

15th Street Report

Dear Friends;

During Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Months 2022, Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting held Meetings for Worship each First Day, adhering to the Trustees' safety protocols. While the weather held, the 9:30 am meeting continued in-person in the meeting house front yard, moving into the Meeting Room when the temperature dropped, or when there was rain. The 11 o'clock worship was Hybrid: In-person in the Meeting Room, and online. Attendance is increasing: last Sunday, there were about 28 in attendance and another 16 on Zoom. Joint worship with Manhattan Meeting, held on the First first Day of every quarter (9:30 am on the Manhattan Zoom and 11 o'clock am on Fifteenth St Zoom) was held on 10/2/22. The 01/01/2023 Joint Worship was hybrid for both the 9:30 and 11 o'clock meetings. Attendance is increasing: Last Sunday there were about 28 in attendance and another 16 on zoom.

Business meetings were held via Zoom on 10/09/22, 11/13/22, and 12/11/22 at 1 pm, using the same Zoom link as the 11 o'clock worship. Twenty-seven Friends attended this month's business meeting on Zoom.

Committees continue their work over Zoom.

While First Day School attendance continues to be sparse, Twelfth Month saw a few exceptions: there was enthusiasm over making Holiday Cards for the shelter; a Christmas Story Presentation in the Meeting Room after the 11 o'clock worship was well attended and well received.

The First First Day 1 pm silent Peace Vigil at Washington Square Arch continues.

The Fifteenth Street Newsletter has returned! Look for it online. Fifteenth Street is represented on social media: FaceBook; Twitter.

In October, the Arts Committee's Quaker History Project presented the play "Except Mr Dickerson" in person in the meeting house.

Emily Provance continues to Travel in the Ministry, reporting to the 10/09/22 business meeting. Follow her activities on quakeremily.wordpress.com

In November, the Peace & Social Justice Committee invited the Meeting to consider these two queries:

- *What, if anything, is the Light Within calling Friends to do in response to the unprecedented rise of violence in word and deed, white supremacy, and authoritarianism that is threatening the democracy at home and abroad?*
- *How can I-we respond with resolute love even while I-we may struggle with fear, anger, apathy, or hate?*

In December, Friends welcomed Lucy Guyver into membership.

In the spirit,

/s/ Carol Summar, Clerk
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