

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**1/9/2000**

**2000 - 1 Opening.** The clerk, Pam Tyng reviewed the agenda. The clerk read the First Query, on Meetings for Worship, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

*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?*

**2000 - 2 Minutes.** Addition to **1999 - 112.** Community time for sharing, meeting and greeting is also something that needs to be "fitted in" in the logistics of Sunday Morning. Friends APPROVED the Minutes as corrected.

**2000 - 3 Nominating Committee.** Ann Marie Moriarty presented the list for second reading. There are still some needs. She noted that a long-time attender Eileen Levitan, is not a member but has applied. She is brought forward for Pastoral Care. Friends APPROVED the names brought forward for second reading.

**2000 - 4 Cemetery.** The clerk read a letter from the clerk of Patuxent Friends Meeting stating that they are ready to accept ownership of the Hughesville Cemetery. They report that the Quaker process is alive and it was "worth the wait." This was referred to Trustees. Care and use of the cemetery fund is also referred to Trustees. The Recorder pointed out some history associated with the cemetery. Trustees will attempt to report next month. Friends APPROVED the Trustees proceeding with transfer of funds and property as way opens.

**2000 - 5 Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative).** Arthur David Olson presented their budget for our approval. The Preparative Meeting has \$17,000 in its Meetinghouse fund and undesignated reserves of over \$4,000. They are confident that even in the face of a collapse of donations, they would be able to meet their obligations. No full report of actual income and expenses for 1999 was available. Friends APPROVED the proposed budget with thanks.

**2000 - 6 Finance Committee.** Brian Camp presented the budget for first reading. The Finance Committee has restructured the budget in the hope of simplifying it and of making budget presentations more coherent.

The committee felt that it was realistic to project that income from contributions will remain about the same. Expenses were somewhat larger than expected due to a couple of one-time payments. Friends felt that, as a matter of good order among Friends, approval should be minuted by the Finance Committee or by the Meeting when it is necessary to overspend budget categories. The committee hopes that the proposed decrease in contributions to the Reserve will be this year only. Excluding excess contributions to principle, we in fact underspent our budget.

The clerk of the Records Committee pointed out that the records which the treasurer will be turning over to the committee are both more well organized and more sensitive than in the past. If Records Committee were to put them in secure storage, it would cost us about \$35/mo, and this would cause the Committee to exceed its budget. A Friend suggested that the Records Committee could amend its budget request, which the Committee could do depending on the will of the meeting regarding disposition of these records.

The committee recommends that the Meeting give larger contributions to fewer organizations and to that end recommended zeroing out several organizations. Several Friends commented on the work that these organizations do and the deep involvement of some members of Meeting in some of them. In addition, a Friend pointed out that a large meeting such as ours provides predictable income for Quaker Organizations. The zeroing out of such organizations usually implies unhappiness and we should be very careful before we do this. The outreach portion of the budget also provides a list of recommendations to our membership which is helpful when we get individual requests. There is expertise in the Meeting regarding our history with these organizations and this expertise needs to be drawn on. The Finance Committee attempts to draw on this during the budget preparation process.

The reorganization of the outreach portion of the budget continues to be a source of confusion, although the committee hopes it will lead to more clarity in the long run. Contributions to several organizations of which we are members have been shifted into the Community Organizations category, which replaces designated outreach. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee would be responsible for recommending the disbursement of these monies annually. A Friend pointed out that people who do community work like to know where our memberships are, and this suggestion does not facilitate their efforts.

A Friend suggested that the Released Friend line item be clarified to show that its apparent doubling is due to the fact that 1999 funds were not disbursed. A Friend expressed concern that placeholder items for sharing fund and sufferings fund are so small as to discourage use and that contributions are not given as a community. The current system has worked, but might not be sufficient to deal with emergencies. He would like to see the sharing fund increased and then rolled over.

Friends were reminded that this is the first reading of the budget. The clerk invited Friends to be in touch with members of the committee regarding issues which have been raised. A member of the committee said a sense of the meeting on which way to go would be very helpful. A Friend suggested that the committee use its discernment of this meeting to form a recommendation. Several Friends suggested that we are being too cautious. Most of the disagreements were regarding where in the budget things should go and how much should be given to others.

**2000 - 7. Closing.** The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, Presiding Clerk  
Martha Gay, Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**2/13/2000**

**2000 - 8.** Opening. The meeting began with a period of silent worship. The clerk, Pam Tyng, read the second query, on Meetings for Business, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

**2000 - 9.** Clerk's mail. The clerk read a letter from Baltimore Monthly Meeting (Homewood) describing a minute approved by that meeting regarding the Health Care for All initiative. This was referred to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

**2000 - 10.** Minutes. Friends APPROVED the minutes of the January Meeting for Worship with a concern for business.

**2000 - 11.** Nominating Committee. The committee brought forward for second reading names read last month. Friends APPROVED. A copy of the report is attached. The committee brought forward for first reading the name of Karen Blocker to serve on the School Board. She is a parent and would bring needed skills to the board. Also brought for first reading were Michael Newheart to be William Penn House representative, Page Lacey to serve on the Records Committee, and Mosi Harrington, to serve on Pastoral Care. It was pointed out that Alden Meyer, who is Treasurer of Takoma Park Monthly Meeting (Preparative) is also thereby an assistant treasurer of Adelphi Monthly Meeting.

**2000 - 12.** Pastoral Care. The committee reported on several membership clearness committees. Wendy Zeroth reported that a committee met with **Karen Cunyngnam and Stuart Pittman**, who feel that membership will formalize something they are already living. The committee enjoyed getting to know their spiritual journeys and recommends, with the concurrence of the Pastoral Care Committee, **approval of their request for membership. Friends APPROVED with joy. Jesse Pittman will be an associate member.** Members of the clearness committee were Wendy Zeroth, Carol Beigel, Chase Clement, and Rob Duncan.

Jane Furniss reported that a clearness committee met with **Eileen Levitan**, who shared her spiritual journey with the committee over tea and cookies. The committee enjoyed getting to know her and recommends, with the concurrence of the Pastoral Care Committee, **approval of her request for membership.** A copy of the report is attached.

Jane Furniss reported that a clearness committee met with **Tom Wolfe**, who shared his spiritual journey. The committee recommends, with the concurrence of the Pastoral Care Committee, **approval of his request for membership. Friends APPROVED with joy.** A copy of the report is attached.

**2000 - 13.** Use of Meeting House. The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) of Maryland requests use of the Meetinghouse for training, 2/19-21. They are willing to work around several schedule conflicts. In particular, AVP is well-aware of the need to clean the facility prior to the memorial service. A Friend suggested that AVP use the basement of the White House. A Friend

expressed concern about parking for the memorial service. Friends are encouraged to park on the perimeter or at the Safeway. Friends APPROVED the request.

**2000 - 14. African Great Lakes Initiative.** The clerk read a letter from Jane Stowe, who has agreed to be the designated contact person for the African Great Lakes Initiative, a Peace Teams Project. Jane requests direction from this meeting. Friends referred her concerns to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

**2000 - 15. Ministry and Worship Committee.** Sharon Stout brought the draft of the 1999 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for first reading. The document will be revised and presented for approval at the March business meeting. She would like it to be sent out via email. The Committee is especially concerned to have factual problems or problems of tone pointed out. A Friend pointed out that the number of members and attenders is underestimated. A Friend expressed concern regarding the use of specific names of individuals, however another Friend suggested that released Friends are a special category and should be mentioned. A Friend suggested that the matter of inclusivity and naming might be mentioned as something we are struggling with. A Friend complimented the committee on their efforts to include the views of the youth of the meeting. Further input, especially from high school age friends is being sought. A Friend suggested that the large number of members with whom we are not in touch needs to be addressed, with special attention to the need to contact aging associate members. Friends expressed thanks for the process.

**2000 - 16. Finance Committee.** Bryan Camp presented the budget for second reading, including summaries and reports of past years. He reviewed the organization of the budget. The additional payments of principle of the mortgage were made in order to get the loan repayment back on schedule. This will permit the loan to be paid off at the end of the 2001. He pointed out that the number of donor commitments this year is significantly fewer than last year. Finance Committee did not ignore this and feels that its estimate of income is responsible. The committee also recommends spending \$3,600 from our undesignated reserve because its balance exceeds what the committee feels is necessary. The committee continues to recommend that no donation be given to FWCC, Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting, or Right Sharing of World Resources, with concomitant increases in organizations with which we have a closer connection. Several of the changes refer to this increased focus. Friends thanked Bryan for his clear presentation.

Friends felt called upon to discuss several items. The Replacement Fund is drawn on from time to time. The assessment of needs should be done every 5 years or so. A Friend suggested that interest received on the replacement fund be regarded as income to the general budget. One line item for Camp programs would be more appropriate. The money for emergency housing is for Safe Haven. Friends' Peace Teams Project is a candidate for inclusion under Quaker Organizations. A Friend expressed continued concern about the zeroing out of Friends World Committee for Consultation and Right Sharing of World Resources. A Friend pointed out that when we zero out organizations they become invisible. In our budget process, it is several years before organizations disappear entirely. A Friend who has actually seen the projects overseas and who works with children would like us to give \$125 from community organizations to Quaker Organizations for FWCC and RSWR. Interest from the Reserve for Replacement might also be a source of funds. A Friend pointed out that there will be some diminution of expense for

Silent Announcements due to email distribution. Finance and Peace and Social Concerns plan to meet jointly to work on guidelines for what goes into Community Organizations. These organizations need to be mentioned more than just at budget time. The budget items will be mentioned next year at budget time. After some further discussion, Friends APPROVED the proposed budget. Friends requested that Finance Committee organize a discussion of Adelphi's relationship with FWCC and RSWR, and discuss further the disposition of the dividends on the Reserve for Replacement.

**2000 - 17. Records Committee.** The committee clerk submitted for first reading a proposal for taking pictures of Friends for various purposes. Whatever is done would not violate meeting's safe space and would serve to build community. Courtesy needs to be observed, but people do like to record the life of the community.

**2000 - 18. Closing.** The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, Presiding clerk

Martha Gay, Recording clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Business**  
**3/12/2000**

**2000 - 19. Opening.** The clerk read the 3<sup>rd</sup> Query, on 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?

**2000 - 20. Minutes.** Friends APPROVED the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month Meeting for Worship with a concern for business.

**2000 - 21. Correspondence.** The clerk read a letter from Multnomah Friends Meeting reporting their receipt of the letter of transfer of membership for Judy and Tom Smith. They reported that Judy and Tom have become valued members of their community.

**2000 - 22. Nominating Committee.** On behalf of the committee, Ann Marie Moriarty brought forward for approval the names read last month for 2nd reading. Friends APPROVED Alden Meyer (Treasurer, Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative)) as assistant treasurer, Karen Blocker to serve on the School Board, Michael Newheart to be William Penn House representative, Page Lacey to serve on the Records Committee, and Mosi Harrington to serve on the Pastoral Care Committee.

**2000 - 23. Pastoral Care Committee.** Ann Marie Moriarty reported that a clearness committee has met with Denise Ireland, who (along with others) has waited patiently while the Pastoral Care Committee labored on what it means to be a member. Denise looks at membership as an evident next step in her spiritual journey and has worked through some issues which had held her back. The impression of the committee is that she is working on God's time, not her time. The committee recommends that her request for membership in the Religious Society of Friends be approved; the Pastoral Care Committee concurs. Friends APPROVED with great joy. Members of the clearness committee were Anna Rain, Ann Marie Moriarty, Todd Conley-Cooke, Ted Robinson, and Jameson Goodman.

**2000 - 24. Associate Members.** Dave Roberts reported that the Pastoral Care Committee has taken as a current task encouraging aging associate members to become full members. A letter is being drafted which suggests four ways these young adults could deal with their situation. They could request membership, request that their associate membership be dropped, in which case they would become "inactive", request a clearness committee to help them decide what to do, or request a continuation of their associate member status. If the young friend did not reply, they would become "inactive".

The committee is under the impression that associate members would not need a clearness committee for membership, but others are under a different impression. . One consideration for not having a committee is that many are not here and that these are people who grew up in the community and therefore know us and we know them. They could be encouraged to transfer their membership to their current community. A mother of several of these adult associate members expressed the hope that the letter will acknowledge that the meeting has not reached out to them or traveled with them on their life journey. Another mother felt that outreach to these young adults would be a good thing. A Friend pointed out that the reason we do not have clearness committees for Friends transferring their membership from another meeting is that they have had a clearness committee at the previous meeting. The current proposed action is moving back toward birthright membership and we might want to examine why birthright membership was abandoned before going there. The clerk invited Pastoral Care to bring a proposal regarding the process if they feel it appropriate to change the process to avoid the necessity of clearness committees. Friends were also clear that they wanted to hear the letter before it was sent. The letter will be seen as coming from Meeting, so no matter who signs it, Meeting should know what it says.

**2000 - 25. Trustees.** Harold Confer reported the transfer of the cemetery property to Patuxent Meeting will be put off until they are incorporated as a non-profit organization.

**2000 - 26. Ministry and Worship Committee.** The latest draft of the State of the Meeting report was distributed. It has had two rounds of revisions since its reading in February reading. A Friend offered alternative language, which was well received, for the paragraph dealing with Friends Community School. The State of the Meeting report was APPROVED with the changes. The report will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. Friends did not have time to make it shorter.

**2000 - 27. Peace and Social Concerns Committee.** The Committee presented a draft of a letter to be set to Gov. Glendening from the meeting regarding the providing of state funds to private schools. A Friend expressed agreement with the letter, but concern that it may be too late. A Friend who is a lawyer suggested that wording regarding separation of church and state be either changed or eliminated. Her concern is that public funding of religious organizations interferes with their religious practice. A Friend expressed concern that the letter seems to commit Friends Community School to something without discussing the issue with the board. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that funds not spent for this activity would go to public education. Alternative wording was suggested to satisfy both these concerns. Friends APPROVED the letter as revised. The clerk will sign it.

**2000 - 28. Community Outreach Funds.** The Peace and Social Concerns Committee presented recommendations for Community Outreach funds. Among the acronyms requiring explanation were CCRC, which is now Creative Response to Conflict (CRC), Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse (MAHA), and Communities United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE). The last named is a consortium of churches in Prince George's County which have banded together to offer assistance, especially when people in need come to the church office. They have a social worker who will counsel and refer these people, as well as provide appropriate assistance. As a member of this organization, we can refer people to this organization. The Peace and Social

Concerns Committee was asked to work on guidelines for referral. Friends APPROVED the recommendation of the committee.

**2000 - 29.** African Great Lakes Initiative. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee recommends that the African Great Lakes Initiative be included in the budget next year as a line item under Friends Peace Teams. If money appears, they recommend it be included this year. This proposal was referred to the Finance Committee. There will be a fund-raising event at Adelphi in the meantime.

**2000 - 30.** Temporary Nominating Committee. The committee brought forward for first reading four people to serve on the Nominating Committee, with terms ending in 2002. They are Carol Beigel, Ann Marlowe, Jade Eaton, and Graceann Adamo. These names will be brought forward for approval next month.

**2000 - 31.** Use of Meetinghouse. Alaine Duncan reported that Friends, several from Adelphi, returning from Africa wish to use the Meetinghouse for a potluck and showing of slides. The clerk suggested since this is a request from a member of meeting, it needn't go through business meeting for approval, but can simply be scheduled by the resident.

**2000 - 32.** Alison Duncan. Alaine Duncan requested a letter of support from the meeting for her participation the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program at Guilford College. Friends were delighted. Marcy Seitel will draft the letter, which the clerk will sign.

Pamela Tyng  
Presiding Clerk

Martha L. Gay  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**4/9/2000**

**2000 - 33. Opening.** The clerk, Pamela Tyng, read the Fourth Query, Personal Spiritual Life, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

*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?*

**2000 - 34. Minutes.** The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business were APPROVED as prepared.

**2000 - 36. Correspondence.**

The clerk read a letter from an aide to Gov. Parris Glendening defending the Governor's offering of aid to non-public schools and describing his record on public education.

The clerk read a letter from Jean Conway requesting transfer of her membership to Clearwater Friends Meeting in Florida. Friends APPROVED the transfer. A Friend suggested that this would be a good opportunity to get in touch with the rest of the family.

The Meeting has received announcements of graduations of Thomas Werge and Ingrid Werge. The Meeting extended its congratulations to these young Friends.

**2000 - 37. Temporary Nominating Committee.** On behalf of the committee, Martha Gay brought forward for final action the names of Carol Beigel, Ann Marlowe, Jade Eaton, and Graceann Adamo to serve on the Nominating Committee. Friends APPROVED these appointments.

**2000 - 38. Use of the Meeting House.**

Conscience and Peace Tax International has requested permission for people on limited incomes to stay in the Meeting while attending a meeting July 5-9. There would be about 20 people. Friends APPROVED. The Haitian Church will be informed that they will be staying overnight. A Friend asked about policy and charges. Carol Beigel will look up the policy. A Friend suggested that the fee be waived. Friends APPROVED waiving the fee.

Quaker Workcamps International requests use of the Meeting House to house volunteers 6/17-24 and 7/8 - 8/12/2000. They are requesting use of the Meetinghouse basement and one room in the white house. They will eat out of the basement. They will work to avoid conflict with the Haitians. A Friend suggested that it would be good if these international volunteers could interact with the 1st day school. There may be a maximum of 20 volunteers, but a group of 10 -

12 is more likely. Friends APPROVED.

Non-Violence International requests use of the Meetinghouse 4/14-16 to house people who are coming to demonstrate at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings. Several affiliate groups are coming and they are coordinating housing for these groups. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has also requested space at the same time for the same purpose. Several Friends were concerned about the potential for violence at these demonstrations and about the precedent this might set. Many Friends expressed preference for a groups whose goals and methods are consistent with the faith and practice of Friends. Friends APPROVED use of the Meetinghouse by demonstrators so long as a member or attender is at the Meetinghouse while they are using it. Esther Webb volunteered to be here during the day and Robert Allen volunteered to be here at night. A maximum of 20 people will be housed. A fee of \$2/person/night was suggested. Harold Confer volunteered to provide mattresses. Selection of the group was left to Rachel Harrison and Esther Webb. Carol Beigel will broadcast by email a request for volunteers. Rachel Harrison will be point person for volunteers.

Melissa Mackey requested use of the Meetinghouse to accommodate participants in the Million Mom March, 5/13-14. This is a demonstration in favor of sensible gun laws. Melissa would provide a light breakfast. Because of use of the facility by the Horeb Haitian Church, marchers wouldn't be able to get in until 9. A Friend suggested that perhaps Friends Community School could be of help. A Friend suggested that we would need a concrete proposal at a called meeting for business. Alternatively we could approve their use from 10 PM Saturday contingent on getting volunteers. Carol Beigel will send out email asking for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Melissa Mackey. A Friend spoke strongly in favor of a fee independent of number of participants. A Friend requested that when the policy is looked up, the fee structure be revisited. Policies will be reviewed by the House and Grounds Committee and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Friends APPROVED the contingencies. There will be a called business meeting 4/30 at the rise of meeting for worship.

**2000 - 39. Ministry and Worship Committee.** Sharon Stout presented a proposal originating with the Religious Education Committee. The Committees proposed that on 5th Sunday, when there is no First Day School, singing be extended into Meeting for Worship about 20 minutes. They propose that this be tried once in April and then reconsidered with along with consideration of 9AM meeting in May. Next week's Silent Announcements should include the proposal and encourage parents and other adults to be mindful of any preparation we could do. A Friend pointed out that our waiting worship is a unique gift. It is important that if we do this we not underestimate the potential significance. Sharon requested that when the 1st day schedule is discussed in May it be higher on the agenda and that Friends be particularly invited to stay. Friends APPROVED trying this format on 4/30 with reconsideration in May.

**2000 - 40. Records Committee.** Carol Beigel reported that the Committee would like to take pictures of Friends to put (in black and white format) on a bulletin board and to include in the CD which the Committee is preparing. The purpose is to help people get to know one another. Participation would be voluntary. Cost will be minimal. This is not a photodirectroy. Other committees might contribute funds. Friends APPROVED taking pictures for the internal use of the Meeting. A Friend expressed concern about how photos on CD might be used. Meeting did

not approve that use at this time.

**2000 - 41.** To avoid conflict with Mother's Day and the Million Mom March, Meeting for Business will be the 3rd Sunday in May.

**2000 - 42.** Alternatives to Violence Program. Friends APPROVED AVP meeting in the Meetinghouse 4/23 after potluck. On behalf of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Sharon Stout pointed out that AVP needs to be under the care of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. This is being worked out.

Pam Tyng  
Clerk

Martha Gay  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**  
**5/14/2000**

**2000-43. Opening.** The Meeting opened with 11 in attendance. After a period of worship the Clerk read the Query 5 "Personal Way of Life" from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith & 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 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?"

**2000-44. Minutes.** The minutes of the 4th month Meeting for Worship With a Concern for Business were approved.

**2000-45. Use of Meetinghouse.** A request to use our facility by a member of the Horeb Haitian community to teach music was to be given to Anne Marie Moriarity, Horeb Haitian Community liaison, to get more information about the request.

**2000-46. Meeting for Worship Schedule.** Discussion of changes in Meeting for Worship schedule was laid over for further consideration and a Second Hour. As part of that consideration an article "George Fox Encouraged Singing in the Spirit" was approved for publication in the newsletter.

**2000-47. Finance Committee:** Budgeting for Organizations. The Finance Committee reported that during the budgeting process the funding for AFCIA, FWCC, Right Sharing for World Resources was eliminated. The Committee was to seek further clarity on the way in which Meeting decides funding for such organizations. To that end a Second Hour has been scheduled on 7/16. Friends with knowledge of these organizations are especially requested to attend.

**2000-48. Finance Committee:** Reserve Replacement Fund. The Finance Committee reported on the Reserve Replacement Fund. A few years ago a member who had professional expertise in this area recommended an annual funding of \$7,600. Adelphi has been setting aside \$5,000 each year. That recommendation didn't include inflation and did assume volunteer labor. Finance Committee noted that the painting in the White House was done with hired labor. Since both the items increased the cost, Finance Committee recommended keeping the interest in the fund. A concern was raised that this and other similar income would not be as clear in the

budget if it were rolled up. The issue was referred back to the committee with a request that it provide a recommendation on how to treat such income in future budgeting.

**2000-49. Safe Haven:** Schedule. A request has been received to reschedule Safe Haven to the week before Christmas. An announcement will be placed in the newsletter to ask about how this would affect Adelphi's schedule.

**2000-50. Large Tents.** A Friend reported that large tents were available from the Adelphi Recreation Council. He offered to make arrangements to get one for the Strawberry festival. The Meeting approved.

**2000-51 Safety Manual Storage.** A request to store safety manuals developed by QWI and given to other workcamps was approved pending concurrence of the House & Grounds committee and Young Friends with the understanding that the items will not be stored until after the Strawberry Festival.

The Meeting concluded with announcements followed by a period of silence.

Pam Tyng  
Clerk

Alexander E. Barnes  
Acting Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**June 11, 2000**

**2000-52. Opening** Meeting opened with a period of silence and 17 people present. The sixth month query of Home and Family was read.

*“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?”*

**2000-53. Minutes** Minutes from the fifth month meeting for the conduct of business were approved.

**2000-54. Safe Haven** Stephanie Bean, co-clerk of Safe Haven at Adelphi, presented a request from the coordinators of Safe Haven. Adelphi has been asked to host Safe Haven the week before Christmas (ending on Christmas Eve) instead of our usual week in late winter. An informal poll of the supporting Adelphi members has indicated a willingness to accept this change. The request was approved with these additional comments: that because we have less pageantry for this special season than other churches we are more able to take this role on during this holiday, and a reminder that contact needs to be made with the Religious Education Committee so that the annual ornament making and singing get-together can be juggled to take into consideration the presence in the meeting room of these men. The opinion was expressed that Adelphi will rise to this occasion and that indeed, it may even be a gift to the meeting and its children to be involved in this work at this particular time.

**2000-55. Pastoral Care Committee** Dave Roberts, for the Pastoral Care Committee, presented a draft of the letter proposed to be sent to specific associate members (those who are of age and are living independently) of Adelphi as part of the meeting’s efforts to update our membership records. After some wording change suggestions, the letter was approved and will be sent out, registered mail/return receipt, soon. It was suggested that a copy of the letter be placed somewhere so that it would be readily available when needed in the future. The Recorder and Pastoral Care Committee have been asked to formulate a process and report back to meeting. A copy of the letter is attached.

**2000-56. Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business Schedule Change Approved –** that meeting for worship for the conduct of business will be on the first First day in May, July, August and in the month that Easter falls on the second Sunday. In this way we will avoid conflicts with Mother’s Day, FGC, Yearly Meeting ...and sometimes Easter. This will be a permanent change.

It was suggested that the meeting’s calendar needs to be published yearly so that all, and especially the white house resident, are aware of our events.

**2000-57. Reimbursement** Tom Wolf has asked to be reimbursed for the speaker's fee for Deborah Sanders that he paid out of his own pocket. This was referred to Adult Religious Education. Meeting clarified and affirmed that Adult Religious Education has the right to spend their money as they see fit.

Meeting ended with silent worship at 12:10 with 18 people present.

Glenn Riley  
Assistant Clerk

Jamesen Goodman  
Assistant Recording Clerk

Some other interesting things said during the meeting that seemed noteworthy but do not really fit into the minutes: ideas to ponder

“It is easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission.”

“We (at Adelphi) are better at acting as individuals than as a unity.”

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**Copy of the letter to be sent to “old” associate members :**

Dear.....,

Every now and then the Pastoral Care Committee of Adelphi Meeting is called upon to update the meeting's membership records. Our current effort is to look at adult Friends who are still recorded as Associate Members of the meeting. You are one of these special people.

Our tradition is to record children as Associate Members with the thought that when they mature they would then decide for themselves how they would like to be related to the meeting. We now invite you to make such a decision.

You have a number of choices. You could apply for full adult membership of Adelphi Meeting (or some other meeting of your choosing). You could request that your associate membership be dropped.

We encourage you to give this matter some prayerful consideration. Enclosed you will find a recently revised pamphlet on membership at Adelphi Meeting. Although this pamphlet was not written specifically for associate members, it has much to say about the meaning and importance of membership in general.

We would love to hear from you. Please reply using the enclosed envelope or simply call any member of the Pastoral Care Committee listed below. If we do not hear from you by December we will change our rolls to show that you are a former associate member. Of course, as someone who has grown up in Adelphi Meeting, you will always be a part of the fabric and ongoing concern of the meeting.

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## Letter from Fred Stabler

The following letter has been received from Fred Stabler, son of our member, Pauline Stabler, who died in April at Friends House.

My mother, Pauline Frederick Stabler, wrote our first Stabler family Christmas letter in 1953. We were then a family of four plus dog (Tippy) living in a bungalow in Silver Spring, MD where we'd moved from DC in 1949. My father died in 1956. My sister Genie and I moved out in the early '60's to go to college and pursue life elsewhere. Ren Fang Chang, then a doctoral physics student at U of MD, rented my room and soon became one of the family. Tippy died in 1964. Genie and I both eventually moved to L.A., where she died in an auto accident in 1979. In 1996, with my Mother's health and our house in Silver Spring deteriorating, as well as disenchantment with quality of life in L.A., I moved back home. My Mother's last Christmas letter was in 1997. By spring of '98 she needed full-time nursing care, so I moved her from Rockville where she was living with Ren into Sandy Spring Friends Nursing Home. In December, 1998, we sold our bungalow and I bought a house in Sandy Spring within walking distance of the nursing home.

As many of you have heard by now, my Mother embarked on her ultimate journey early Monday morning, 10 April. Ren and I were both with her At the end. She loved to travel so it's appropriate that she died in transit from nursing home to hospital. Her memorial service will be this Saturday, 13 May, in Sandy Spring Friends Meetinghouse at 2 PM. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend and share memories of my Mother's life.

Since moving back to this area 4 years ago, I have switched careers from accounting to travel agent. For the past 3 years I have been working off and on as my mother's condition allowed at a small downtown travel agency which will close down later this month. I'll then spend a week in North Wales. As of this writing I don't know what I'll be doing from June 1, but I hope it will include benefits and be travel-related. I will continue to live in Sandy Spring for the foreseeable future.

Before I started writing this I'd thought it would be the last Stabler family letter, but now I'm not so sure—stay tuned.

Love,  
C. Fred Stabler  
617 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd.  
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**7/16/00**

The Clerk read the 7<sup>th</sup> Query, On Caring for Others, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

Approval of the 6<sup>th</sup> mo. Minutes was deferred until the 8<sup>th</sup> mo. Meeting for Business.

**Correspondence:** The clerk read a letter from the Recorder of State College Monthly Meeting, which had approved the transfer of membership of Anna Rain and her children effective 4/22/00. Communication was delayed due to the illness of the previous Recorder. The Clerk will officially welcome the Rain family at the earliest opportunity. Friends were unclear whether the children were associate members. The clerk will inquire about this.

A Friend suggested that Friendly 8's be resumed. The Ministry and Worship Committee is working on ways to encourage the participation of newcomers in the Meeting and can sponsor this. Wendy Eck volunteered to help.

**Strawberry Festival.** Sharon Stout reported that several problems were apparent at this year's Festival and contributed to a disappointing result.

- We may need to change the date, as we are competing directly with the Sandy Spring Museum and others. Strawberry growers have also told her that the berries are ripening early.
- We had far too many berries. We lost \$1500 on them. Next year we will buy 12-1300 quarts instead of 2100.
- We need 100% participation. In addition to those who did not sign up at all, some people signed up and didn't come, which put too much stress on people who did come.
- We need work very hard to obtain better publicity.

Sharon thanked Friends who worked very hard, in particular Arthur David Olson, June and Harold Confer, Phil Callahan, Pam and Art Tyng, Dee Clarkin, Ann Marie Moriarty, Carol Hoage, and Emory Luce Baldwin. Friends thanked Sharon Stout for all her work. Several Friends thought that creating a childrens center, which would unite clothing, books, and white elephants of interest to children would be a good idea. Sharon is writing up this year's experience and will consider for inclusion this and any other suggestions she gets. People who have suggestions should contact Sharon.

Tentative net was \$4500. Not all of the receipts from the silent auction are in. Friends are also still turning in expenses. The treasurer believes that the net may increase by as much as \$1,000, but probably not more.

The discussion of the organizations dropped from the budget is deferred until after a second hour which has had to be rescheduled.

Ann Marie Moriarty reported on the **request by a member of the Horeb Haitian community** to offer individual and small group music lessons in our room with our piano. He would also like to offer instruction to larger groups, which Ann Marie felt would require more supervision than one adult might offer. The lessons would be offered after school in the late afternoon. This is his business. He would rent access to our space and our instrument. Langley Hill Friends Meeting has recently dealt with a similar situation in which a member of the meeting requested use of the meetinghouse for commercial purposes. Upon investigation, they found that their insurance covered this sort of activity. John Smallwood has been consulted and suggested that trustees check our insurance coverage. In addition to trustees, Friends suggested that Ann Marie consult the resident and her support committee, as well as Carol Beigel, who maintains the piano. Friends were aware that would be something new for us and we have no fee schedule yet. A Friend expressed concern that this might endanger our tax-exempt status in Maryland. Several Friends expressed discomfort about use of the Meeting Room for commercial purposes, especially by a person not directly affiliated with our Faith Community. Friends will explore the ramifications of this proposal. In the meantime Friends felt the person requesting the use of our property should be advised to continue to search for alternative space.

The Resident will be gone 8/2 – 27. Her arrangements for a substitute resident have fallen through. An appeal for assistance will be sent via email.

A Young Friend pointed out that the fort has been rendered unusable because of installation of a drainage pipe. Friends were informed that this pipe was always there, but had fallen into disuse. Recent wet weather caused drainage problems which required that it be restored to functionality. This concern was referred to the House and Grounds Committee.

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**8/20/2000**

The meeting began with a period of worship. 18 Friends were in attendance. The clerk, Pam Tyng, read the 8th Query, on Outreach, from the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

*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 shared her observation that this query brought forth many comments when read the previous week at Williamsburg Monthly Meeting. Different meetings share differently and see outreach differently.

**Minutes.** Friends APPROVED minutes from June and July meetings. Many Friends had difficulty recollected their content.

**Correspondence.** The clerk read a thank you note from Amanda Bozarth, Rod McCoy, and Alex McCoy for camping scholarship aid. The clerk also read notes from several organizations thanking us for our support. These were William Penn House (Executive Director Errol Hess), Martha's Table (Veronica Parke), Washington Quaker Workcamps (Administrative Assistant Stacy A. King), Friends Council on Education (Eleanor M. Elkinton, clerk), and Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse (Ginni Wolf). Christina Connell of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting F.U.T.U.R.E. campaign also wrote thanking us for our gift. The F.U.T.U.R.E. Committee is being laid down, however financial needs continue for the camping programs. The clerk read a letter from Victor Kaufman, National Consultative Committee, William Penn House describing its mission and recent work. This letter will be posted in the foyer.

**Pastoral Care.** Jamesen Goodman presented the Committee's latest report on a **Memorial Garden** for the Meeting. She reported that three second hours, with good attendance, have been held. She emphasized that this is an important step and seasoning is required. A Friend expressed concern that the area be set off and marked as to who is buried there. Friends were generally supportive and suggested that the proposal be published in the newsletter. This concern remains under the care of the Pastoral Care Committee. A Friend pointed out that the discussions in 2nd hour have been very diverse. She suggested that queries around some topics be prepared to focus further consideration. A Friend expressed appreciation for the patient and thorough process, which serves a model for any of us who feel a leading. In September the meeting will be asked to approve the principal of a memorial garden and ask the Finance Committee to include it in the budget. Friends who were concerned that the Meeting might move at some future date were assured that if the meeting moves the dirt from the Memorial Garden could be moved. A Friend expressed appreciation that this meeting, which is usually oriented very much toward youth, is taking this step to recognize the "other end of life". A Friend expressed gratitude for our current garden of plants planted in memory of deceased Friends, and for the current effort. Our children are very aware of special places on our property and will be keepers of it. Notes from previous discussions are available from Jamesen Goodman.

**Peace and Social Concerns.** Esther Webb introduced the new Committee clerk, John Knight, and explained the process by which the committee selected seven items (from a list of 18) which it felt should be a priority for Friends Committee on National Legislation next year. The committee gave preference for concerns which were fundamental and timely, which FCNL was particularly qualified to work on, and which did not have other strong, well-funded organizations to champion their cause. They also omitted from the list items which they know FCNL will continue to work on in any case. This list, when prioritized, will go to a Committee of 100, of which Ted Robinson is a member. A Friend expressed concern about our silence on public education. A Friend expressed the importance of the Meeting uniting on priorities for FCNL, so that they can carry forward in our name. The list of top 7 will be emailed and distributed in the newsletter for decision next month. Friends were encouraged to prioritize these and get them back to the committee. This request will be distributed in Silent announcements. Carol Beigel volunteered to prepare the list of 7 and email them, along with a couple of sentences regarding the importance of Friends uniting on these priorities. Friends APPROVED this process.

The minutes were read and APPROVED. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.  
Pam Tyng Martha L. Gay  
Presiding Clerk Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting with a Concern for Business**  
**9/10/2000**

Opening. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. 16 Friends were present. The clerk, Pam Tyng, read the 9th query, on the Social Order, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Correspondence. The clerk read a letter from Phillip Payette requesting membership in the Religious Society of Friends and associate membership for his daughter, Eleanor Payette-Reitz. The clerk read a letter from the Underground Railroad thanking us for our donation as well as our prayers.

Pastoral Care. Jamesen Goodman reported on the Memorial Garden. This is second reading of this proposal. The committee requests approval of the ideal of a Memorial Garden as a “work in progress” under the care of the Pastoral Care Committee and approval of its inclusion in the budget for next year as a line item. Friends APPROVED the idea of a Memorial Garden. Pastoral Care feels that the Memorial Garden should be a separate line item because it is a project of the whole meeting which falls under the work of several committees. Friends APPROVED inclusion of the Memorial Garden as a separate line item in the budget.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee. John Knight reported that the committee has arranged the seven priorities for the work of Friends Committee on National in three tiers, reflecting the relative urgency felt. The three-tier approach was suggested by FCNL. Friends APPROVED the committee recommendation.

He also reported on the Conflict Resolution Project (since renamed Build Skills for Conflict and for Life) and its relationship to other, similar efforts in the Meeting. Although this program grows out of the same philosophy as the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP), it is separate and the training is intended to provide tools for the “Quaker Toolbox” of participants. This effort within the Meeting is under the care of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and grew out of the Friends Peace Teams Project. It is geared to give people skills for daily living. AVP training is separate and often involves work in prisons. AVP is separate from the prison ministry of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. A Friend expressed concern that we are not doing enough to deal with conflicts that arise in our community and accept the positive things that can happen during conflict. Too often we attempt to avoid conflict. She suggested that Peace and Social Concerns Committee give this a higher priority. Another Friend pointed out that this is one of the top concerns for the committee this year.

Nana from Ghana concert. Tom Wolfe introduced us to the work of Nana from Ghana, who does concerts “In Celebration of His Grace”. He proposes a concert by Nana from Ghana, combined with a presentation by our resident, Rachel Harrison, who recently sojourned in Ghana and will tell stories of her recent time in that country. Tom’s thought was to do this as a benefit for Quaker Workcamps International with Nana also getting some of the money. A Friend pointed out that we have in the past had programs where we asked for “suggested donations”. A

Friend suggested that the request for use of the meetinghouse be approved and that the details be worked out between the clerk, Tom, with the help of QWI, and Rachel. Friends APPROVED.

Nurture and Recognition Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting sent proposed guideline on the embrace of Friends to the Meeting. Sharon Stout, a member of that committee, distributed copies. Friends should provide any comments on these guidelines to Sharon Stout before the next business meeting. Mary Lord, a Friend embraced by the Yearly Meeting, spoke in support of the guidelines and extended her thanks to Sharon and the committee. Mary will report on her work at the next meeting.

These minutes were APPROVED.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**10/8/00**

Opening. The meeting began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk, Pam Tyng, read the 10<sup>th</sup> Query, on the Peace Testimony, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

*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?*

Correspondence: The clerk read a copy of a letter from Stephen Schwenke and Christine Lucas to Tom Fox, clerk of Langley Hill Friends Meeting, requesting transfer of their membership from Langley Hill to Adelphi. We look forward to this transfer.

The clerk read a letter from Sharon Kirmeyer requesting transfer of membership to Raleigh (N.C.) Friends Meeting. Friends APPROVED. This was referred to the Recorder.

The clerk read a letter from Lloyd Lee Wilson, clerk of Norfolk Quaker House reporting that an increase in requests for their services has led them to declare a "Time for Sabbath Reflection", to continue until 11/1/00. During this time services will be suspended to offer time for reflection. Friends were asked to hold this concern in the Light.

The clerk read a postcard from Jennifer Chapin Harris, who is living in Paris and attending Paris monthly meeting. She's having a wonderful time. Her postcard was received with delight.

Treasurer: Dee Clarkin brought forward a financial report reflecting the status at the end of the third quarter. This consisted of a Balance Sheet showing cash flow and a detailed budget report. We are about \$6000 behind where we were last year in terms of donations. Friends wanting more information can call Dee. Next month letters will go reporting status to Friends who made pledges. A Friend suggested that the numbers be given wider distribution to give Friends more feedback. The numbers will appear in the next Newsletter. A Friend suggested phrasing this as positively as possible. Several Friends expressed their appreciation to the Treasurer.

Ministry and Worship. Sharon Stout is co-clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Committee on the Nurture and Recognition of Ministry. She asked Friends for feedback on the guidelines for adoption and care of embraced Friends. The committee will be reporting at Representative Meeting and will do a major evaluation in June. Additional copies will be made available via email as attachments. The guidelines are procedural and deal only with new ministry under the care of the Yearly Meeting. This requires a transition from being an individual with a leading to a Program of the Yearly Meeting. The advice of Monthly Meetings which have released members was instrumental in writing these guidelines. Feedback from Friends is sought. Although this may be done confidentially, Friends were reminded that Sharon cannot share such feedback. Feedback which can be freely shared is more useful.

Closing. The minutes were approved as corrected. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng  
Presiding Clerk

Martha Gay  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**11/12/2000**

**2000 – 85. Opening.** The meeting began with a period of silent worship. The clerk, Pam Tyng, read the 11<sup>th</sup> Query, on Education, from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

*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?*

**2000 – 86. Correspondence.** The clerk read a portion of the Epistle from Friends World Committee on Consultation Triennial.

The clerk read a letter from one of our Trustees to Cynthia Gonzales outlining procedures to follow in applying for tax exempt status. Once these procedures are completed, we will be able to transfer the cemetery property to Patuxent Meeting.

The clerk read a letter from Virginia Colin requesting that her membership be transferred to Langley Hill Friends Meeting. Friends APPROVED. The clerk will check with the Recorder and write the letter.

The clerk reviewed the agenda.

**2000 – 87. Pastoral Care.** Eileen Levitan brought forward the report of the committee. A subcommittee met with Philip Payette. He shared with them his spiritual journey. Born a Catholic, he has sojourned amongst Jews and in Christian communities. Associate membership is requested for his daughter Eleanor. The Committee recommends, and Friends APPROVED with joy, his membership and associate membership for Eleanor Payette-Reitz. The clearness committee was reminded to introduce Phillip at the earliest opportunity.

Eileen Levitan requested a letter from the Meeting. She hopes to embark on Clinical Pastoral Education Unit as part of her studies at Wesley Theological Seminary. This would help her discern whether this would be good career path. The clerk requested guidance. Letters to the supervisors at hospitals where Eileen might work are needed by the end of December. A Quaker chaplain in Baltimore has volunteered to be Eileen's supervisor. Friends APPROVED the clerk writing a letter with the assistance of the Pastoral Care Committee.

**2000 – 88. Nominating Committee.** Ann Marie Moriarty presented the first draft of the Nominating Committee Report. She reminded Friends that the Search Committee needs to report and bring new names for Nominating Committee. The Committee has, pending this report, co-opted the services of Bryan Camp. The Committee suggests laying down the Retreat and Camping Planning Committee and replacing it with one or more coordinators. The clerk has been doing this coordination and would like some help. Friends APPROVED. The names presented today will be brought back for approval next month. Additional names will be presented at this time. The Committee notes that the *ad hoc* Adult Religious Education

Committee has been acting more like a committee and should perhaps become a committee. The Committee requests feedback on this proposal. A member of the ad hoc committee spoke in support and several Friends agreed.

**2000 – 89. Ministry and Worship Committee.** Peter Curtis said that a concern has arisen that the quality of our worship during the summer would be enhanced by control of heat and humidity during the summer. Some Friends are unable to attend during the summer because of health problems. The committee recommends that this concern be referred to the House and Grounds Committee for information gathering. The clerk asked if Friends approved of exploring the possibility of going forward. Both cost and feasibility need to be explored. A Friend pointed out that there are always alternatives involving shade, awnings, and appropriate dress. House and Grounds was asked to explore all alternatives, including air filtration, and to also consider Friends with special health concerns.

**2000 – 90. Horeb Haitian Church.** The Horeb Haitian church requests use of the Meetinghouse 12/3/00 from 7PM to 10PM. This time is free. Friends APPROVED. Ann Marie Moriarty will inform them.

**2000 – 91. Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting.** Arthur David Olson reported that Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting has been laid down. Therefore the Finance Committee need not set aside funds and the Nominating Committee need not appoint representatives.

**2000 – 92. Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network.** Mary Lord reported on recent developments in the Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network organization . She will meet with the national steering committee at Earlham College. The college's Institute for Quaker Studies has volunteered to become an institutional home for this fledgling organization. The November Quaker Life has a cover story on this organization.

**2000 – 93. Closing.** Minutes approved as corrected.

Pam Tyng  
Clerk

Martha Gay  
Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting**  
**Monthly Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business**  
**12/10/2000**

**2000-94. Opening.** The meeting began with a period of silent worship. The assistant clerk, Glenn Riley, acted as clerk. He read the 12<sup>th</sup> query from the *Faith and Practice* of Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

The clerk reviewed the agenda.

**2000-95. Nominating Committee.** On behalf of the committee, Ann Marie Moriarty provided a second reading of names presented last month. Friends APPROVED the nominees. Ann Marie then brought forward additional names for first reading. These nominations will be presented again for approval next month. Among these names was Ann Marie Moriarty as Assistant Clerk. Ann Marie pointed out that it is not generally the practice for members of the nominating committee to bring forward their own names. She suggested that any Friends who are not comfortable should discuss their concern with other members of the committee. The matter of the ad hoc Committee on Adult Religious Education becoming a standing committee of the meeting was referred to the Ministry and Worship Committee. A Friend pointed out that the terms of the officers of the meeting expire at the end of the year. Friends APPROVED extending the terms of any officers whose service for next year has not finally been approved.

**2000-96. Horeb Haitian Seventh-Day Adventist Church.** Ann Marie Moriarty and Pam Tyng met with elders of the church and discussed concerns which have arisen. Since then several conversations have been held the general gist of which is that continued use of our facilities requires that these concerns be addressed. Ann Marie Moriarty presented a letter from the church requesting use of our facilities. Specifically, they request use of facilities for worship and fellowship New Year's Eve from 8:00 until 11:00PM. Ann Marie recommended approval. Ann Marie responded to a query that no problems regarding Safe Haven. Friends APPROVED this use of the facilities.

**2000-97. Ministry and Worship Committee.** Sharon Stout presented the committee's report on the scheduling of First Day activities. The request is that Friends read and discuss the report and that the issue be brought back in January for decision. Sharon also presented a summary of the experiences of various area meetings with a variety of First Day schedules. She reviewed the process which the committee followed. Copies of the reports are attached. A Friend pointed out that Religious Education Committee has been trying to regularize the schedule for children. The fewer exceptions the better. To some extent, the same thing is true for adults. A consistent schedule is also important for outreach. Friends expressed appreciation for the hard work of the Committee. The Committee hopes that Friends will be able to make a decision in January. The clerk encouraged the Committee to make a specific recommendation. Several Friends suggested that because this is an issue which affects every member of our community it would be good to provide a variety of venues in which issues around our First Day schedule could be discussed. These could be both formal and informal, though actual decisions could only be made in a Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business. For many, the end of December is a very

busy time. It might be better to bring the proposal to the February meeting. A Friend pointed out that it is important that people who feel strongly about an issue, participate in the process during which the issue is discussed. He hoped that Friends who do not so participate would be very reluctant to stand in the way when it comes time to make a decision. A Friend pointed out that if the decision is delayed until February, a time of intentional discussion of this issue should be discussed in the interim. The committee will take these concerns under advisement. A Friend pointed out that the first step should be a call for prayer. It will be important to assure that everyone feels heard.

**2000-98. House and Grounds Committee.** Denny May presented a proposal for use of the Meeting facilities by the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School. The proposal has been considered by the House and Grounds Committee, which reacted favorably but which feels that there are many, many questions remaining. The nursery school has been in business since 1947 and operates 5 days a week, nine months a year. This is a tentative proposal, since the school has other possibilities which they are pursuing. He suggested that we might want to wait. The clerk of the Ministry and Worship Committee pointed out that that committee met with Denny May and representatives of the nursery school. Many questions arose. The committee felt there might be a role for Takoma Park Preparative Meeting. Several Friends expressed concern about the tight time frame. If their current plans fall through, the nursery school will need to move quickly. It is important that they not push us to make a decision. Their circumstances should not dictate our schedule. Some Friends felt that a nursery school was not our mission at this time and that we should say no. Other Friends expressed appreciation for the help this group would give the meeting in terms both of money and of help with our buildings and grounds. The House and Grounds Committee felt that full discussion of their proposal would be appropriate if they are really interested. Several Friends also found the idea of the Meetinghouse being used during the week attractive. One Friend suggested that although this might not be what we wish to undertake, our investigation of it may serve to illuminate what we do wish to do, or at least what our concerns are. The clerk reminded Friends that the original proposal was for an ad hoc committee with representatives from Ministry and Worship, Religious Education, Trustees, and Finance Committees, along with House and Grounds. This committee could be on call. It is important that hopes should not be unrealistically raised. The assistant clerk from Takoma Park Meeting (Preparative) expressed that Meeting's interest in working with that group and his interest in serving on a committee dealing with this. Denny May will be the point person. Friends APPROVED proceeding in this fashion.

**2000-99. Closing.** The minutes were APPROVED as corrected. There was a brief discussion of whether donations to the sharing fund are tax deductible. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

Glenn Riley  
Acting clerk

Martha L. Gay  
Recording clerk