

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
January 10, 1999

99-1. Opening. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read a quotation from the section on Fellowship and Community from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

The life of a religious society consists in something more than the body of principles it professes and the outer garments of organization which it wears. These things have their own importance: they embody the society to the world, and protect it from the chance and change of circumstances; but the springs of life lie deeper, and often escape recognition. They are to be found in the vital union of the members of the society with God and with one another, a union which allows the free flowing through the society of a spiritual life which is its strength.

(William Charles Braithwaite, 1905)

99-2. Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the December Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.

99-3. Announcements. The clerk drew the attention of Friends to a second hour to be presented by the AFSC/DC Project 1/17/99 and also to an article in the Takoma Park Newsletter by Emily May, daughter of Denny May and Betsy Taylor. The article will be made available to Friends.

99-4. Appreciation. A Friend presented a minute of appreciation for the long service of Pam Tyng as editor of Silent Announcements. She has served efficiently, faithfully, and with great effort for 7 years. Friends heartily APPROVED.

99-5. Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty presented names for second reading and some more for first reading. A copy is attached. Friends APPROVED the names presented for second reading and received with thanks the names presented for first reading. The Nominating Committee is concerned about 2nd hour coordinating. Lucy Storey has agreed to add 2nd hours to her calendar. Adult Religious Education will discuss this concern with the Nominating Committee. A Friend volunteered to serve on the Trustees Committee. The Nominating Committee expressed gratitude and will contact the person. Some confusion about Greeter coordinating will be sorted out between Greeter Coordinators and the Hospitality Coordinators.

99-6. Finance Committee. Bryan Camp, clerk of Finance Committee, presented the 1999 Budget for first reading. The budget will be presented for Approval in February. The Committee has sensed increasing interest in Adult Religious Education, Camping Program, and outreach to the community. Brian reviewed for the Meeting the various changes. Increased giving enabled the restoration last year of some of the items which had been cut. The increase in the amount for Released Friends is in recognition of the fact that we now have two Friends under release. Sharing funds received are placed on page 3 under "other unbudgeted expense". A Friend suggested that this link be made more explicit, so that we know what has been done. Concern was expressed about the cost and quality of trash service. This concern was referred to the House and Grounds Committee. Contributions to the F.U.T.U.R.E. campaign of Baltimore Yearly Meeting should be part of Support for Quaker Organizations. The \$7,790 carry forward expenses reflects obligated but unspent funds such as memorial funds. We are maintaining a cash reserve of \$10,000, which the Committee feels is sufficient. The line item for the Camp Catoctin Trustees should be renamed the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Property Management Committee. In response to a question about criteria for designating a line item as either Support for Quaker Organizations or Designated Outreach, it was explained by several Friends that Designated Outreach traditionally goes to local organizations, while Quaker Organizations are usually large national organizations or organizations where we have membership. The distinction can be somewhat fuzzy. A Friend recommended that Finance Committee work with Peace and Social Concerns Committee to develop appropriate criteria. Friends thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work and clear presentation. A Friend said that it would be helpful if people doing things for meeting which cost money be sure to put in the bills and then make contributions. A Friend pointed out that many Friends contribute directly to the work of Friends and these contributions are made possible by the restraint with which the budget process has been approached. A Friend suggested that Finance Committee consider raising the budget. The Committee struggled with the issue of how much to expect in donations. They feel they are already being somewhat optimistic, but were heartened by the good response in 1998. The clerk thanked the Committee and Friends for their hard work. Pending the approval of the budget, Friends authorized payment of necessary expenses.

99-7. Quaker Workcamps International. Harold Confer announced that QWI has received a donation of

two house trailers from an anonymous donor. This gift will be used to provide onsite housing and feeding of volunteers at Community Baptist Church in District Heights. Harold also requested that his clearness committee for release in ministry be rejuvenated. The clerk requested that this be put in writing. It will be referred to Pastoral Care.

99-8. Closing. The meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson, Clerk

Martha Gay, Assistant Recording Clerk

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February 14, 1999

99-9. Opening. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read from the declaration made Charles II by George Fox and other Friends in 1660, as quoted in the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

We ... utterly ... deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever. And this is our testimony to the whole world. ...The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as to once command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for any kingdoms of this world.

99-10. Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the January Meeting for Business.

99-11. Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty brought forward for 2nd reading those names read in January. Friends APPROVED these nominations. In addition, Carol Hoage will schedule Second Hours. All other scheduling will be done by the resident, Lucy Story. A corresponding clerk is needed. Two person's originally on committees, Kurt Thurman and Elizabeth Picard, are now attending Sandy Spring and will not be able to serve. Friends accepted with regret their resignations. Two persons are being sought to serve on the Board of William Penn House. Additional help is needed for Emergency Housing. Regina Lanning has agreed to serve on the *ad hoc* Adult Religious Education Committee.

The clerk strongly requested that Friends use the scheduling instructions put forward in Silent Announcements. There have been too many conflicts recently. The process is still under construction. A Friend expressed concern that there be a calendar available in the foyer on Sunday AM. A Friend pointed out that all events "within our community" be scheduled through the resident. Other events which would use our facilities must follow those procedures.

99-12. Peace and Social Concerns. Esther Webb presented for approval two letters to be sent to President Clinton, one regarding Iraq and the other Kosovo. Several Friends offered suggestions to clarify and strengthen the letters. Copies will also be sent to our congressional delegation. The letter regarding the situation in Kosovo was APPROVED. Friends pointed out that it is acceptable to speak both from a point of political analysis and spirit, but we should not confuse the two. Several Friends retired to work on the letter about the situation in Iraq. Copies of the letters, as approved, are attached.

99-13. Finance Committee. Rob Oerter presented the second reading of the budget. He discussed several changes from the budget presented in January. A portion of the surplus from 1998 is carried over as income spendable this year. The committee feels that a reserve between \$10,000 and \$12,000 is appropriate. A Friend suggested that we need a line item for Contingency. The clerk suggested that Friends concentrate on budget at this time and take concerns to the Finance Committee. The 1999 budget was APPROVED with thanks to the Finance Committee. A copy of the budget is attached.

99-14. Ministry and Worship. Reuben Snipper brought several items. The Committee is beginning its work on the Spiritual State of the Meeting. As preparation and provide Friends with opportunities for input, the Committee is planning a second hour in April and will also conduct a survey of the members of the community.

A number of people have suggested that Meeting for Business not be held on Mothers Day or Easter. The committee proposes that on those two days the Meeting for Business be held on another day. A Friend suggested that when such conflicts arise, Meeting for Business be held on the third Sunday. Friends APPROVED.

Second Meeting for Worship on Sunday. The Committee proposes that there be a three-month experimental second Meeting for Worship on Sunday. It would be held from 9 - 9:40 AM and would flow into the singing, which begins at 9:45. There would be no announcements. Child care would be provided. If the experiment continues for the entire year this would cost an additional \$1,000. Sharon Stout has agreed to open and close. On 3rd Sunday we would not have this, because we have hour-long singing. The proposed three-month trial period would permit the Committee to evaluate the extent to which this change meets several perceived needs. Some Friends have expressed a need for a smaller, quieter meeting for worship. Friends involved in the Religious Education program have expressed a need to

participate in corporate worship. The committee stressed that it had considered a number of alternatives and that this one seemed most likely to speak to the concerns raised. Although child care will be provided, children are always welcome at Meeting for Worship. A Friend reiterated the openness of Meeting for Worship. All are welcome and anyone can come. The format may be if anything less settled than that of the 10 O'clock meeting. Friends were cautioned that there is no guarantee that the earlier meeting will be different from the later in any way except time. A Friend pointed out that the singing is evolving. At present there is a small group that comes at 9:00 AM. Among some there is a lot of hunger for singing. The singing provides a welcome for the children; this will continue to be the case with the 15 min. in this proposal. A Friend expressed gratitude for the committee's loving response.

Friends APPROVED beginning this experiment 3/14/99, to continue for three months with a report after two months (May).

A Friend reminded us that Stewardship may also be a concern for Ministry and Worship. The Ministry and Worship Committee will be meeting with the Finance Committee.

Ann Marie Moriarty reminded us of the need to appoint a temporary nominating committee.

99-15. Clerk's mail. The clerk read a letter from Margaret Brown, clerk, Westtown Monthly Meeting, Westtown, PA, commending their long-time member Ann Byerly Marlowe to our loving care.

99-16. Peace and Social Order Committee. Ester Webb read the revised letter about Kosovo, which was APPROVED.

99-17. Closing. The Meeting close with a period of Silent Worship.

Ted Robinson
Presiding clerk

Martha L. Gay
Assistant recording clerk

Text of the letters brought by the Peace and Social Order Committee. They are to be sent to the President and to members of Congress from our area.

Dear President Clinton:

We at Adelphi Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends are very concerned with your continued use of military force in Iraq. As Quakers, we believe that the light of God shines in everyone. War causes death and suffering. Thus, we oppose the use of violence to resolve conflicts.

We acknowledge that Saddam Hussein has done much to be condemned. The United States use of violence in response to his violence, however, will solve nothing; it has not in the past. United States' solutions, in fact, have contributed to the situation we face today, especially arming Saddam Hussein in his war with Iran. Yet, the United States continues on this destructive path. The United States condemns Saddam Hussein today, while arming other dictators around the world who may be condemned tomorrow. The Colombian military, for example, armed by the United States, in its war on drugs recently has turned those weapons on Colombian villagers. There are numerous other examples.

Our government should develop foreign policy to prevent crises rather than responding with military force when such crises occur. We could start by halting international sale of arms.

The people of Iraq are not our enemies. Our grievance is with their leader. Yet bombs and sanctions punish the people of Iraq much more than Saddam Hussein, who has turned the US attack into a public relations coup for himself at home and abroad. The December bombing killed as many as 2,000 Iraq civilians. The sanctions and the destruction or disruption of the essential infrastructure (power, water, health care) have led to dramatically increased mortality rates, especially among infants and children.

We implore you to have mercy on the people of Iraq. Stop the use of military force and lift sanctions. Heed the calls of our European allies and join with them in efforts to resolve this conflict with diplomacy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dear President Clinton:

We at Adelphi Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends are distressed that you have threatened the use of military force against Yugoslavia in response to the situation in Kosovo. This will not bring about a long-term solution to this complex problem.

As Quakers, we hold dear the presence of God in each human life. We ask our government not to choose to demonize one party in this conflict, jeopardizing the possibility of a negotiated peaceful resolution. Our government needs to facilitate a diplomatic solution by providing a fair and impartial setting for both sides to work toward a diplomatic solution to this crisis. Forcing the Serbs to the negotiating table with threats of violent force is unlikely to accomplish this. Carrying out such threats will cause death and suffering to innocent civilians who have endured more than enough in this protracted and complex conflict.

We implore you to cease threats of military force in Kosovo and pursue a peaceful, diplomatic settlement, which respects the rights and hears the concerns of all parties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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March 14, 1999

99-18: Opening: The clerk, Ted Robinson read "Meeting for Worship" in Section B, "The Life of the Spirit", from BYM's Faith and Practice.

99-19: Minutes: Friends approved the minutes of the February Meeting for Business.

99-20: The Clerk read mail from: Langley Hill Monthly Meeting re. changing name of Baltimore Yearly Meeting to Chesapeake Yearly Meeting. It was suggested and approved to have a second hour to discuss this topic. This will be used as an opportunity to educate AFM members and attenders re: Yearly Meeting is its responsibilities. The Clerk asked the Adult Religious Education Committee to schedule this second hour sometime before August.

A letter from AFSC asking people to watch the Bill Moyer TV special, "Facing the Truth", which is a documentary exploring the Truth and Reconciliation Process in South Africa and its implications for the United States. This program will air on March 30th. The AFSC-MAR is listed as a resource for discussion groups.

99-21: The Pastoral Care Committee: The Committee brought forth the report of the clearness committee for membership of Helen Leskovac with a recommendation that she be accepted for membership. The Meeting approved the report and welcomed her into our Meeting's Membership.

99-22: Letter of Request from Harold Confer: The Board of Quaker Workcamps International sent a letter requesting the use of the Meeting House. June Confer and Tom Wolfe reported this was no longer needed because the work camp had been canceled.

99-23: Report and Request from the Mary Lord Support Committee: Mary carries a letter from BYM stating that it is in support of her ministry. A letter is needed from Adelphi Monthly Meeting stating our continued support of Mary and her work and the committee is asked to write another letter to BYM requesting a continuing traveling minute. This proposed letter will be drafted by the Mary Lord support Committee and signed by the Clerk.

There was a concern raised about BYM providing some financial support for people who are released to follow leading. It was asked that the Meeting wait until after Spring Yearly Meeting Day to be held on March 27th when the Committee on Nurture and Recognition of Ministry will meet. This is one of the topics that this committee will discuss that day.

99-24: Nominating Committee: The Committee brought forward the name of Alexander Barnes to be a contact to Friends Committee on National Legislation for the first reading.

99-25: Requests from Marcy Seitel: Marcy asked for a Traveling Minute from AFM for her son, Jesse, who will be traveling to South Africa with the Thornton Friends Middle School Choir this Spring. This request was Approved and the Clerk will write the traveling minute.

It was discussed whether or not Jesse is a member of Meeting. It was determined that he was not. Marcy requested Associate Membership for both of her children: Jesse Franklin Seitel and Elizabeth Miranda Seitel. This request was approved and they were welcomed into the Meeting's membership.

99-26: Peace & Social Concerns Committee--Proposed letter to Senator Paul Sarbanes re: excessive military spending. The letter approved with two minor changes.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Recording Clerk, Judy Smith

Clerk, Ted Robinson

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April 11, 1999

99-27. Opening. The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting a description of the role and importance of vocal ministry:

Waiting upon the Holy Spirit in silent expectation and prayer is the basis of our meeting for worship. Vocal ministry should arise out of a sense of being inwardly moved to share a message aloud. Sometimes a message is not ripe yet, or comes clearly but is meant only for the person receiving it, not for the group. Some Friends are led to speak frequently, and others only rarely; yet the timid or brief message one who seldom speaks may be as moving and helpful as that of a more practiced speaker. The experienced speaker should be watchful not to speak too often or at undue length. No Friend should come to meeting for worship with an intention to speak or not to speak.

The most satisfactory vocal ministry arises out of a leading that is felt in the silence so strongly that it cannot be ignored. It should be delivered with as few words as possible, yet as many as necessary. Vocal prayer offered on behalf of the gathered meeting can also bring us into closer harmony with God.

99-28. Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the Third Month meeting.

99-29. Clerks mail.

The clerk reported a letter from Patricia Kutzner, who is doing ministry in the Navajo nation. She thanked Friends for support in winterizing the Thrift Store. At present support is urgently needed for the Community Jobs Fund. Friends can send donations to Baltimore Yearly Meeting earmarked for her work.

William Penn House is sponsoring a program on "Forgiveness - Public and Private" by Cristina Jayme Montiel, May 8, 3-5 PM. The speaker is a leader of pro-democracy activities in the Philippines.

The Yearly Meeting Stewardship and Finance Committee will meet April 24, 1999, to discuss apportionments. The clerk forwarded these materials to our Finance Committee.

Friends United Meeting is holding Friends United Sunday. The recommended date is Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Referred to Ministry and Worship Committee.

99-30. Cemetery. There will be a hearing on May 6, 1999 regarding the widening of Maryland Route 5. The cemetery is cared for by Patuxent Friends Meeting. Cynthia Gonzales will attend on our behalf. The property has been identified as eligible for registry as an historic site. A Friend pointed out that we could also send a written statement. The history of the property has been researched. The clerk will ask Cynthia Gonzales if she would like such a statement.

99-31. Nominating Committee. 2nd reading of Alexander Barnes to represent this meeting to FCNL. Friends APPROVED. Our other representative is Esther Webb.

99-32. Concern about Friends Community School. The past year has been challenging for FCS. The board has repeatedly asked for the trust of the community, but has not felt able to share information. This Friend requests a Meeting for Worship tomorrow evening. Intervention is not requested, but support for this Friend and others who need it is requested. Friends APPROVED. Another Friend shared the sense of urgency and suggested that another Meeting for Worship may be needed later. Many Friends have already been informed that this proposal is to come before the business meeting. A Friend suggested that the Committee be informed that their deliberations will be held in the light and that the Committee be invited to attend. This has been done. A Friend clarified the relationship between the School Board and the Meeting. Members of the Meeting and Members of the Board are members of the Corporation of the School. She suggested that the clerk's suggestion of amending the bylaws not be taken up at this time. The clerk clarified his concern as having been regarding the lack of specificity in the bylaws regarding the timing of the Corporation's annual meeting. This meeting has been postponed from January. Friends paused to hold the School Board, which is currently meeting, in prayerful consideration. A member of the meeting asked if he would be allowed to attend, or not allowed to attend, board meeting. The bylaws are silent on this. A Friend pointed out that the Board can go into executive session and does when discussing personnel issues. The meetings held recently have been of this nature. This Friend also pointed out that there are some deficiencies in the bylaws and these should be taken up, but at a later date. The Friend who brought the concern stated that she has no problems with the board meeting in executive session.

99-33. Spring Representative Meeting. Jolee Robinson, not an official representative, was asked by our representatives to take notes and report.

The Committee on Indian Affairs has found oversight of Pat Kutzner's work too much. She is running out of money. No other Committee has stepped forward.

Mary Lord's ministry has been extended and she has a new traveling minute.

A request to lay down Potomac Half-yearly Meeting was brought by four Friends who attended its most recent session. Implications of this have been referred to David Etheridge, who is supposed to discuss this with the constituent monthly meetings.

Deer Creek Monthly Meeting has expressed the wish to withdraw from Nottingham Quarter. A Committee is working on realignment of Quarterly Meetings. Manual of Procedure Committee has been asked to develop proposals for procedures to follow in this sort of situation.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee reported that most apportionments will be about the same. Friends were encouraged to attend the upcoming meeting.

The Advancement and Outreach Committee asked Monthly Meetings to check travel directions which appear for each monthly meeting in the *Proceedings*.

Hopewell Meeting and Winchester Center Meeting have joined and will be known as Hopewell Center Meeting.

Frank Massey is undertaking a study of the organization of the Yearly Meeting.

Financial Support for Released Friends. The Committee on Nurture and Recognition of Ministry and the Stewardship and Finance Committee approved a letter for Mary Lord to use for fundraising. The Committee on Nurture and Recognition of Ministry is working on guidelines for embracing the ministry of Friends at Yearly Meeting level.

The clerk thanked the Friends who reported. A Friend said it was good that we have made our language regarding support for released Friends reflect what we are doing, but suggested that it's time we did a great job and supported the ministry of released friends. We need to be generous in addition to being honest. A Friend pointed out the importance in a Friend's work of a core group from a monthly meeting. How to do this has been discussed in Mary Lord's committee and the Committee on Nurture and Recognition of Ministry also regards this as a critical issue. There are several possible mechanisms.

99-34. Use of Meetinghouse. Quaker Workcamps International requests use of the Meetinghouse Monday, May 10th. Friends APPROVED, provided the space is not already reserved for another activity. Friends suggested that QWI get a confirmation number. A movie, "Forgotten Fires", which shows the ministry to the burned churches, and lists QWI as a resource, will be shown on PBS. Friends are encouraged to get the word out about this.

The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson
Presiding clerk

Martha Gay
Assistant recording clerk

Adelphi Friends Meeting
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May 16, 1999

1999-36. Opening. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read the 5th Query, "Personal Way of Life", from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

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 capacities 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?

1999-37. Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the Fourth Month meeting, with corrections to 99-34.

1999-38. Clerks mail.

Frank Massey, General Secretary of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, has written pointing out that summer Yearly Meeting day will be 6/19/99 at Goose Creek.

Pendle Hill is having an Inquirer's Weekend concentrating on Basic Quakerism.

1999-39. Ministry and Worship Committee. Reuben Snipper reported on the experiment with an early Meeting for Worship. The committee has talked to people who have attended. Usually 12-18 people attend and the attenders like it. The need for child care can be filled by one person. The transition from the Meeting for Worship to singing still is a bit awkward. The committee recommends that this earlier meeting be continued. A Friend asked if adjusting event times had been discussed to permit interaction of early people with late people without missing singing. A Friend suggested that we approve continuation, and keep working on the problem. A Friend suggested that we not make additional changes to the schedule until we are more accustomed to this one. There may be difficulty arising from the fact that on 3rd Sunday the early meeting doesn't happen. A Friend who attends the early meeting suggested that the one hour of singing be on second Sunday, to facilitate her attendance at business meeting. Another Friend pointed out that this might not work for parents with small children. It was suggested that Friends exercise forbearance. A Friend suggested that any approval of a continuation be of relatively short time, so that we will address these issues. Among other things, her relationship with some early attenders has been fractured because she doesn't have opportunity to interact with them due to the change in schedule. A Friend suggested that a continuation of the trial period not be just the summer, since many have a different schedule. A Friend suggested that we consider changing the schedule in September and commends to our attention:

9-9:40 early meeting
9:45-10 meet and greet
10-10:30 singing
10:30 late meeting.

The early meeting has led to less crowding in the later meeting. Friends APPROVED continuing the present schedule through October. The committee was asked to wrestle with the concerns which were raised. A Friend pointed out that there are scheduling problems and differing needs involving the singing too.

1999-40. Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends. Alison Duncan reported that Young Friends have been wrestling with issues around smoking. Most feel that forbidding smoking, which they don't much care for, would lead to exclusion and that would not be good. They are aware also that others don't come because of the smoking. Alison will report more formally on this next month and will be making regular reports.

1999-41. Resident Support Committee. The resident will be leaving at the end of August. Her contract expires 7/19/99. The committee proposes that the contract be extended through the end of August. They will immediately commence the search for a new resident. APPROVED.

1999-42. Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The committee presented its recommendations for Designated Outreach. The only change from last year is the addition of \$900 for the Underground Railroad. A Friend pointed out that we have not been increasing our amounts. A small upward adjustment would be appropriate to compensate for inflation. A Friend pointed out that the total for Designated Outreach was approved with the budget. A Friend suggested that we minute our intent to give any surplus (or a significant portion thereof) to the Peace and Social Order Committee for this purpose. Meeting APPROVED the recommended allocations and referred the concern for increasing the amount for Designated Outreach to the Finance Committee.

The Committee needs more bulletin board space, because they get a lot of notices which need to be posted. They would like half the bulletin board on the landing. They recognize that there is simply a dearth of space. A Friend suggested that the House and Grounds Committee be consulted for the establishment of additional bulletin boards. There appears to be no one in charge of the foyer. An additional bulletin board downstairs might serve to build community. Friends spoke in favor of big bulletin boards. This concern was referred to House and Grounds.

1999-43. Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative). Friends accepted the State of the Meeting report with appreciation. Information regarding the time and place of their meeting will be distributed widely.

1999-44. Nominating Committee. Judy Smith has resigned as recording clerk. A temporary recording clerk is needed for the June monthly meeting. The Nominating Committee will be meeting to consider this and other vacancies. Friends with concerns should provide information to the clerk, Ann Marie Moriarty, in writing. The Nominating Committee needs new people, too. This will be on the agenda in June.

1999-45. Ministry and Worship Committee. The Committee will bring the Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for first reading in June. A called meeting may be appropriate to get it into the Yearly Meeting office in time for it to appear in the advanced reports. The committee was asked to prepare the report by 6/6/99 if possible.

1999-46. Cemetery. The clerk reported that we have not heard anything from Cynthia Gonzales regarding the recent hearing about the cemetery.

1999-47. Procedure. A Friend suggested that Committees should, when bringing something to the meeting, try to find out what's been done before. Friends APPROVED this recommendation.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson
Presiding clerk

Martha Gay
Assistant recording clerk

Adelphi Friends Meeting
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June 13, 1999

1999-48. Opening. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read from the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, a section addressing Friends' testimony on non-violence. [Page 29, beginning with " Since their beginnings over 300 years ago... " and ending with "...practice love, and to make peace."

1999-49. Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes with this clarification to section 99-4: It is the not the resident's support committee that will search for a new meeting resident, but a search committee to be named.

1999-50. Announcements. The clerk advised us that the Meeting had received a package of Spiritual State of the Meeting reports of various Monthly Meetings from the BYM Ministry and Counsel committee, along with a note from that committee's clerk, Steve Davidson, suggesting we might make them available to our Ministry and Worship committee. We handed them on to the clerk of Ministry and Worship, Reuben Snipper.

1999-51. Pastoral Care. The Pastoral Care committee brought to us a memorial minute for Agnes Woodstock (attached), which the Meeting accepted, with thanks for their work. Ann Marie Moriarty will forward a copy to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, to Elizabeth and Louise Woodstock, and to Friends Journal. She will forward the original to the Meeting's recorder, Carol Beigel.

1999-52. Strawberry Festival. Sharon Stout gave a preliminary report. The gross to date: \$10,326.63. Still pending are some receipts from the Silent Auction, and the expenses for the café.

Sharon's suggestions for next year: Arrange for pickup early, and ask people to bring only usable items to the used clothing and white elephant sales.

It was pointed out that there is an enormous amount of "grunt work" to be done ahead of time. The more people who are involved early, the more enjoyable the experience of the day of the Festival will be for everyone.

The Meeting expressed its appreciation for Sharon's work on the Strawberry Festival, and expressed our hope that she might work on next year's festival, with the assistance of a co-coordinator, so that the "institutional memory" will not be lost.

1999-53. Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty brought forward the names of Carole Hoage, Paul Gorrell, Jay Endleman to serve on the search committee for a new white house resident, with assistant clerk Pam Tyng to serve *ex officio*. The meeting APPROVED. It was noted that we have in the past searched for mature, responsible people who would be willing to work 10 hours/week in return for rent-free living space in the apartment in the white house.

A friend requested that copies of the job description be made available. Paul Gorrell will arrange for some to be in the lobby by next first day.

Jane Furniss brought to us a concern from Emergency Housing that we consider expanding our search to include a homeless person, perhaps a woman with a child. It was noted that all previous residents were, at the point of our hiring them, in need of housing.

A friend reminded us that this concern had been raised prior to hiring our most recent resident, but that it was never fully explored or weighed by the Meeting. It was suggested that the search committee season this concern and bring it back to the Monthly Meeting.

The concern was forwarded to the search committee, which will bring back to July business meeting a clarification of the criteria for this search, for consideration and discussion by Monthly Meeting. The Meeting will look forward to the completion of the search process sometime thereafter, in a timely fashion.

1999-54. Naming Committee. Peter Curtis, Marcie Seitel and Martha Gay have agreed to serve on the naming committee, which will nominate people to the nominating committee.

At this time, the clerk, Ted Robinson, was called away from the Meeting, and assistant clerk Pam Tyng presided.

1999-55. Spiritual State of the Meeting Report. Reuben Snipper presented a second draft of the Spiritual State of the Meeting Report. A friend suggested that we include a reference to our concern that so few friends attend Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business. A friend suggested that we clarify that our Meeting's children do, in fact, spend the first 20 minutes of every Sunday with us in Meeting.

A friend asked that on page 2 a sentence read "...and have expanded it..." It was noted that, in all cases, periods go inside quotation marks.

We accepted the first reading of this report, and anticipate a short called Meeting for Business for final approval at the rise of the following week's Meeting for Worship.

Pam Tyng will contact Sue Curtis with information that we will have a called Meeting for Business so that it will be mentioned in the Silent Announcements, and that copies of an amended draft will be available in the lobby on that day.

A friend asked that we discuss including the final version of the Spiritual State of the Meeting report on our Web site, as well as other information. Reuben Snipper will discuss this with the clerk, and discern a time frame for discussing such an action.

1999-56. Alison Duncan, for BYM Young Friends. Young Friends, meeting here at Adelphi this weekend, presented a minute addressing Alexandria Monthly Meeting's request to ban smoking at Young Friends conferences. A copy is attached. The Meeting received the report. A number of friends expressed their concerns about the fact that smoking is still illegal for people under 18.

A friend expressed concern that Young Friends consider the ramifications, should it arise that BYM, which is charged with oversight of Young Friends, not approve of the action Young Friends have minuted.

A friend suggested that Young Friends seek clearness, to see if this is really the sort of issue that would call them to civil disobedience.

A friend asked for clarification, and we learned that at this time there are young people who are not allowed by their parents or who choose not to attend Young Friends conferences because there is smoking. There are also people who will not attend if smoking is banned.

It was noted that the issue of minors smoking at this recent conference on our property raised legal concerns for our Monthly Meeting.

A friend expressed the opinion that Young Friends are trying very hard to work on a resolution to this, and that we encourage and support them in the very difficult task of continuing to search for ways to address the issue.

A friend expressed appreciation for the report, noting that it was excellently written, and the result of long and loving work.

The Meeting expressed our appreciation to Alison for the report.

A friend asked if there are ways in which we might be helpful to Young Friends in this continuing effort. Alison asked for our patience, and for us to remain open to Young Friends.

1999-57. Report from Friends Community School. June Confer, for Kathy Cox, reported.

The Corporation meeting that was held here at the Meeting house last month indicated a strong feeling of support for the School from Adelphi Friends. There is a significant group at Adelphi that wishes to be actively helpful to the school.

Friends at FCS need to continue to seek guidance on good order and Quaker process, and the need for tenderness in that good order.

* Kathy's report noted that there were requests made for information that was not available to attenders at the meeting of the Corporation. Copies of those items -- the corporation bylaws, parents' handbook, policy manual and personnel handbook -- are at the Meeting house now, and more can be made available upon request.

* The Board will initiate an ad hoc committee to review policies and procedures for FCS as a corporation. Kathy spoke with Sue Curtis concerning serving on and/or clerking that committee.

* As of last Thursday, FCS received a verbal acceptance from Tom Goss that he would serve as interim head of school on a 1-year appointment. Tom has spent 3 years as dean of general studies for the middle school at Yeshiva School in Baltimore. His previous experience included time at Sandy Spring Friends School and George School as teacher, department head, and dean.

* The grievance process for the two teachers not given letters of agreement for service next year has been resolved. The board recommended to the acting head that, if enrollment called for it, that the two teachers be rehired. That outcome seems likely.

* Marcie Seitel will join the staff as a new 5th & 6th grade teacher, teamed with Elizabeth Hole.

* There was a wonderful and positive end-of-year program during which teachers and staff boogied across the stage, complete with sunglasses and baseball caps.

It was noted that the School's 501(c)3 application for non-profit status has been re-submitted and should be finalized shortly.

What FCS needs from Meeting is primarily from Nominating Committee: To nominate new Board members ASAP, to include non-parents, people grounded in Quaker faith and process, experienced in development and fundraising, and in personnel procedures. It was noted that Amanda Bozarth has already resigned from the Board, as has Angelyn Flowers. Kathy Cox and Molly Tully will be leaving by June 30.

There is a concern as to how to mesh School practices with corporate requirements, specifically in the case of having paid staff at board Meetings. The law does not allow paid staff to be voting members of a board. FCS is looking for ways to accommodate secular requirements within the context of Friends' process.

As of July 1, June Confer will be clerking the Board of Trustees of FCS. She asks that people who are interested in serving on the Board contact her or the Nominating Committee.

1999-58. More Announcements.

The first workcamp to rebuild the Community Baptist Church in Cedar Heights, Maryland, opened yesterday with 15 work campers. The intern slated to assist Harold Confer and Quaker Workcamps International this summer had to return home for personal reasons.

Sharon Stout asked that Friends with a few extra minutes help her sort through the remaining bags and boxes of leftovers from the Strawberry Festival still in our parking lot.

The meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson, Clerk

Pam Tyng, Assistant Clerk

Ann Marie Moriarty, acting Recording Clerk

Memorial Minute for Agnes Woodstock

We remember her gentleness, her mischievous sense of humor, her wise counsel, her love of children, her drive to be of service, and the many, many ways she ministered to others during her lifetime. We grieve over her suicide, which took the life of a person we love. We miss her; we struggle to understand. We experienced, through her experience, the phenomenon we call "mental illness" -- how it could take hold and shut doors to hope. We ask if we could have done more to support her in her struggle. In meetings since her death we have been led to honor her life with words from our hearts, to form a mental health working group, and seek to discern ways we can support one another better in our weaknesses, our blindness, our mental illnesses, while also respecting the fundamental responsibility of each of us for our own lives.

Agnes was born August 10, 1936, in Ayr, Scotland, the daughter of Thomas and Agnes Smith. Education was highly valued in her family; the day she was born, her father enrolled her in Ayr Academy, the best school in town. When she was 18 months old, her mother died; Agnes was later told it was from "a cold in the liver" and very little else was said. She got a welcome reprieve from her largely cheerless household in the summers when she spent time with her aunts, uncles and cousins on their farms. A loving "nanny" came after the war and stayed until her own death in the mid-'90s.

Agnes received her undergraduate degree from the University of Edinburgh and then she worked abroad. She taught French in Germany and German and English in France, enjoying these experiences enormously and making lifelong friends there.

When she returned to the University of Edinburgh to study for her Master's degree, she met and subsequently married a visiting American Ph.D., Lowell Woodstock. After their wedding in Ayr on December 27, 1961, they went to the U.S. and lived briefly in Illinois and then moved to their house on Royal Road in Silver Spring, Maryland. Their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1962; daughter Louise in 1969.

The family spent a year in Corvallis, Oregon, where Agnes learned photography, and then from 1976-78, they lived in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where Lowell had an assignment with the Department of Agriculture. Upon returning to the U.S., Agnes worked for several years in the office of Alan Cranston, Senator from California, and then she taught French for several years at Sandy Spring Friends School.

For some years prior to Lowell's death in 1994, he needed considerable care, which Agnes provided unstintingly. She also provided home-based day care for a number of children over the years. And she was a very proud grandmother to three beloved grandchildren.

Agnes and Lowell had begun attending Adelphi Friends Meeting in the late 1960s and became members in the early 1970s. When her children were growing up, Agnes was active in religious education and served as an adult leader of workcamps and Catoctin weekends for Young Friends. Later she was active in ministry at Patuxent Prison and, in the course of almost 30 years at Adelphi, she served on most of the Meeting's committees. Her strong sense of duty and responsibility, her understanding of Quaker process and her sensitivity to unmet needs often led her to serve in multiple positions. She served as Clerk of the Meeting from 1995 through 1996.

During the time she served as clerk, she began to show signs of serious distress and paranoia, suddenly in some moments seeming very much not herself, and then soon after, she would seem herself again: practical, wise, humorous, sensitive, loving. She generally refused offers of help for herself, while continuing to be generous with her time in helping others. She died in a one-car accident on September 22, 1997, leaving a suicide note.

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
July 11, 1999

1999-59. Opening. The meeting began with a period of silent worship. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read the Third Query, The Meeting community, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

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 for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs?

The minutes of the June meeting for business were APPROVED as written.

1999-60. School Committee. The clerk asked June Confer, new School Committee clerk, about the availability of minutes of the corporation meeting. She will check into it.

1999-61. Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting. The clerk read a letter from David Etheridge soliciting our views on whether Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting should be laid down. The clerk suggested we might want to refer this to a committee. A Friend suggested that it be referred to Ministry and Worship, with direction that they solicit the views and feelings of Friends. A second hour could then be held in September. This Friend pointed out that Pam Tyng and Arthur David Olson would be good sources of information and could put a piece in the newsletter. A Friend suggested that we have already let our lives speak and could merely remind Representative Meeting of this. The clerk suggested revising the charge to the Ministry and Worship Committee to draft a response. A Friend reminded us that we are constantly getting new blood and that others quarters are in fact active and vital. The clerk referred this matter to the Ministry and Worship Committee, with the concerns attached.

1999-62. Marriage: Virginia Colin and her husband Mike Richey have recently married. They met with and consulted with Friends. Virginia has written a letter requested a support/oversight committee to assist with a wedding after the manner of Friends. Because of time constraints, placing their marriage under the care of Meeting will be deferred.

1999-63. Representative Meeting. The clerk read a letter from Marjorie Scott, Clerk of Representative Meeting, informing us that Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting and Goose Creek Monthly Meeting have proposed revisions to the Faith and Practice sections on Questions to be considered by the couple ..." These were referred to Pastoral Care Committee. They are expect to come to Yearly Meeting sessions.

1999-64. Use of Meetinghouse. Pam Tyng requested permission to use the Meetinghouse for a baby shower for her daughter Diana Jusino. All will be invited. Diana is the office manager of the Yearly Meeting, and was married under the care of the Meeting. This was approved, pending checking the calendar. Probably 10/2.

1999-65. Resident Search Committee. Paul Gorrell reported that the committee has met twice. A copy of the job description and contract are available in the lobby. Friends approved Angela Botzer as a member of the committee. The committee felt that the person should be connected to the meeting. Although they would not exclude a homeless person, they would not change the criteria that have been used. The committee would consider asking the meeting to waive the \$200 deposit which is now required. The committee recognizes that connections can be forged. Currently there are three applicants. There will probably be a gap between the date that Lucy leaves and when the new resident moves in. Carol Nezzo volunteered to keep the calendar in the event of any gap. She will also put the calendar in the foyer, as requested previously. A Friend suggested that the resident search committee bring recommendations regarding the interim situation to the August business meeting.

1999-66. Schedule. Business Meeting in August will be 3rd Sunday, due to conflict with Yearly Meeting.

1999-67. Finance Committee. Paul Gorrell reported that in September the committee will bring a proposal to redo the format in which the budget is presented. They want to improve the organization of the categories, etc. They are also examining the possibility of present separate budget and financial reports. In October the committee will invite the committees to present their needs and activities at a second hour. This is expected to generate feedback from individuals. The committee will then mail out the commitment letters. Concurrently they will be putting together the line items. They would like to present the first reading of the budget in January. The

information, in terms of contributions and letters, doesn't usually arrive until mid or late December. This has been done in three of the last five years. This will also facilitate the work of the committee, the members of which get busy over the holidays. Finance Committee was asked to consider whether it would be advisable to move the beginning of the fiscal year. Friends APPROVED having the first reading of the budget in January

1999-68. Naming Committee. Friends APPROVED the names of Martha Gay, Marcy Seitel, Peter Curtis to serve on the naming committee.

1999-69. The meeting closed with a period of Silent Worship.

Ted Robinson
Clerk

Martha Gay
Assistant Recording Clerk

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
August 15, 1999

1999 - 70. Opening. The meeting began with a period of silent worship. The clerk, Ted Robinson read advices on the "Use and Nature of Gifts" from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Every Friend is called to be a servant of God. Each of us has God-given gifts or talents, which we are obliged to develop and use to the glory of God. Each of us is encouraged to seek the ways in which we are called to minister to others. "Speak, for thy servant hears," is our prayer (I Samuel 3: 10).

We are obliged also to recognize and nurture the gifts of other Friends. The spiritual quality of our meetings for worship deepens when those who are led to speak out of the silence receive encouragement and help. The fabric of the Meeting community and the larger community is strengthened when Friends who serve the community receive loving support from other Friends.

Monthly Meetings may wish to recognize in some way the special gifts of certain Friends, in the ministry of the word, in Bible interpretation, First Day School teaching, peace witness, prison visiting, counseling or the like. One way is to acknowledge the gift in the minutes of the Meeting. Such formal recognition expresses approval of the Friend's contribution and may affirm his or her suitability to interpret the Society of Friends to the larger community.

Some Meetings may choose to continue the historical practice of recording ministers. Meetings wishing to acknowledge gifts in ministry by recording may consult the Yearly Meeting Committee on Nurture and Recognition of Ministry.

1999 - 71. Correspondence. The clerk shared a letter from Eileen Levitan sharing parts of her spiritual journey and requesting membership in the Religious Society of Friends. This letter was referred to the Pastoral Care Committee.

The clerk shared a letter from Thomas R. Wolfe requesting a clearness committee for membership and sharing his spiritual journey and two sprigs of lavender.

The clerk read a letter from Denise Ireland requesting membership in the Religious Society of Friends. She has talked with our clerk and read *Faith and Practice*. She shared with Friends some of her core beliefs.

The clerk confessed that he has not yet sent the letter to Sen. Sarbanes. He feels that the letter, as written, is telling the Air Force which weapons to purchase and he is not comfortable with that. A Friend who had some hand in preparation of this letter recollected that the problem phrases are in the form of a query and that the document reflected the views of FCNL; perhaps we should write to them with our concerns. The clerk pointed out that FCNL is in a somewhat different position *viz a viz* Congress than an individual monthly meeting. A Friend who is currently on the FCNL staff said they appreciate feed back.

1999 - 72. Marriage of Virginia Colin and Michael Richey. The clerk read email from Virginia Colin requesting that the date and time of her wedding ceremony be changed to Sunday, October 10, 1999. **(1999-62).** Several Friends suggested that since Virginia and Michael are already married, there may be no need for a clearness committee. Whether an oversight committee would be needed is not clear. The oversight function would not be legally needed but there is of course need for people to do the work. A support committee would be useful. It was also noted that this day is business meeting and the wedding would need to be after that. Friends APPROVED empowering the clerk to work with Virginia to find a suitable time and date. If he is unable to contact her, he will delegate this task.

1999 - 73. AFSC. The clerk read a letter from the Outreach Committee of the American Friends Service Committee Middle-Atlantic Region. It asked the query, "How can the Quaker identity continue to be integrated into AFSC Middle Atlantic Region?" A response by the end of November is requested. The clerk referred this to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A Friend recommended that it also be put in the newsletter, which the clerk agreed to.

1999 - 74. Maryland DHR Questionnaire. The clerk read a letter from the Department of Human Resources of the State of Maryland requesting information in order to be listed in a directory listing services provided to their communities. A Friend suggested that this request be forwarded to our members/attenders who are active in these concerns. A Friend suggested that the AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) project be named. Sharon Stout agreed to draft a response and bring it back to business meeting in September. Friends APPROVED.

1999 - 75. Resident Search Committee. Paul Gorrell reported that six people have expressed interest in becoming the new white house resident. The committee will begin interviewing next week those people who filled out the questionnaire.. During the interim Carol Nezzo will do the scheduling and her phone will be listed on the

answering machine's outgoing message. She will check the tape. Individual Friends will be asked to come by every other evening to check on things. This is being done in consultation with the House and Grounds Committee. A Friend pointed out that some work may be needed to get the apartment ready. Another Friend suggested that it would be good to put the lights in the residence on a timer. The committee feels that clearness will be reached soon. If appropriate, the presiding clerk may call a special meeting for business to approve a new resident.

1999 - 76. Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Ann Marie Moriarty and Mary Lord shared some of their impressions of the recent Yearly Meeting sessions. Ann Marie, who is one of our representatives, will provide a written report later.

1999 - 77. Friends Journal. The clerk is now on the Board of Trustees of *Friends Journal*. He encouraged Friends to subscribe and pointed out that only about 7,000 people subscribe. Friends were reminded that new members get the subscription of their choice (to *Friends Journal*, *Quaker Life*, or Pendle Hill Pamphlets). A Friend suggested that we offer each new member subscriptions to both *Quaker Life* and *Friends Journal*. This suggestion was referred to Pastoral Care.

1999 - 78. New members. The clerk suggested a special second hour to introduce people who have joined the meeting in the last several years. A Friend suggested that it's time to consider splitting again by forming a new meeting.

1999 - 79. Closing. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson
Presiding Clerk

Martha Gay
Acting Recording Clerk

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
September 12, 1999

1999-80. Opening. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read a portion of the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Religious Education:

Friends hold that specific instruction in religious topics is vital in the preparation of the human spirit for living a whole life. The goal of our religious education is to strengthen the awareness of the presence of God and so build Quaker spiritual values and conduct. We learn these through experience and study.

Religious education begins early in the home as the child participates in family silence, prayer, readings from the Bible and other religious works, and in family discussions. We set an example in our own lives and seek actively to guide our children's development of sensitivity to God and the world. Thus children can learn to know how God works through and among all of us as exemplified in the life and ministry of Jesus.

As children grow, they broaden their religious experience through participation in meetings for worship and for business. In First Day School classes conducted by the Meeting, the Bible, religious history and ideals, the world of nature, and the history, principles, and testimonies of Friends are more formally taught. As children are guided to an understanding of history and science, they are enabled better to understand religious Truth. A secure awareness of our role in God's world frees us for more sensitive responses to the leadings of the Inner Light.

1999-81. Minutes. Minutes were APPROVED as corrected.

1999-82. Clerk. is checking on status of AFSC concern (1999-73).

1999-83. Correspondence. The Clerk read a letter from Margaret Brown, clerk of Westtown Monthly meeting, commending to our care Ann Byerly Marlowe, whose membership has been transferred. This letter was a resend of one which apparently went astray.

Reuben Snipper reminded Friends that we want to formally welcome new members and that we have a way of doing this. After some discussion, this concern was referred to the Pastoral Care Committee, which was also asked to research past minutes as to our protocol.

The Clerk read letters from Children's Creative Response to Conflict, Martha's Table, Washington Quaker Workcamps, Underground Railroad, and Friends General Conference thanking us for our support. These letters were referred to Peace and Social Concerns.

A request from Betty Renshaw for a change to her memorial preplan was referred to Carol Beigel, Recorder.

Clerk read a letter from Tom and Judy Smith requesting that their membership be transferred to Multnomah Monthly Meeting. Friends APPROVED, and thanked Tom and Judy for their service to the Meeting.

1999-84. Recorder. Carol Beigel reported that after two years of work she can present an accurate report of membership. She has reviewed all meeting records since 1956. A copy of the report is attached. She expressed several concerns:

- C Associate Membership, which must be requested by parents and is in lieu of birthright membership, should be a temporary status for children. We have not recently contacted aging Associate Members.
- C 55 adult members and 40 associates are not in the current directory. The Recorder recommended that this list be referred to Pastoral Care, to see if these Friends are interested in continued membership.

The Recorder reviewed the membership records given to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. These numbers are the result of a thorough audit of our membership records. A Friend pointed out that these records can be extremely important if a person seeks status as Conscientious Objectors.

The list of unbound Friends was referred to the Pastoral Care Committee. Copies of membership list will be given also to the Nominating Committee, Ministry and Worship Committee, the Clerk, and Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

A Friend expressed concern that the Meeting has not followed up on Associate members; older associate members have not been contacted. We need to tenderly contact those members who grew up among us to determine their wishes.

Friends thanked the Recorder for all this hard work

1999-85. Records Committee. Carol Beigel reported that the committee is working on several projects. Minutes are being scanned and indexed. By the end of the year the Committee hopes to produce a CD with policy minutes, marriage records, memorial minutes and a whole lot more. Eventually photographs and pamphlets will be included. All the records are currently in the Recorders living room. The Clerk and Friends thanked the recorder.

1999-86. Resident Search Committee. Paul Gorrell brought forward the recommendation of the Committee - Rachel Harrison, a member of Little Falls Meeting. She is on leave from Sarah Lawrence College and is serving as an intern at the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund. She is willing to make a 12 mo. commitment. The responsibilities of the position have been discussed with her. She works 30 hrs/wk and has a flexible schedule. There were six initial applicants, of whom 3 actually completed the process. All were excellent and it was a difficult choice. Friends suggested that it is very important to maintain good communication and to recognize that we sometimes have contradictory expectations of the resident. Friends felt the resident should handle security concerns as she feels is necessary, in consultation with her support committee and the meeting. The importance, from the point of view of security, of Committees scheduling meetings ahead of time was stressed. Friends APPROVED Rachel Harrison as the new resident. The Nominating Committee will consult with the Resident and bring forward names for a support committee as soon as possible. A Friend pointed out that the resident has the same responsibility as any other Friend in terms of securing Meeting's permission before scheduling events on Meeting property (other than simply having guests in her apartment). The new contract will be very specific as to duties, rules, etc. in order to prevent problems. Good communication is absolutely essential. It is important to support the person and see them as individuals who bring unique strengths. The clerk thanked the committee. Friends greeted Rachel Harrison.

1999-87. Naming Committee. Marcy Seitel reported that the naming committee has developed a list and is working on it.

1999-88. AFSC. The Clerk read a letter from AFSC development representative Pamela Stone reporting a meeting of young Friends and a discussion of youth programs.

1999-89. Closing. The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
October 10, 1999

1999-90: Opening. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read from the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting the queries addressing Friends' testimony on peace.

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars"? Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day_to_day activities for their effect on peace_keeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

1999-91: Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the 9th mo. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business with neither additions nor corrections.

1999-92: Clerk's Mail. Ted Robinson read a letter from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Ministry and Council committee. The committee asks for help concerning its task of compiling information on legal requirements for marriage in our locale. Adelphi's Ministry & Worship committee will frame a reply and return with it to next month's business meeting.

The next letter read was from Stephen Leslie and his wife, who point out that they were married at Adelphi Meeting 30 years ago, and now attend Friends' Meeting in Ellicott City, Md. He is working on putting together a series of brief retreats on the topic of Meditation and Christianity with a guest speaker, Justin O'Brien. He plans to offer the events at Hebron House, near Baltimore, on Dec. 3 and 4. He would also like to offer it in a place convenient to people in our area, and asks that to use Adelphi's Meeting House on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 5. It was noted that there is no other event scheduled for that day. Fees were discussed. The sense of the Meeting was that we should direct House and Grounds committee to go forward with this, and to contact Stephen Leslie. It was noted that they should encourage a starting time no earlier than 2:00 p.m., so as not to interfere with Adelphi's First Day schedule.

The clerk read a moving letter from the Pittman/Cunyngham family in which they requested membership at Adelphi Meeting. This was referred to Pastoral Care committee.

The next letter read was from Quaker Workcamps International, asking permission to have six young Tanzanians and their group leader and their work camp leader, Paul Confer, stay at the Meeting house basement for between 2 and 3 weeks. The timing of this visit has yet to be determined, as it depends on the issuance of visas. This was APPROVED.

The clerk read a letter from David Etheridge concerning Adelphi's position on the laying down of Potomac Half-Year's Meeting. Ministry and Worship committee will bring a recommendation to next month's Business Meeting. People wishing to have input on this issue should contact members of Ministry and Worship.

Friends United Meeting has written us concerning next year's Chain of Prayer. This will last from Jan.1, 2000 through June 11 (Pentecost). We are encouraged to commit to a 12- or 24-hour period of prayer. This was referred to Ministry and Worship.

The clerk conveyed a message from Tom Wolf advising us that the ad hoc committee that was to consider the ministry of music should have reported today, but is not yet ready to do so. We anticipate hearing from them at the next Business Meeting.

The clerk reported upon an e-mail message from Carol Beigel concerning the unexpected availability of a high-quality piano suitable for our Meeting room. There has been a significant groundswell of support for taking advantage of this opportunity if time and finances permit. Sharon Stout will determine if time is a factor, and if so, Ministry and Worship is directed to consider requesting a called Meeting for Business to consider this. Ministry and Worship will also consult with Finance committee for input. It was requested

that information on this opportunity be placed in next week's silent announcements, with a request that people wishing input contact Rueben Snipper or others on Ministry and Worship committee.

Fall Yearly Meeting Day. This year, Fall Yearly Meeting Day and Representative Meeting will fall on Saturday, October 23rd. One of the agenda items will be early consideration of a minute from Virginia Half-Year's Meeting on the subject of same-gender marriage. Since one of our current representatives, Pam Tyng, has accepted a staff position at Baltimore Yearly Meeting office, she has resigned her position as representative to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest. Sharon Stout agreed to serve as an alternate representative for this session of Representative Meeting. A friend suggested that when we circulate the BYM material concerning the same-gender marriage minute, that we also include information on Adelphi's own minute on same-gender ceremonies of commitment. It was noted that the ad hoc committee that formulated our minute was made up of people from Pastoral Care, Ministry and Worship, and Peace and Social Concerns committees. We agreed to circulate that information among our members. Sharon Stout will convey details as to the coming Yearly Meeting day and the minute to be considered to Sue Curtis for inclusion in next week's silent announcements.

1999-93: Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty reported that the committee, in concert with the White House resident and others, has brought forward the following names of people who have agreed to serve on the Resident Support Committee: Marcy Seitel, Rick Picardi, Angela Botzer. It was noted that Susan Gillette will meet with them at least once, for the purposes of continuity, and that Steve Woods will act as liaison with House and Grounds. Because this is not a standing committee but an ad hoc committee, a second reading was not necessary. These names were APPROVED.

1999-94: Peace and Social Concerns. Esther Webb reported on a letter from Churches United for community Empowerment (CUCE) inviting us to join this organization, which responds to requests for emergency help in the northern P.G. County area. The committee has researched the organization and recommends that we join. CUCE is happy to have us join even at a minimal level, as having a broad membership helps its efforts in obtaining grant funding for its efforts. The committee has designated \$50 from its own budget to allow us to join immediately, and has a person willing to attend CUCE's meetings. The level of personal, corporate, and financial commitment was discussed. We APPROVED joining CUCE.

1999-95: Emergency Housing Committee. Susan Walker and Debbie Bassert, reporting. Susan circulated a brief history of the Emergency Housing committee [Note to Martha: attached]. They then asked that the committee be laid down. It was noted that we respect this thought and concern behind this request, coming as it does from two people with deep and long-time involvement and concern for this issue.

It was noted that in laying down the committee, we are not laying down the meeting's continuing concern for the homeless in our county. We anticipate that we would have an opportunity for Meeting to express its concern in new ways, perhaps through increased financial support for organizations that work with the homeless, as well as looking for ways for Meeting members to volunteer their time.

Since we are committed to hosting Safe Haven this February 27 through March 5, Meeting APPROVED asking the Nominating committee to name a coordinator for that effort, much as we do for Strawberry Festival.

It was suggested that the history of the committee that Susan prepared be published in the newsletter.

We minuted the Meeting's appreciation for the Emergency Housing Committee's work through the years. We acknowledge our appreciation of the committee's willingness to ask to be laid down – a hard decision to arrive at, and one not taken lightly.

We APPROVED the request of the Emergency Housing Committee to be laid down, inasmuch as it has finished doing all that is possible under its original charge. We anticipate that Meeting and its members will find other ways to express our continuing concern for the homeless in our area.

1999-96. Closing. The meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson, Clerk

Ann Marie Moriarty, acting Recording Clerk

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
11/14/99

1999 - 97 Opening. The clerk read from the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting the 11th Query on Education:

Do you provide religious education, including study of the Bible and of Friends' history and practices, in your Meeting? Do you ensure that schools under the care of Friends exemplify Friends' principles? Do you support and strive to improve the public schools?

1999 - 98 Minutes . The minutes of the 10th month meeting for business will be presented for approval in December along with these minutes.

1999 - 99 Correspondence. The AFSC/MAR Outreach Committee seeks our input in its effort to make Quakerism more involved in MAR. The clerk suggested a 2nd hour. The concern was referred to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

On behalf of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Alan Wright made an appeal for donations of unused camping scholarship funds. Referred to Finance Committee.

1999 - 100 Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty presented the first reading of the nominations for officers and committee service. A copy is attached.

1999 - 101 Finance Committee. Bryan Camp brought forward the committee's proposal to reorganize the budget. At this time, this is presented for information and feedback is solicited. The suggestion does not imply a change in the role of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, which will continue to recommend amounts on Community organizations. Several organizations have been moved from this category. The impetus is to make the categories more intuitive. Several Friends offered comments on the reorganization of Peace and Social Concerns Committee and on the history of Strawberry Festival.

There was a sense that Meeting ought to investigate its physical facilities and Trustees should be asked to investigate the possibility of expanding our facilities to better accommodate record keeping and to provide something like an office. A Friend noted that this discussion had also brought forward other suggestions of where space is needed. The clerk suggested that this be referred also to House and Grounds. A Friend suggested that our Meeting is getting too big and we need to split again. These larger issues would be appropriately dealt with by Trustees. In the meantime, the House and Grounds Committee has been trying to clean-up half of the 3rd floor of the white house, which is currently used for storage, and might become an office with some work. A Friend suggested that Trustees be directed to look into space needs in consultation with the House and Grounds Committee and to report by a specific time. A Friend expressed concern that committees not be asked to do a lot of work unless we have the wherewithal to do the work recommended.

1999 - 102 House and Grounds Committee. Steve Woods reported that a 500 pound stone bench has been erected in memory of Pam Stanbury in New England by Pam's parents. They have offered to provide a duplicate bench to Meeting. A picture of the bench, which bears a prominent memorial inscription, was circulated. The House and Grounds Committee has decided to erect benches on the property, but is undecided as to whether this is appropriate with the engraving. Friends were aware that although memorial plaques are not unknown among Friends, in the approximately 45 yrs this Meeting has been in existence, this sort of memorial has not been erected for any of the founders. A Friend suggested that a list of gifts be prepared,

so that we wouldn't forget their origin and the Friends who gave them or who are remembered in them. Based on love and community we need to remember names. This is a comfort to the living. Friends were clear that the offer is very much appreciated and felt consideration of it could well be integrated into our consideration of a memorial garden. A Friend suggested that we express to the family our appreciation for their offer and their feelings, but let them know that this has not been part of our tradition. We will lay it over. Steve will call the family and convey our gratitude and our uncertainty.

1999 - 103 Pastoral Care Committee. Wendy Zerth reported that she, Barbara Lynch, and Arthur Karpas met with Michele Levasseur, an attender of Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) who has applied for membership. She is the Youth Coordinator for Baltimore Yearly Meeting and a single mother. She explored with the committee her spiritual journey. She is a resourceful person who has grown in her ability to seek resources outside herself. She has been active in Quaker organizations and in many ways functions as a member. Friends APPROVED of her request for membership in the Religious Society of Friends. Her children, Alicia and Brigit Henzi, will be recorded as associate members. A Friend pointed out that it is the duty of the clearness committee to introduce the new member, in this case to Takoma Park Friends.

1999 - 104 Closing. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson
Presiding clerk

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Recording clerk

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1999 - 105 Opening. The clerk, Ted Robinson, read the section on Prejudice and Discrimination from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

From its earliest days, the Society of Friends has supported the equal right of all individuals to be treated with dignity and respect. The opposition of Friends to slavery is well known. Less well known is their support of the rights of women. Quakers, particularly Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Alice Paul, were in the forefront of the American suffrage movement. We oppose all forms of prejudice. Prejudice should never be allowed to keep any persons from a chance to develop or use their abilities, or deprive them of their political, economic or social rights. We are called to work creatively for equal opportunity in education, employment, justice, housing and the like.

Since thought and action are reflected in words, we should take care to use language that reflects the equal dignity and worth of all human beings. We support an ongoing search for broader language to express the continuing revelation of the nature of God. Use of masculine or feminine forms when referring to God perpetuates gender-specific images. With terms such as the Inner Light, That of God in Everyone, and the Seed, Friends already have a vocabulary which is inclusive.

1999 - 106 Minutes. Friend APPROVED the minutes of the October and November meetings for worship with a concern for business.

1999 - 107 Correspondence. The clerk read a letter from Mary Ellen W. Atkinson requesting transfer of her membership to Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting. Friends APPROVED.

1999 - 108 Use of Meetinghouse. The clerk read a letter from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends requesting the use of the Meeting house 12/18/99 for a committee meeting. The proposed use would not conflict with other activities. Friends APPROVED.

1999 - 109 Nominating Committee. Ann Marie Moriarty reported that the committee has been doing a lot, but has not met. She presented the second reading of names brought forward. She will present the first reading of names at a called business meeting next week. The report is attached. Friends APPROVED with thanks.

The search committee was asked to reconvene, since the Nominating Committee needs new members.

1999 - 110 House and Grounds Committee. Steve Woods reported that Pam Stanbury's parents will be comfortable with any decision the meeting might make regarding the bench, but would like to have the bench in place 2/20/00 for the anniversary of Pam's death. The committee recommends graciously accepting the gift with details of handling gifts to be worked out later. Several Friends offered comments about how best to handle memorial gifts and how we should best preserve the stories of people who have been important to our community. Friends APPROVED accepting the bench, at this time with no inscription, and deferring other considerations to a later time. The House and Grounds Committee will draft a letter to Pam Stanbury's parents which the clerk will sign.

1999 - 111 Pastoral Care Committee. Janice Fain Dean reported for the support committee doing Bill Samuel's stuff. The committee, which consisted of Janice Fain Dean, Martha Gay, Paul Gorrell, Mary Lord, Ann Marie Moriarty, and Earl Redding, met with Bill and continued

deliberations by email. A copy of the report is attached. The committee offered the following minute:

Adelphi Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, acknowledges and affirms Bill Samuel's calling to work with the Friends in Christ ministry. As Bill is a long-time member of Adelphi Meeting, we encourage to pursue this leading. We look forward to the mutual benefit to him and the meeting of nurturing his participation in this ministry.

Friends APPROVED the proposed minute. The clerk of the Adult Religious Education Committee reported that Bill will be participating in March in a second hour sponsored by that committee.

1999 - 112 Ministry and Worship Committee. Reuben Snipper reported on the Committee's vision of the earlier Meeting for Worship, which has been an ongoing experiment. The committee has sought input from Friends attending the early meeting, the 10AM meeting, and held a second hour. No unity has been reached and the Committee recommends continuing the early meeting for 3-6 months. Unresolved issues generally involve how to fit in, in a way accessible to all, the activities of Sunday morning, including (in addition to meeting for worship) music, first day school and adult second hour. Some Friends feel it is time to start another preparative meeting. A Friend pointed out that the most difficult issue has been the number of hours available for these activities. Logistical issues always seem large, but they are often symbols of underlying issues of community. The experimental nature of this early meeting was reaffirmed. A Friend pointed out that our question should be "What would the Lord have us do?" and that early Friends spent all day at worship. The clerk of the committee said that the committee will provide continuing opportunities for consideration of this question. The clerk suggested that consideration can continue until there is a sense of the meeting. A Friend suggested that we use the State of the Meeting process to explore feelings. Friends APPROVED continuing the discussion and reconsidering it again at the May business meeting, with the hope that a decision can be made at that time. A Friend suggested that all try to attend all the worship opportunities at some time. A threshing session, at which Friends would be inviting to speak their feelings as led, as often as they desired, might be in order.

1999 - 113 Horeb Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church. The White House Resident, Rachel Harrison, pointed out that there is lack of clarity on requests by the Horeb Haitian Church for additional use of our facility. A copy of the contract will be provided to her. They have requested the use on 12/31/99, which would conflict with a suggested meeting for worship. That meeting has not, however, been firmly scheduled. It is the clerk's recollection that we had clear policies on this. The rules should be the same for them as for anyone. A decision will be deferred. A Friend suggested joint worship, however there may not be time to adequately plan such an event for the proposed date.. The clerk suggested that the contract be quickly reviewed and an appropriate response be crafted. This might, but need not, involve a joint meeting. Trustees, liaison, and clerk. Friends APPROVED.

1999 - 114 Appreciation. Friends thanked Ted Robinson for his service, including judgement, humor, and a fine intelligence. Ted thanked Friends for their support and help and for letting him serve.

1999 - 115 Closing. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Ted Robinson
Clerk

Martha Gay
Recording clerk

