been using the Meetinghouse Sundays since approval was granted. No information has been received from the House and Grounds Committee regarding appropriate compensation; the group and some members have made contributions from time to time. The letter outlines their current request for use of the facilities for a Lenten worship series.

Friends warmly greeted this request. However, a Friend expressed concern about the procedures (or lack thereof) for dealing with requests to use the facilities. A representative of the House and Grounds Committee reported that the committee is also concerned about this and has contacted Friends Community School and Friends Meeting of Washington, both of which have formal policies and procedures. The Clerk suggested that this request be handled first, then the policy question. Friends then APPROVED use of the meetinghouse as requested by Friends in Christ. A Friend inquired if Friends in Christ has an oversight body. They do not, but are exploring several avenues. Friends in Christ was thanked for its voluntary contributions.

96-109 Policies regarding building use involve Trustees, Finance Committee, and House and Grounds Committee. Finance Committee has been working on an agreement for presentation to Friends in Christ. If a policy were developed, agreements would be checked against it. Friends were uncertain about what our policies have been. Denny May, clerk of House and Grounds Committee, reported that St. Andrews Episcopal Church requires that users have their own insurance. Other issues dealt with in the agreement they use are opening and closing the building and cleanup.

A Friend expressed concern about the use of the building by a group of 7th Day Adventists, who wish to raise money for children overseas. This is not the same group which uses our facilities on alternate Saturdays. There are issues of space limitations. House and Grounds should ask the group for information about their insurance. A Friend who is an attorney pointed out that most of the insurance concern is for acts by the users of the facility. Our policy covers our negligence. In this case, no alcohol is involved and there are fewer potential problems. A Friend suggested that any policy should reflect the fact that potential users of the building have differing resources and degrees of organization.

Development of policy was referred to Trustees, to be coordinated with Finance and House and Grounds Committees. In the meantime, the group wishing to raise money for children overseas can be presented with agreement with Horeb Haitian Church (with appropriate changes and limitations.) Ann Marie Moriarty will send a copy to Denny May.

In their work to develop a policy, Trustees were referred to work done previously, which may be reflected in minutes from 1994. The Records Committee is reminded that Meeting needs to be able to find old minutes. Work done previously on an index needs to be revived and expanded.

96-110 Ministry and Worship Committee. Barbara Platt requests that 4 students from the Meeting School in Ringe, NH (and their teacher) be able to stay here for two nights. They would stay in the White House. Barbara Platt is coordinating this with the Resident. Friends APPROVED.

96-111 Pastoral Care Committee. Bruce Bush reported that a committee met with F. Paul Jolly and Jude Martin of Takoma Park Preparative Meeting. The committee consisted of Bruce Bush, Barbara Lynch, and Joan and Rich Liversidge. The committee found them clear to be married. Friends APPROVED their marriage under the care of the Meeting. An Oversight Committee will be named and will coordinate with the Ministry and Worship Committee.

96-112 Treasurer. The Treasurer, Page Lacey, provided the Meeting with an update on finances. To date this year Meeting has received cash donations of \$49,509.77. A donation of stock valued at \$3,131 has also been received. 71 responses to the request for 1997 information have been received and indicate planned giving of \$50,300 on the part of those responding. This will enable formation of a new budget in January 1997. It was suggested that some part of a bulletin board should be devoted to providing information about spending, giving, and other stewardship issues.

96-113 Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Ernest Walker reported that the Committee met a week ago and selected Ernest Walker and Mumia Shimaka as co-clerks. The committee will reorganize itself when new members start in January. News and issues will be posted downstairs.

96-114 Nominating Committee. Friends APPROVED names presented for second reading. Additional names were presented for first reading. Several people brought omissions to the attention of Meeting. Ann Marie Moriarty pointed out that people are appointed only for six years to a given committee, but may continue to serve on a co-opted basis and may be reappointed the next year. Friends are, however, urged to be willing to undertake a variety of service for the Meeting.

Silvia Tennison volunteered to be a Strawberry Festival coordinator if help is available. Dennis Ireland will continue and Diane Jusino and Mosi Harrington have also indicated that they would help. This was referred back to the Nominating Committee.

It was pointed out that Nominating Committee needs beefing-up and the Temporary Nominating Committee needs therefore to report.

96-115 Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the 11th month meeting for business. A concern for how minutes are approved was referred to the Ministry and Worship Committee.

96-116 Friends minuted their warm appreciation for Agnes Woodstock's service as clerk. Meeting has been enriched and deepened by her efforts.

Agnes Woodstock  
Clerk

Martha L. Gay  
Assistant Recording Clerk

**Called Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business  
12/29/96**

The meeting began after rise of Meeting for Worship. The meeting house was full.

96-117 A group of young people from Harlem in New York City have expressed a wish to visit with other young people from outside their neighborhood and to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. A Synagogue in Brooklyn, New York, including some of their young people, has arranged for transportation and expenses. The group has approached Adelphi Friends Meeting with a request for overnight hospitality on January 10, 1997. APPROVED.

Emory Luce Baldwin and Charlotte Miller have offered to coordinate logistics on Adelphi's behalf. Adelphi Young Friends have expressed an interest in participating in the overnight and trip to the Holocaust Museum.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silent worship.

Glenn Riley      Alaine D. Duncan  
Acting Clerk     Recording Clerk