

**New York Quarterly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends
Fifteenth Street Meetinghouse
15 Rutherford Place, New York, New York
21st Day of Fourth Month, 2019**

Present: Nancy Britton (Morningside), Clerk; Ian Hansen (Fifteenth Street), Assistant Clerk.

Attendance: Fifteenth St. 15, Morningside 14, Brooklyn 8, Manhattan 2, Flushing 1, Staten Island 1, QM staff 1; total 42 (44 with the clerks' table included).

2019.04.01 The Meeting gathers at 1:00pm. After a period of waiting worship with vocal ministry, the Clerk reads a passage from Daniel Seeger in *The Seed and the Tree*, Pendle Hill Pamphlet 269, p.23.

“Seeking the Truth with impartiality, trying to live the Truth as clearly as we know how, and speaking the Truth without ego investment, condescension, hostility, or selfish involvement, is always a service. It means that we can collaborate on specific projects with people who do not understand fully what we know, and we need not ‘preach’ at people in the unhelpful way which is so justifiably and widely feared by nonviolent advocates. Given our understanding that the present state of the human condition is fundamentally rooted in issues of spirit, and that it will ultimately be bettered in the realm of the mind and heart, we should move forward with a new confidence that to peruse Truth is the first and noblest objective, and second is to encourage the sound of Truth.”

2019.04.02 Friends approve the agenda.

2019.04.03 David Garrity, clerk of Audit and Budget, presents the audit of New York Quarterly Meeting's financial condition for year ending 12/31/2018. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.04 Elizabeth Powers, clerk of Nominating Committee, reads the Nominating Committee report and consent slate, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report and approve the appointments recommended therein, as well as the requests for release from service.

2019.04.05 Ted Lochwyn, clerk of Staten Island Meeting, reads the Staten Island report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.06 Gloria Thompson, clerk of Manhattan Monthly Meeting, reads the Manhattan report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.07 Elizabeth Enloe reads the Flushing Monthly Meeting report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.08 The NYQM pauses to the conduct the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, the minutes of which are as follows:

The Annual Meeting of the corporation commences at 2pm. Katherine Alford, President of the Corporation, clerks the meeting, declares a quorum present and calls the meeting to order. The meeting approves Ian Hansen to serve as Recording Clerk for this meeting.

The President reads the Trustees report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends receive the report, and the trustees whose appointments were approved in NYQM minute **2019.04.04** are deemed elected.

The President adjourns the annual meeting of the corporation at 2:35pm.

Announcements:

-“*Yes, A Better World is Possible*”: on May 11th, Brooklyn Friends School, for reservations contact Jim Morgan, 347.727.3732 or iagomorgan5@gmail.com

-Invitation to Meeting for Worship and 2019 UN Updates from the QUNO Director on Thursday, April 25th, 2019, 12pm – 1:30pm, at Quaker House, 247 East 48th Street, (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues).

-Notice of Annual Meeting of the Membership, Saturday, May 18th, 2019, at 11am, Friends Home Association Inc., Penington Friends House, 215 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003

BREAK:

The clerk reads the following:

“...community involves holding a paradox – the paradox of having relationships in which we protect each other’s aloneness. We must come together in ways that respect the solitude of the soul, that avoid the unconscious violence we do when we try to save each other, that evoke our capacity to hold another life without dishonoring its mystery, never trying to coerce the other into meeting our own needs.” Parker Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*, pp 92-3

2019.04.09 Jane Alexandre, clerk of Morningside Monthly Meeting, reads the Morningside Report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.10 Joan Malin reads the report from ad hoc committee established to review the request to lay down the New York Quarterly Meeting Housing Committee and the involvement with the Friends in the City housing corporation. Friends accept the report and approve laying down New York Quarterly

Meeting involvement with Friends in the City and the committee associated with that involvement. Dave Britton stands aside. Friends in the City Committee will be removed from the NYQM handbook.

2019.04.11 Joan Malin, clerk of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, reads the report for Brooklyn, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.12 Dave Britton, recorder for the Communications Committee of New York Quarterly Meeting, reads the Communication Committee's report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report.

2019.04.13 Glenn Josey, clerk of Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting, reads the Fifteenth Street report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report and endorse the Fifteenth Street Peace and Social Justice Committee minute detailed therein—copied below—and direct the clerk to send it to the other monthly meeting clerks.

The Peace and Social Justice Committee asks Friends to work for removal of a remnant of the practice of slavery, the abuse of labor in the prisons of New York and other states of the union as well as in federal prisons. As long as prisoners are not compensated or are under-compensated for the work they do for society while incarcerated, the states and federal government are incentivized to continue the practice of worker enslavement in our criminal justice system. Governments force work from the imprisoned and, in promoting dependence on free or nearly free labor, discourage reformation of prison conditions and work against the abolition of these intransigent, punishment-based establishments. We ask that incarcerated men and women be paid a minimum wage on a par with “free” labor, in order to compensate fairly and eliminate the occasion for exploitation.

2019.04.14 Steven Monroe Smith, clerk of Ministry and Counsel, brings forward an endorsement of a travel minute, appended to these minutes, for Hugo Lane of Flushing Monthly Meeting. Friends approve the travel minute, and direct the NYQM clerk to write an endorsement onto the travel minute, and send it to the New York Yearly Meeting's Conflict Transformation Committee and the Ministry Coordinating Committee.

2019.04.15 Steven Monroe Smith reads a declaration of jubilee as part of the Ministry and Counsel report, which is appended to these minutes. Friends accept the report, and declare jubilee beginning July 2019, as the way opens. Friends are encouraged to contact Quarterly Ministry and Counsel with their specific ideas for possible implementation.

The meeting adjourns at 4pm, and Friends rise from Meeting after waiting worship.

Attachments:

Annual Meeting of the Corporation Report
Audit and Budget, NYQM's 2018 Audit
Brooklyn Monthly Meeting
Communications Committee Report
Fifteenth Street Report
Flushing Monthly Meeting Report
Friends in the City Ad Hoc Committee Report
Manhattan Monthly Meeting Report
Ministry and Counsel Declaration of Jubilee
Morningside Monthly Meeting Report
Nominating Committee Report
Nominating Roster
Staten Island Meeting Report
Travel Minute for Hugo Lane, Flushing Monthly Meeting

Monthly Meeting Jubilee Discernments also attached:

BrooklynMeetingResponseToJubileeYear
FifteenthStreetHearMinistryOnJubilee
FlushingReportOnJubileeYear
MorningsideMinuteSupportingJubilee

2019 NYQM dates:

July 13th: Quaker Cemetery, Prospect Park, Brooklyn
in case of rain, meet at Brooklyn Friends Meeting
October 27th: Morningside Meeting, Riverside Church, Manhattan

2020 NYQM dates:

January 19th: Brooklyn Friends Meetinghouse, Brooklyn
April 19th: Fifteenth St. Friends Meetinghouse, Manhattan
July 18th: Saturday, Quaker Cemetery, Prospect Park
October 18th: Flushing Monthly Meeting, Flushing