

**New York Quarterly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Zoom/video-conferencing / Fifteenth Street Meeting
fourth month, eighteenth day, 2021**

MINUTES

Present: Nancy Britton (Morningside), clerk; Ann Kjellberg (Fifteenth Street), recording clerk.
Attendance: Brooklyn-14, Fifteenth Street-17, Flushing-3, Manhattan-2 , Morningside-14 , Staten Island-1, Quarterly Meeting General Manager-1, visitors-1. Total 55.

2021.04.01 The Meeting begins at 1:06 p.m. with waiting worship.

2021.04.02 The clerk gives the following message:
“The power for authentic leadership, [Vaclav] Havel tells us, is found not in external arrangements but in the human heart. Authentic leaders in every setting - from families to nation to nation states - aim at liberating the heart, their own and others, so that its powers can liberate the world.”
Parker Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*, p. 76.

2021.04.03 Friends approve Ann Kjellberg as today's recording clerk.

2021.04.04 The clerk reads the agenda and Friends approve without additions.

2021.04.05 Elizabeth Powers reads the Nominating Committees report. Their work has been grounded by the question, “What is the most loving thing we can do.” It has been a challenging year for nominations; some positions remain open. We need to discern whether we want to continue to have an organizing committee for the Gay Pride Parade. Friends Seminary is expanding its board by six. Friends accept the report.

2021.04.06 Friends, having read the Nominating Committees roster of proposed nominations online before the meeting and presented here as a consent agenda, approve the nominations.

2021.04.07 Nancy Hadley-Jaffe presents the report of the Audit & Budget committee and the annual audit. Charlene Ray volunteers to take questions, now or going forward. Friends accept the report and approve the audit.

2021.04.08 Nancy Hadley-Jaffe presents a Supplemental Report of the Relief Committee (to their usual January report). The Relief Committee discerned on a proposal to distribute some

Relief Committee Funds to the Monthly Meetings, in light of the pandemic emergency, to allow more swift distribution of funds to Friends in need. They make a proposal to distribute between \$2,000 and \$5,000 to each meeting earmarked to Pastoral Care Committees. (See attached report for details of the proposal.) If this pilot program is successful it may be extended beyond the pandemic. This would be a departure from the current practice of returning funds to the Quarterly Meeting at the end of the year. They are awaiting answers from some of the Monthly Meetings. There was a suggestion to distribute unused funds to organizations in the community serving people in need. Friends accept the report.

2021.04.09 Joan Malin reads the report of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting. Friends accept the report

2021.04.10 Hugo Lane reads the report of Flushing Monthly Meeting. Friends accept the report.

2021.04.11 Ted Lochwyn reads the report of Staten Island Monthly Meeting. Friends accept the report.

2021.04.12 NYQM clerk, Nancy Britton, turns the meeting over to Katherine Alford, President of the Corporation and clerk of trustees to clerk this meeting.

Meeting of the Corporation:

2021.04.01 The Annual Meeting of the corporation commences at 1:57 pm.

2021.04.02 Katherine Alford, President of the Corporation, clerks the meeting, declares a quorum present and calls the meeting to order.

2021.04.03 Glenn Josey, secretary of the corporation, serves as the recording clerk.

2021.04.04 The president reads a listing of the Trustees of the corporation as follows:

Pat Donahue
Bart Dominus
Glenn Josey
Sheila O'Hara
Bill Parrott
Jason McGill
Margery Cornwell
Emmanuel Mulundi

2021.04.05 The president reads a listing of the officers of the corporation as follows:

President – Glenn Josey
Vice President – Sheila O'Hara

Treasurer – Bart Dominus
Assistant Treasurer – Jerry Reisig
Secretary – To Be Named

2021.04.06 The President reads the Trustees and the Finance Sub-committee reports, which are appended to these minutes. Friends receive the reports, and the trustees whose appointments were approved in NYQM minute 2021.04.05 are deemed elected.

2021.04.07 The President adjourns the annual meeting of the corporation at 2:16 pm and returns the clerk's table to the NYQM clerk.

NYQM Meeting resumes:

2021.04.13 Steven Munro Smith presents a report from Ministry and Council on the NYQM ad hoc committee on Brooklyn Friends School concerns. The committee worked from the query, "What actions can NYQM take to be of help to BFS at this time?" The ad hoc committee asked to be transformed into a small working group under the care of M&C to hold the relationships among F/friends and BFS in the Light and provide ministry. Friends accept the report and approve laying down the NYQM ad hoc committee.

2021.04.14 Carol Summar reads the report of 15th Street Monthly Meeting. Friends accept the report. Friends note that the 15th Street Peace Vigil was suspended temporarily for a few months in the winter but has been resumed.

2021.04.15 Gloria Thompson reads the report of Manhattan Monthly Meeting. Friends accept the report.

2021.04.16 Jane Alexandre reads the report of Morningsiden Monthly Meeting. Friends accept the report.

2021.04.17 Our clerk reads the announcements. (see Advance Agenda).

2021.04.18 The Meeting closed with silence at 2:46.

Ann Kjellberg, interim recording clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

Brooklyn Monthly Meeting Report
Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting
Flushing Monthly Meeting Report
Manhattan Monthly Meeting Report
Morningside Meeting Report
Staten Island Meeting Report

Audit and Budget Committee-Auditors Final Financial Statements
Audit and Budget Committee-2020 Financial Statements
Joint Nominating Committee Report
Joint Nominating Roster-APPROVED
Manhattan Meeting Letter To Monthly Meeting Clerks
Ministry and Counsel – BFS Ad Hoc Committee Report
Relief Committee Supplemental Report
Trustees Annual Report
Trustees Finance Sub-Committee Report