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Adelphi Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
First Month, Eleventh Day, 2004
 (January 11, 2004)

Meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The Clerk read the queries for the first month from
 Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith & Practice:

*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?*

Melanie Gifford presented a first reading from Finance
 Committee for the 2004 budget:

Adelphi Friends' Meeting: First Reading: Proposed 2004
 Budget

	2004	2003	2003	2002	2002	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Income						
Donations/Cash		82,636	82,318	74,000	68,735	78,260
Donations In Kind		0	0	1,224	0	
Dividends/Interest		100	93	150	182	100
Strawberry Festival. Net (gross after expenses)		7,000	6,067	8,000	9,033	7,000
Fundraising		1,000	218	1,000	492	1,000
Takoma Park Insurance		200	0	0	0	0
Takoma Park Apportionment.		2,100	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600

Use of Building	500	804	350	1960	1,600	
Balance Forward	6,453	0	0	0	0	
Set-aside for 2005 apportionment	-3000	0	0	0	0	
Supplemental transfer to reserves	-3453	0	0	0	0	
Transfer from Savings	0	0	10,115	759	0	
Gross Income	93,536	91,200	95,315	83,985	89,560	
Expenses						
BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING:						
Apportionment	15,000	17,340	17,340	14,952	14,952	
BYM camping program: lump sum contribution		3,750	0	0	0	
Camp Catoclin Tuition		550	550	550	550	
Camp Property Management		1,550	1,550	1,550	1,550	
Camp Shiloh Tuition		550	550	550	550	
Camp Opequon		550	550	550	550	
Permanent Education Fund		100	100	100	100	
Teen Adventure		550	550	550	550	
Walcott/Foster Education Fund		200	200	200	200	
Baltimore Yearly Meeting Total	18,750	21,390	21,390	19,002	19,002	
QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS:						
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)			840	840	840	840

AFSC?Middle Atlantic Region							
AFSC?DC Project		980	980	980	980		
Friends Committee on National Legislation		1,890	1,890	1,891	1,890		
Friends Committee on Unity with Nature							
Friends Council on Education		178	178	178	178		
Friends General Conference		840	840	840	840		
Friends Peace Teams		400	400	400	400		
Friends Peace Teams: African Great Lakes Initiative		400	400	400	400		
Friends United Meeting		840	840	840	840		
Friends World Committee for Consultation		735	735	735	735		
Pendle Hill		280	280	280	280		
Right Sharing of World Resources		630	630	630	630		
Washington Quaker Workcamps		420	420	420	420		
William Penn House		1,190	1,190	1,190	1,190		
Unspecified recipients: allocations to be determined	10,000						
Quaker Organizations Total	10,000	9,623	9,623	9,624	9,623		
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS							
Total(to be allocated by Peace and Social Concerns)(Embedded image moved to file: pic32662.pcx)	10,000	11,628	12,500	12,445	12,500		

The Finance Committee reported that donations for 2003 were higher than expected and that committee spending was lower than expected. As a result, the 2003 budget, which had been written as a deficit budget, was balanced without making a planned transfer \$10,115 from savings.

- The Finance Committee proposed that a surplus of approximately \$6,000 be used to for two under-funded budget categories: \$3,000 to be set aside to cover a future rise in the BYM apportionment that will result from our higher donations, and the balance of approximately \$3,000 to be applied to the Reserve for Replacement fund, which has been funded at a minimal level.
- The proposed balanced budget for 2004 (attached) anticipates donations and spending at the levels of 2003.
- The Finance Committee proposed that a total of \$10,000 be budgeted for donations to Quaker Organizations, and that the Finance Committee will research organizations following the model of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee's research on community organizations. The Finance Committee will bring proposed allocations to the Meeting at a later time.
- The Finance Committee also proposed that giving to Quaker Organizations and Community Organizations be made at an equal level. Friends spoke to the value of each of these two categories of giving.
- Friends made a number of comments on the budget presented:
- That the proposed lump sum contribution to BYM camping programs be divided into \$1,550 allocated to Camp Property Management and \$2,200 to be allocated by BYM among tuition and programs at Camps Catoctin, Opequon, Shiloh, and Teen Adventure
- That the previous year's contributions to the Permanent Education Fund of BYM (\$100) and to the Walcott/Foster Education Fund (\$200) be restored as these are independent of the BYM camping programs.
- The Adult Religious Education Committee reported that the committee had not spent the amount allocated for 2003 because of the projected budget shortfall. The committee plans to invite one outside speaker each year at a cost of

approximately \$500 and requested that the budget line for 2004 be raised to reflect this.

- It was suggested that if a need for sign language interpretation should come up in the future that it could be handled by the Ministry and Worship committee's budget.

The Clerk read the mail that had been received, including the following items:

Friends General Conference sent a letter of thanks for meeting's \$420 contribution.

Shepherd's Table sent a letter of thanks for meeting's \$690 contribution.

Right Sharing of World Resources sent a letter of thanks for meeting's \$315 contribution.

William Penn House in Washington, D.C. sent a letter of thanks for meeting's \$595 contribution.

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Meeting approved with corrections December's minutes

Meeting approved subject to liability questions and daily costs not yet finalized a request from Tom Wolfe for use of the meeting house by Shoshona Dibetta for the week of Monday-Friday May 10-14 for daytime message therapy workshops. Tom agreed to open and close meeting for what's planned as 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. sessions. PPROVED...

Sharon Stout speaking for Nominating Committee offered first readings of the following:

Joy Conley Cook for Friends United Meeting contact person
John Wolfrum for Peace and Social Concerns Committee
June Confer for Religious Education Committee

Meeting approved second readings of the following:

Karen Cunnyngham: Treasurer
Amity Hall: Adult Religious Education
June Confer: Ministry & Worship
Wendy Eck: Outreach & Fellowship
Philip Payette: Newsletter Committee
Donna Hoffmeister: Newsletter Committee

Sharon Stout: Peace & Social Concerns
Stephanie Bean: Religious Education
Conrad Egge: Hospitality coordinator
Tom Skallerup: Hospitality coordinator
Tom Skallerup: Safe Haven coordinator
Susan Richardson: Supplies buyer
Donna Hoffmeister: FCNL contact
Jane Stowe AFSC contact (03-)
Carole Hoage BYM correspondent (03-)
Martha Gay BYM representative (01-03, 04-06)
Jade Eaton School Board (01-03, 04-06)
Marcy Seitel: Asst. recording clerk (02-)
Martha Woods: Finance (98-00, 01-03, 04-06)
Sandy Irving: House & Grounds (98-00, 01-03, 04-06)
Joanna Axtman: Religious Education (01-03, 04-06)
Lynn Brown: Religious Education (98-00, 01-03, 04-06)
Arthur David Olson: Treasurer, assistant for Takoma Park
(03-)
Tom Wolfe: Adult RE (01-03, 04-06)
Tom Wolfe: Wm. Penn House board (01-03, 04-06)
Wendy Zeroth: BYM camping program contact (99-)
Wendy Zeroth: camping scholarship (01-03, 04-06)
Joan Clement: United With Nature (BYM committee, selected by
BYM)

Jolie Robinson reported that the marriage of Somers Estrada and Phillip Payette on Dec. 20 was in good order, and joyful.

Announcements included:

Pam Tyng reminding meeting that workshop suggestion forms for Baltimore Yearly Meeting's July gathering are in the foyer, along with registration forms for the mens' retreat at Pendle Hill.

Harold Confer reported that the memorial service for Dan Wilson at Pendle Hill was in good order, and that while visiting he had occasion to bring greetings from Jane Manring and her husband from western Massachusetts.

Ann Marie Morairty reported that the religion section of the Washington Post carried a new story about new book wherein a scientist posits that god may be manifested in light.

Tom Wolfe brought greetings from Roanoke Friends Meeting, after having visited to see his son play hockey in Roanoke.

Pam tyng announced that Tom Eckhart's wife Betty desire to have a memorial service at meeting at a future date.

Meeting concluded with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, clerk.

Ray Lane, recording clerk.

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Meeting for the Worship for the Conduct of Business
Second Month, 8, 2004

The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The Clerk read the queries for second month from Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith & Practice:

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

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

Clerk's mail included a membership request from Robb Oerter. This was referred to Pastoral Care, which will form a clearness committee to begin consideration of his membership request.

Friends Committee on National Legislation wrote to thank Meeting for its \$945 donation. Housing Initiative Partnerships wrote a letter of thanks for donations of \$2,775 and \$1,050. Baltimore Yearly Meeting thanked us for our donation of \$2,200. Washington Quaker Workcamps wrote thanking us for a donation of \$210.

Meeting approved minutes from the January meeting for business.

Arthur David Olson, speaking on behalf of Takoma Park Preparative Meeting, announced that as of Feb. 29 that meeting began its regular meetings for Sunday worship at Sangha, a free trade store in Takoma Park, at 7014 Westmoreland Avenue. This is a ground floor space that is wheelchair accessible. It retains its same phone number.

Joan Clement read from the Quaker Eco-Bulletin a letter concerning economic policies and Friends testimonies. [attached] This was referred to Peace and Social Concerns.

Nominating Committee offered a first reading of the names of Joy Cooke as AFM representative to Friends United Meeting.

Pam Tyng spoke to the need for a search committee to find members for the Nominating Committee, and asked friends to consider taking on this important short-term commitment.

Meeting approved the 2004 budget, as presented by Melanie Gifford in a second reading.

* There was call for fundraising ideas.

* Rob Oerter of Pastoral Care took back to committee discussion on progress toward addressing consideration of a playground or other projects in response to a \$5,000 donation given two years ago and not yet spent. Friends also discussed the memorial garden.

* A question was raised concerning Adelphi's investment of \$300 in Friends Extension Corporation. There was discussion of withdrawing this investment in the interest of simplifying the management of Meeting's financial assets. Arthur David Olson reminded meeting that TPPM has invested some \$27,000 with Friends Extension Corporation, a financial entity that holds funds and pays dividends while serving as a resource for loaning funds to Friends groups wishing to build schools or meeting houses. Finance committee will consider the issue.

Discussion followed on the long-term planning goals of Adelphi Friends Meeting with regard to investments, the aforementioned gift not yet spent, and general direction of meeting. Reuben Snipper, for Trustees, offered to have that committee convene discussion concerning a long-term vision for Meeting in concert with Pastoral Care, Ministry and Worship, Finance Committee, and others, and to report back to meeting. Meeting approved this action.

Friends noted the faithful service of outgoing treasurer Dee Clarkin, and Meeting minuted its sincere appreciation for her care for the Meeting, so clearly expressed in her careful and responsible stewardship.

Announcements:

- * There will be a Quaker Youth seminar at William Penn house during the coming week.
- * Friends were encouraged to sign up on the snow removal sheet in the foyer.

Meeting concluded with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, Clerk.

Ray Lane, Recording Clerk

Quaker Eco-Bulletin
Information and Action Addressing Public Policy for an Ecologically Sustainable World
Volume 3, Number 6 November/December 2003
Concerning Economic Policy and Friends Testimonies
Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA, USA
Third First Day, Sixth Month, 2003

To Friends everywhere,

We greet you as 29 individuals, belonging to 19 monthly and 11 yearly meetings. Many among us are or have been actively involved with organizations such as the American Friends Service Committee, Canadian Friends Service Committee, Friends Association for Higher Education, Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, Quaker Eco-Witness, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends General Conference, and Friends World Committee for Consultation.

We have gathered at Pendle Hill to explore a concern we all share about economic policies as they relate to issues of peace, justice, equality, and restoring the earth's ecological integrity. We believe the human-earth relationship in all its aspects is inseparable from our relationship with the Divine. We are convinced that the current economic system should be of urgent concern to the Religious Society of Friends. It is intensifying economic and social inequities throughout the world, causing structural and physical violence, driving many species to extinction, and leading our own species toward ecological self-destruction.

Through our worshipful deliberations, we have come to unity in urging all Friends, especially those in the United States and Canada, to make individual and corporate commitments to learning more about certain fundamental aspects of current economic policies and institutions as they relate to Friends' historic testimonies. Specifically, we encourage Friends to ask themselves the following:

- *In light of Friends' Testimonies, what is God calling us to do about the continuing and increasing marginalization of so much of the world's population, the extinction of species, and other environmental degradation?
- *How do we integrate our human community within the natural world so as to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of future generations?
- *What changes in the institutions of economy and governance are needed to promote effective stewardship of the natural environment and caring for people and communities?
- *What is it in nature and human knowledge that we have the right to own?
- *How best can we promote the values expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Earth Charter?
- *How can we promote understanding and awareness of the consequences of increasing global interconnectedness and the urgency of addressing the dangers and opportunities that these present?
- *As we earn, spend, and invest money, as individuals and as meeting communities, how can we live in the "virtue of that life and power" that leads us to treat all humans and the Earth as a manifestation of the Divine?
- *Are we aware of the true cost of our consumption? Do we take into account our concerns for social justice as we earn, spend, and invest money?
- *What information, tools, and skills do we need to equip ourselves to work effectively for public policies that restore Earth's resilience, increase social equity, and strengthen community?
- *How can we engage with others in ways that help us discern God's will for us, at this critical stage in Earth's history, as we labor with these concerns?

Quaker Eco-Witness, a project of Quaker Earthcare Witness, and the Environmental Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting have collaborated in bringing us to Pendle Hill. They will also collaborate with us in preparing a collection of short articles, questions to help clarify Friends' understanding, and queries to encourage Friends' individual and corporate discernment about the concerns we raise. We have agreed to pursue a number of tasks designed to create and draw together existing material on economics and ecology as resources for our meetings and wider communities. We hope you will make use of these materials when they become available in the late fall or early winter.

In the Light,
Elaine C. Emmi, Recording Clerk

**Adelphi Friends Meeting
Meeting for the Worship for the Conduct of Business
Third Month, 13, 2004**

The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The Clerk read the queries for third month from Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith & Practice:

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing?

Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know

persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey?

Does the Meeting provide

for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders?

Do Friends provide spiritual and

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

The Clerk's mail included an announcement from the American Friends Service Committee of a meeting March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Friends Meeting, in which AFSC Iraq country representatives from Baghdad would share stories of Friends under occupation.

The Interfaith Conference will be holding an event Tuesday March 30 at Trinity College in Washington, D.C. featuring Richard Snowdon, president of the World Bank, on the topic of "Challenges of Faith and Development." Tom Wolfe of Adelphi Friends Meeting has tickets to the free event.

The American Friends Service Committee wrote to thank our Meeting for a gift of \$980.

Michelle Levasseur wrote to ask that her membership be transferred to Stony Run Meeting in Baltimore, a request forwarded to the Recorder.

Friends Committee on National Legislation wrote to inform meeting that it was about to begin its every-two-year process of setting its legislative goals. They have sent along a survey to elicit input on Adelphi Friends Meeting's views. The letter was forwarded to Meeting's FCNL representative, Alexander Barnes, who will recommend a way for Meeting to respond to this request for input.

February's minutes, as amended, were approved.

Betty Ribble of Mount Rainier Christian Church rose to offer the following letter dated March 13. The letter would have been forwarded to the Safe Haven coordinators and to Peace and Social Concerns Committee, but no representatives were present.

Dear Adelphi Friends Meeting:

We write to you as a partner with us in providing care for individuals in Safe Haven. Thank you for the transportation and other funds that you are providing.

We would like to meet with your Safe Haven committee group in order to search for ideas/brainstorm. We are looking for ways to make Safe Haven even more supportive than it now is.

To begin the brainstorming – which we believe/hope you will help with – we offer the following:

- 1) Among church people working with Safe Haven, there will appropriately be those qualified in such areas as counseling and basic medicine. And they will have a willingness to put aside their biases/prejudices.
- 2) 2) Church persons will appropriately “do unto guests what they want done for themselves.” Each of us on both sides of the fence – guest and church person – has a story to tell.
- 3) Church persons appropriately will be willing to take a risk, if necessary, to make Safe Haven a worthwhile experience for church persons and for guests.
- 4) Church persons will appropriately get to know each other and guests. This helps to exchange information and resources, thus being helpful to each other.
- 5) If a person come drunk, welcome them back the next time when they are not drunk.
- 6) Help with medications, medical care, glasses, emergency dental care and more (See examples of kinds of help on the enclosed pink papers).

We request that you meet with us to brainstorm at a mutually convenient time. We will try to be flexible about a meeting time/location. Some times to meet at our church could be on Saturdays at 11 a.m.: March 20, March 27, or April 24, 2004. Would any of these times be possible?

Thank you for putting this letter on your agenda.

Sincerely, Margaret Husk, Roylene Linker, Mary Johnson, Rev. William P. Johnson, Peter Santisto and Betty Ribble.

Amity Hall, a resident of the Adelphi Meeting neighborhood, reported on a proposed expansion of I-95 between the Beltway and the University of Maryland. The concern is for AFM’s participation in the Adelphi community as it faces this extension of the so-called Terrapin Expressway, inasmuch as one of the proposed routes would go through the neighborhood, very near the Meeting property. The extension is supported by University of Maryland President Mote, among others, with former Md. Department of Transportation Secretary John Porcari leading the advocacy effort.

Susan Richardson, the White House resident, had asked for permission to put a sign up at the residence advising neighbors of a meeting of those opposed to the expansion. A

neighborhood group has met at the White House to plan strategies against the expansion. There is no problem in our allowing such groups to use our facilities.

After discussion, it was decided to send the request to Peace and Social Concerns for seasoning, and to the Trustees for consideration of the impact on our tax-exempt status of official Meeting involvement in such an effort, and in their long-term plans for the Meeting house and properties.

Arthur David Olson, Treasurer of Takoma Park Preparative Meeting, requested Adelphi Meeting's approval of changes in its budget, including:

Disbursing a \$1,703.46 surplus from its 2003 budget to the following organizations:

\$803.46 to Friends Peace Teams' African Great Lakes Initiative

\$300 to American Friends Service Committee Middle Atlantic Region

\$300 to Shepherd's Table

\$300 to support the work of Pat Kutzner with the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter of the Navajo Tribe.

Meeting also approved a request to change Takoma Park's fiscal year 2003-04 budget, moving \$120 from the "rent" expense line (reducing it to \$2,280) to the "outreach" line (increasing it to \$220). This reflects the lower cost of the meeting's new location and the cost of one year of advertising in the Takoma Voice newspaper.

There was a request for service on the committee that nominates the Nominating Committee. It was noted that three of the eight members of Nominating Committee have rotated off or for other reasons left the committee. Volunteering to fill the three vacancies on the Search Committee were Ann Marlowe, Dee Clarkin and Jo Francis.

Nellie Herman, for Nominating Committee, offered first readings of the following names:
Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Mumia Shimaka;
House and Grounds Committee, Frank McCowan, and
Strawberry Festival Co-Coordinator Harold Confer.

Deborah James rose to speak of a concern regarding Friends Community School, noting that she spoke for herself alone, and that the clerk of the School Board, Jade Eaton, is in Japan and unable to attend or address meeting on Deborah's concern.

Deborah believes FCS is in difficulty now, following interruptions in the past year regarding a teacher accused or but exonerated by the authorities of having inappropriate relationship with a student. The school is now far behind schedule in building on the 17-acre property acquired in Greenbelt, while its lease with the city of College Park expires and likely won't be renewed for the present school site. She proposes that meeting ask Finance Committee to determine the value of Adelphi Friends Meeting property and building, so that a loan could be taken out by this June for approximately \$300,000. She suggested that this could be given to Friends Community School for its building project

in Greenbelt. If the school gets the money, it can proceed quickly with building and be in it in time for the 2006 academic school year.

Taking a longer-term view, she envisioned Adelphi Friends Meeting moving onto the Greenbelt property – which abuts a national park – eventually selling AFM to fund building of a new meeting house facility on that site, as well as memorial garden and other proposed-but-not-yet-actuated plans for Adelphi.

Meeting requested that the FCS Board season this request in consultation with Trustees and Finance Committee, and bring it back to meeting with information that could answer numerous questions on process and problems associated with such an endeavor.

For Ministry and Worship Jolee Robinson requested that the April business meeting be moved back one week to accommodate the annual Easter Egg hunt. Meeting approved the request.

Jolee continued with a first reading of the annual Spiritual State of the Meeting, as follows:

Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for 2003
Adelphi Friends Meeting
First Reading, March 14, 2004

Adelphi Friends Meeting is a vital, active Quaker community with nearly 125 children and adult First Day worshippers. The members and attenders of Adelphi Meeting personify many different spiritual journeys, but all unite in the creation and sustaining of a caring community grounded in love, and a common commitment to Quaker testimonies and practices. The entire Meeting community is called upon, with some sense of urgency, to find a variety of ways to satisfy the desire of those relatively new to Quakerism to become grounded in Quaker faith and practice. This grounding is the prerequisite to the quality of our worship, the practice of our faith, the effective sharing of our many spiritual gifts, and the unity of our faith community. Many strongly feel that our meetings for worship would be greatly enriched by a community-wide commitment to the Quaker tradition of expectant waiting for divine guidance, from a better knowledge of Quaker practice, and from a more active ministry by our spiritually weightier Friends.

In 2003, our community was especially challenged to discern and act upon God's will in light of war, terrorism, persistent violent conflict, injustice and a changing global economy. Many of us have struggled to decide where best to invest our time and resources, and to find a balance between works and faith. The Meeting for Worship can provide a well of strength so that we go back into the world and let our lives speak.

For many in our community, Adelphi is their first Quaker experience. The Meeting is blessed with many newcomers and many families with young children. We have a variety of opportunities for worship. A small but committed group participates in mostly silent worship at our 9:00 a.m. Meeting on most First Days. Following this early gathering, people join together in a short period of joyful song in preparation for our large 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship. On the third First Days of each month we set aside our 9:00 a.m. Meeting to leave way open for an opportunity of protracted singing. After

Meeting for Worship, we share joys and concerns. There is concern about how to make this sharing period a continuation of the worship experience. The mid-week evening Meeting continued during the year, but dwindling attendance led to a proposal to lay it down. Junior Meeting for the children K through 6th grade, held on fourth First Day, provides a learning experience in Quaker faith and practice for our children.

Committees continue to provide opportunities to grow in our faith community through education, service, care and fellowship. Long term planning has been a concern of the Meeting, and we have struggled to determine which committee or committees should have responsibility for it.

As well as spiritual resources, we have community traditions. The annual Strawberry Festival—an intergenerational enterprise generating both fun and revenue—retained its traditional place as our biggest community-building event. This year, it proceeded joyfully and successfully despite a major rainstorm.

Adelphi Meeting nurtures children and youth, both in the Meeting community, in the Friends Community School (FCS), through a tutoring program in the neighborhood Mother Jones School. First Day School continues to bring religious education and care to our many teens, children, toddlers and infants, thanks to the committed and dedicated efforts of our many adult volunteers, who in turn are nurtured by the joyful Light within all of our children. We encourage participation in BYM camping and other programs and our youth greatly benefit from them.

Adelphi Meeting also nurtures its adults, through the caring wisdom of pastoral care, clearness committees, adult religious education, second hours, hospitality after Meeting, monthly potlucks and an abundance of less formal support. The new Fellowship and Outreach Committee greets people as they enter Meeting for Worship, welcomes attenders and visitors and offers information about our Meeting and about Quakerism. Our men's and women's groups continue to be a source of deep, committed nurture and support to their participants.

Not everyone understands that Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business is an expression of commitment to the life of the Meeting and an opportunity to participate in a vital and challenging process. Attendance at these meetings is not as large as we would like. Perhaps we have yet to fully grasp some important lessons in tenderness and reliance on spirit-guided discernment. We continue to season a number of proposals and issues, such as the meaning of membership, the memorial garden, finances and stewardship, air conditioning for the Meeting House, and our relationship with Friends Community School as it purchases property in Greenbelt.

The Takoma Park Meeting continued under our care as a Preparative Meeting, and prepared its own Spiritual State of the Meeting report. Adelphi needs to seek clarity about our role in relation to the Preparative Meeting, and concern has been expressed that there should be more meaningful interaction with Takoma Park.

Adelphi Meeting also enjoys a special relationship with FCS, an elementary school that the Meeting founded 18 years ago. While the FCS community now operates separately from the Adelphi Meeting community, we support and inspire each other in numerous ways. Many of our children attend FCS, and many new worshippers find their way to us

through FCS. As a Meeting, Adelphi continues to seek God's will for how we might best deepen and broaden our spiritual support of this vibrant example of Quaker values.

Adelphi Meeting looks ahead to a year of intentionally deeper grounding in our Quaker traditions, testimonies and practices, and to an ever more spirit-centered worship experience.

Following discussion, the draft was taken back for seasoning and a second reading in April.

Mosi Harrington, speaking for Pastoral Care Committee, said that committee was moving forward with meetings with clerks and others on the memorial garden. A meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday in April, to be convened and clerked by Martha Gay. All are invited.

Tom Wolfe spoke on behalf of former resident Rachel Harrison, who is having medical and financial difficulties and requests assistance. Meeting asked that her request be made in writing.

Tom Wolfe offered a documentation that the International Massage Association had purchased its own liability insurance covering the event it was planning to hold at AFM. This was in response to a request received last month from that group to use our facilities. That request had been approved, contingent upon our receipt of proof of insurance.

Announcements:

Robalee spoke about INS hearings March 17 for the sister of Mumia Shimaka, and the hope that she will prevail following reports of burnings and beatings in her home country.

Tom Wolfe and Betsy Taylor's recent discussions at Quaker Life meetings offered by the parent association of Sidwell Friends School were warmly received.

It was recommended that friends might want to read Sally King's "A Quaker Response to Christian Fundamentalism," a curriculum guide for older children in First Day School.

Meeting ended with a period of worship.

Ann Marie Moriarty, assistant clerk
Ray Lane, recording

A brief called meeting for business was held March 21 to consider a request for use of the meeting house basement April 3, 2004, at 8 p.m. for the 65th birthday of Ruth Perot, a close friend of White House resident Susan Richardson. The request was granted, but subsequently the family withdrew the request when they found other, more suitable, accommodations.

April 2004 minutes not available.

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**Adelphi Friends Meeting
Meeting for the Worship for the Conduct of Business
Fifth Month, 16, 2004**

The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The Clerk read the fifth month query on education from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

What is our meeting's role in the life and support of Friends education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends School, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults of our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?

Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show and encouragement and support?

Clerk read the mail, including a letter from Adam Rugg, requesting that his membership be changed to Warrick Friends Meeting in the United Kingdom. He further announced that he will marry Aug. 21 under the care of Warrick Friends. His request for membership transfer was approved.

The minutes for Fourth Month business meeting were approved.

For Takoma Park Preparative Meeting, Arthur David Olson offered copies of its first and second readings of its "spiritual state of the meeting."

Takoma Park Friends Meeting-Preparative State of the Meeting Report, 2003

We successfully integrated changes last year including searching for a different worship space and the decision to move into it, selecting co-clerks of Meeting, adopting a simplified structure of officers and committees (shifting responsibilities to the M&O committee), adding the role of childcare by volunteers to open way for attendance of families with children and once again offering children's religious education, changing the start of worship from 10 to 10:30 am, sponsoring booths at all three Takoma Park festivals to shine a light on our existence (which contributed to our four-fold increase in attendance), and experiencing budget surpluses. We share a trust, and contentment with these many changes. It seems the new organizational elements are working; they are flowing smoothly.

Despite these changes, the core of Meeting is steady in values and visions, with worship that provides deepening spiritual succor and grounding, acceptance and invitation. We know the importance of attending to that core. These shared values draw and continue to attract attenders and sharpen their personal identities. Significantly, this deepening has occurred within some newer attenders as well.

Deeper worship parallels a sense that we've found a better space in which to worship (in particular, space with wheelchair access and lots of light). We look forward to what this space, 'Sangha', opens up for us. The name means "spiritual community" and the store proprietor practices this concept with us and others. She has been flexible, embracing, and we feel sure will feed our spiritual depth. In other years, a move to a new location has created uprooted feelings; this one seems to have done the opposite.

When smaller, we turned inward, now we focus more on the wider circles of Friends and our testimonies to the world, intent on a sustained engagement. For some the focus is on wanting more social justice and service out-reach, whether related to Quaker testimonies or to helping one another in life transitions such as a new baby. For another it might be wanting a midweek meeting for a member in pain; or wanting to learn more about Quakerism; or wishing for a return to community potlucks and games nights; or wanting to support individuals in their unique outreach callings. The theme is the wish to give more to the world/individuals in crisis/war/disparity or in time of personal need; evidence of this is the two year sense of the Meeting to use surplus funds for outreach.

We share a sense that our corporate service project, taking unsold goods from the Takoma Park Farmers' Market to Shepherd's Table, was more effective than in the two

previous years.

We conducted a popular second hour adult education series on Quaker history and practices and used these principles in meetings for business that, year after year, bemuse and amaze us by drawing larger attendance than the preceding and intervening meetings for worship. This practice instructs us on how to act in life, listening and leaving quiet spaces, being inclusive and respectful, giving and letting go.

Ongoing is our tension between the wish to be quiet and small and yet to share our gift. Our worship sharing, 'Afterthoughts', affords us sharing, a strong sense of community and mutual support even as it promotes the silence of worship. In our core is a spiritual community, a settled calm that is growing, a deepening experience of gathered Meetings and connection with God within each of us and within one another.

Meeting approved and forwarded the Takoma report to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

For nominating committee, Nellie Herman offered a first reading of Marcy Seitel for directory production coordinator, and Pam Tyng for retreat coordinator. A second reading was approved for Joy Conley-Cooke for AFM liaison to FUM, John Wolfrum for peace and social concerns, June Confer for ministry and worship, and Sharon Stout for AFM liaison to FGC.

Jolee Robinson for ministry and worship committee reported on the first Wednesday evening meeting for worship and discussion about Iraq.

She said it was a deep worship service of over an hour, with another 45 minutes discussing ideas that the meeting might consider.

Ideas brought to the Wednesday session include a proposal from a Washington Friends Meeting member to create a video web site, where Friends could record brief 'messages' directed toward Iraqis or others in harms way in the Middle East. Another was of Christian peacemaker team training session, where one of their ideas is to try to `adopt' a detainee in U.S. military prisons, either by individuals or churches. Friends are considering directly contacting area Mosques for discussion, of Muslims recently creating a petition to express their Muslim revulsion of the beheading of an American civilian in Iraq.

Meeting approved continuation of the Wednesday sessions.

Mosi Harrington for pastoral care reported on continued discussion on the memorial garden idea.

A recent meeting of various clerks and others created meaningful discussion on the subject, she said, describing it as a 'water shed.' It was felt that our deaths be seen as part of our spiritual journey, with a memorial garden as an appropriate way to express that value. Others said a memorial garden was something we can do for our children in a variety of ways. It was thought that a memorial garden needed to be something that had wide support within meeting. Because a few beloved people thought it is needed is not enough to sustain it. Consideration was given that such a memorial be under the care of its own committee, separate from house and grounds. Several families currently are holding ashes at this time, and want to help fund a memorial garden. They desire that such funds to be held by finance committee, and not be used for other purposes. Another thought was that such a garden would be seen as "portable," should meeting ever move to a new site.

Friends favored engraving of names for display at the site, something especially important for those concerned with Quaker genealogy. Some feel that one reason that discussion has languished for 10 years in meeting is our reluctance as a meeting to deal with subject of death and dieing. Yet we are an aging meeting. It was decided that a subcommittee of pastoral care committee be set up, with memorial garden and subject of death and dieing to be considered, to stimulate a dialogue within meeting.

This was approved by pastoral care. Jamison Goodman, Ann Marie Moriarty and Mosi Harrington and others have met to consider what steps next to take, and they will be requesting second hour slots for discussion on 'Are You Planning to Die,' as well as using the newsletter and silent announcements as vehicles to stimulate discussion.

For peace and social concerns, a second reading was offered on the outreach budget, which was approved, including \$800 for Mother Jones School Tutoring Program, \$660 for Bread for the City, \$500 for House of Ruth, \$740 for Jubilee Jobs, \$1,500 for Ufufuo, \$50 for PG Co. Peace and Justice

Coalition, \$50 for Maryland United for Peace & Justice, \$500 for Washington Peace Center, \$3,740 for Housing Initiative Partnership, \$500 for CASA of Maryland, \$560 for Be Friendly Ministries, \$300 and \$100 for Holy Cross Luthern Church poor and transportation funds: \$10,000 total.

For pastoral care committee, Rob Duncan rose to speak on the membership request from Rob Oerter, which was heartily approved.

Announcements include notice of the jazz festival at Takoma Park Middle School at Piney Branch, where Takoma Park Preparative Meeting will have a booth from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, clerk
Ray Lane, recording

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
Sixth Month 13, 2004

The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The Clerk read the fifth month query from Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice:

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults? Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

Clerk's mail included a letter from Nellie Herman, who announced that as of June 25th she will return to her family in New Hampshire. Her new address is 16 Graut Road, Peterborough, N.H. 03458 (603) 924-7844.

Jim Siekmeier and Catharine Tall requested a wedding in the tradition of Friends at the Adelphi Mill, preferably on Oct. 10, 2004 at 11 a.m. for half an hour to bear witness, or on Oct. 3 at the Meeting House, a request forwarded to Pastoral Care for consideration. Sarah G. Wilton requested membership in Adelphi Meeting, which was referred to Pastoral Care.

Meeting approved the minutes for the May meeting for the conduct of business, and for a called meeting May 28 regarding Iraq.

For Nominating Committee, Nellie Herman offered a second reading of the names of Pam Tyng for summer camp and Marcy Seitel for hospitality committees; which was approved.

Stephen Warner for Ministry and Worship offered a reading of the Iraq minutes, which was approved at the May Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business, subject to revisions in its "framing language."

The revision reads:

As Americans, Quakers, and people of peace, we abhor and are deeply sorry for the acts of aggression, oppression, occupation, humiliation and torture in Iraq and elsewhere, and we humbly ask your forgiveness.

We affirm that the way to peace and understanding is through mutual respect and loving action, and are united in the following:

We believe in the same God who loves us, knows our faults, and can heal us all.

We believe acts of love and tolerance perpetuate themselves.

We believe acts of violence and degradation perpetuate themselves.

We reject acts of violence, degradation, humiliation and torture.

We call on ourselves and all persons to live our lives in a manner that removes the occasion for all war.

Adelphi Friends Meeting, Adelphi, Maryland, USA
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Plans are to continue refining the message, and to publish the statement in Arabic, Urdu, Persian and English as a paid open letter in newspapers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Muslim countries. Other Monthly Meetings and other Peace Churches nationwide have already expressed interest in joining as co-signers of the published state. The hope is to go to press at the end of June.

Meeting approved the amended minute, and asked Ministry and Worship Committee to amend its budget for any funding request to pay for such advertising. To date, some \$1,900 had been pledged by AFM members to pay for the advertising -- donations separate from their regular contributions to meeting -- and other meetings and individuals have indicated a desire to contribute financially.

Announcements included a message from Pam Tyng regarding Jane Megeson and Josh Riley's concern over Baltimore Yearly Meeting's contribution to Friends United Meeting in light of the continuing discussion regarding acceptance and participation of gay and lesbian Friends.

Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, clerk.

Ray Lane, recording

On June 27 there was a called meeting over a request for use of space on behalf of the Children's International Summer Village Interchange Program, which asked to use AFM facilities Saturday July 3 for a day retreat for a delegation of visitors from Sweden -- seven 12 and 13-year-olds with one program leader and a junior leader -- and use of space July 13-14-15 for a "mini-camp" focused on peace education. The request was brought by Friends Community School parent Edith Michel, and was approved by meeting subject to a AFM member volunteering to stay on-site overnight, payment for use of space, and acceptable control of facility keys.

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Adelphi Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
8-15-04

The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

The clerk read Baltimore Yearly Meeting's eighth month queries on Outreach:

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 read mail received by the meeting.

1. Bread for the City sent its thanks "for the generous gift" of \$350 from Adelphi Friends Meeting.
2. Jubilee Jobs thanked Adelphi for its gift of \$370, noting that this gift was matched by their "summer challengers," which make our gift even more important.
3. Friends Community School sent its thanks for the Meeting's give of \$4200 to the Robin Blackburn Scholarship Fund, noting its importance in helping FCS achieve its goal of being able to offer an FCS education to a more diverse student body.
4. The clerk read a letter from Tanya Lehky in which she asked that her associate membership be transferred to Sandy Spring Friends Meeting. Friends lacked clarity as to whether or not associate membership is something that can be transferred. Meeting approved having the clerk write to Sandy Spring Friends, advising them of Tanya's participation and affiliation with Adelphi in her youth and her long relationship with the Religious Society of Friends, and commending her to their care.

* The minutes from seventh month Meeting for Business were approved as read.

* Memorial Garden/Death and Dying subcommittee – In a short report, Ann Marie Moriarty described the committee's plans for a series of second hour discussions.

* Ad hoc Search/Naming Committee – Ann Marie Moriarty brought the following names for a first reading for service on Nominating committee:

Wendy Eck, Angela Botzer, Janice Fain Dean, and Ann Marlowe for three-year terms, and Peter Curtis for a one-year term (since at the end of this year he will begin chairing Friends Community School's building committee. Friends with any concerns about those names should take those concerns to members of the Search committee – Ann Marie Moriarty, Jo Francis, Ann Marlowe and Dee Clarkin.

* Finance Committee – Members of Finance Committee gave us a ½ year report on the financial state of the Meeting. It was noted that the cash donations were at the lowest level we've seen in the past 10 years at this time, eight months into the year. Last year at this point, people had donated \$10,000 more than they have this year. That leaves us with a negative cash position of \$14,912. It was also noted that of the amount that appears in the Ministry of Reconciliation (Iraq minute) line, more than half has come from people outside the Meeting.

Finance Committee reported that we have received a letter from our insurance company with a renewal certificate. There was an increase, which the company (which specializes in insuring religious organizations) attributes to the need to defend its clients against sexual misconduct allegations, most of which have turned out to be unfounded in this company's experience, but which are costly to counter. The company may bring us suggestions as to ways to reduce our risk in this regard. In addition, the committee hopes to bring Meeting a more detailed report on our allocations to Quaker organizations soon. And the committee has made a small change in the Meeting's phone service. Instead of service limited to only a certain number of local calls, the service now has unlimited local and long distance calling at a flat rate only a few dollars more than the previous plan. The blocking of 900 numbers remains in place.

The committee also brought us a minute of appreciation for Dee Clarkin's loving service to the Meeting as treasurer and on the Finance Committee. That minute was approved, with heartfelt thanks.

Finance Committee is planning one or more second hour discussions on the Meetings finances in the Fall.

* Harold Confer reported briefly on his recent Ufufuo workcamp in Nairobi, and invited Meeting to look at the photos he brought back.

* Ann Marie Moriarty reported that the discussions at Baltimore Yearly Meeting's annual session concerning BYM's relationship with Friends United Meeting were deep and tender, and that Monthly Meetings are asked to examine this issue – the question of giving financial support to FUM, which has a policy on employment and volunteers that excludes gay and lesbian Friends who are involved in sexual relationships outside of marriage, defined as one man and one woman. Meeting approved sending this concern to Worship Committee that it might season it and request feedback from the Meeting, and make any recommendations we might have known to the Yearly Meeting. Ann Marie Moriarty agreed to produce a report on the history of the controversy and the events of BYM Annual Session. Finance Committee also expressed its need for guidance on this issue, since FUM appears as a line item in Adelphi's budget.

* We learned of our friend Alice Anderson's recent death. The clerk requested that a member of Pastoral Care committee get in touch with Alice's son concerning a memorial service and the writing of a memorial minute. We were told that he had already asked about the possibility of a service. Helen Leskovac has his telephone number, and will provide it to Pastoral Care.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Pam Tyng, clerk Ann Marie Moriarty, acting recording clerk

Minute of Appreciation for Dee Clarkin

Adelphi Friends wish to express their appreciation to Dee Clarkin for her years of dedicated service as Meeting Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee. Dee's intimate knowledge and understanding of Meeting finances, combined with her thoughtful stewardship and clear sense of priorities, enabled Meeting to weather

occasional financial difficulties and establish a firmer foundation on which to build. Dee performed the time consuming and sometimes thankless duties of treasurer as a labor of love for Adelphi Friends Meeting and that deep love was clear to those who interacted with her in her capacity as Treasurer. After stepping down from the position of Treasurer, she continued her service as a member of Finance Committee, until concluding recently that other demands in her life precluded this possibility. The Committee will miss her presence, but her guidance continues through the experience she imparted to members over the years.