

Woodstown Monthly Meeting of Friends

Meeting for Business February 5, 2012

The meeting was clerked by Chris Mahon. There were eleven members present.

Opening

Friends are reminded that the business of our Meeting is done in our Monthly Meeting for Business, which is usually held on the first Sunday of the month. Our committees take direction from the Monthly Meeting. If you have items or issues you would like to have addressed, either come to business meeting, or notify the clerk or the clerk of the Oversight Committee.

Schedule of First Day School programs was submitted.

Minutes of January were approved as submitted

treasurer Report: Funds have not covered our annual covenant to PYM, to date we are paid through last November Good news; no expenses for snow plowing at least. The financial report was accepted as submitted.

New Business: It has been proposed that we eliminate the land line phone service to the Meeting House which would save about \$42/mo. There was some question about whether 911 calls would be responded to. How can people contact the Meeting via phone ? A voice mailbox with phone # can be purchased without actual line or equipment.

There was a discussion about displaying the Peace Banner which was blown down during Hurricane Irene. Hardware needed to be purchased and should be up again soon. A minute from the Salem Quarter was read. They have approved laying down the Coordinator Program.

The yearly meeting is establishing a trust for the preservation of the Arch Street Meetinghouse. They are also considering leaving the Cherry Street Building for less expensive office space. Dorothy Kramme brought a drawing of our Meetinghouse by Louise DeShazo. Friends were pleased to have the print to add to its collection. we will send a thank you.

There was an article in last month's National Geographic about mine removal, which referenced the group and people that Frank Lenik is working with. The mine removal is still a very important program. One can read the article on WMM website. WMM was the first religious organization to contribute to this effort.

Best date for Strawberry Supper this year is May 19. Marie and Casey will be organizers. The will consider raising tickets prices. Friends thought an increase was reasonable.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee report may be presented for approval.

Oversight it was reported that the committee did not meet.

Property & Finance: Discussed Quarterly meeting and covenant. a divider was installed which will conserve heat. Charlie Haaf removed a tree. Perhaps we should consider planting some dogwoods. watering the trees remains a problem during the hot summers here. The committee is trying to discern boundary lines in sync with property surveys that were completed in the past. There are some issues around clearing tree stumps and removing some other dead wood that has been dumped on the property.

Worship & Ministry On the last Sunday in Feb ??/we will honor Shirley Locke as she steps down from the committee. She is planning to move to the Friends Home.

Al Obeidi family Care Committee Donna Gibson reported. Kareem is still looking for housing and teaching part time at Salem Community College. He will be completing his Masters degree in May and has applied for fellowships at John Hopkins and also at the University of North Carolina. The Committee has been helping sharpen his resume and cover letters and interviewing process. He will meet with Joe Pyle at the Scattergood Foundation at the end of the month. His wife and daughter are back and forth to Iraq in order to keep visas. The violence has increased since US troops have left. The daughter is completing the 5th year of a 6 year program towards her medical degree. Next meeting is set for March 18.

Salem Quarter

March 11 Quarterly Meeting at Woodstown. There will be interesting speakers form staff from the FCNL in DC. we will need volunteers to provide refreshments and be welcoming. When the coordinator position ends in June, will our meeting still have to pay for any costs around unemployment compensation ?

Old Business: There was discussion about Quaker funding sources and grants available.

Please hold in light Deb Seabrook and Betty Hasbrouck as they cope with illness.

Closing Worship