

Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
held February 12, 2017

Those present were Alice Clague, Norma Ellis, Matt Sunderland, Lucinda Antrim, Eunice Laughlin, Jody Harrow, John Lloyd, Anne Wright, David Tucker, Mary Eagleson, serving as clerk, and Ruth Bryan, serving as recording clerk.

1) The ad hoc outreach committee has sent a report, which was read (see attached). It will be sent to our list serve so Friends can consider its recommendations carefully. One Friend asked the ad hoc committee to define “welcoming” vs “greeting”. One relative newcomer said “What brings me back is the belief in non-violence, lack of greedy acquisitiveness, equality, lack of materialism. Simplicity.” To the recommendation that the meeting be listed in local newspapers, a Friend reported that we are listed in the Scarsdale Enquirer, but Rivertowns paper refuses to list us because the meetinghouse is not located in one of the river towns.

2) The Nursery School would like to use the "New Room" three mornings a week for activities with the 3's. They would not leave anything out on the floor. They would not need it after 11 am. This would mean that the upstairs would not be available for this time for any other groups. One friend requested that the nursery school not leave things in the closet, and if there is a request for rental of the space at this time by another group, that nursery school not use it at that time, or that it be discussed with them. On that basis, the meeting approved giving the nursery school permission to use the room as they have requested.

3) Scarsdale Meeting was invited to host a Quaker Education and Discourse day, Saturday April 8th. This is a program being put together facilitate dialog between young adult Friends in NYYM with some of it older members. Carol Holmes was invited to speak at one in January in New Jersey. Bowen Alpern, who went along as chauffeur, found it quite wonderful, if under-attended. A few weeks ago Emily Provance contacted Bowen to find out if SFM would be willing to host such a gathering on a Saturday in April. He had to tell her that our meetinghouse was not available on Saturdays, and referred her to Purchase Quarter Ministry and Counsel to see if another meeting in the Quarter would be willing to host. What emerged from that conversation was the possibility that Purchase Meeting might allow the use of their meetinghouse, provided SFM would host. There are a number of Scarsdale Friends who are excited about doing this. We approved hosting the event on April 8.

4) The clerk has received a request from two Friends to be married under the care of the Meeting. We approved with joy sending this request to Ministry and Council.

5) Mary Eagleson announced the formation of a Racial Justice Network in New York Yearly Meeting, under the care of the Black Concerns Committee. Interested Friends are invited to register by sending an email to the yearly meeting office ([office@nyym.org](mailto:office@nyym.org)). The letter of invitation from the yearly meeting is attached.

Next meeting March 12; note that daylight savings time begins that morning.