

FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS



State College Friends Meeting
September 2015
Newsletter



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A Note from the Editor

September is the month of re-entry, though many of us probably continued to work, live, and socialize locally throughout the summer.

But there is something of a beginning to this fall season, even as summer's lushness begins to take its leave of us. Schools open, classes begin, new faces are seen around campus and town, new weather patterns emerge.

The Newsletter, too, is seeking new energy and leadership this fall. I plan to oversee the publication of the Newsletter through the end of the year, but hope to have a new Editor or co-Editor on board for the January 2016 issue.

It's not a lot of work and it is really satisfying to pull together everyone's announcements and news, to contribute to the sense of community that binds the State College Friends Meeting together as a corporate body of individuals and families.

So think about starting a small new adventure: join the Newsletter production team.

As always, send all contributions to SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com

Your editor, *Deryn Verity*

Announcements

A note from Advancement and Outreach

More and more, all of us in Meeting are involved in advancing the Meeting's message and reaching out to others. Regardless of our committee assignment, we naturally find ourselves welcoming to all who come through the door, we naturally answer questions about Friends' beliefs and procedures, and we naturally want to see our community grow and flourish.

To that end, here are some reminders and ways you can help:

- Please wear your name tag and remember to greet newcomers. We will set out both pin-on and string blank name tags on a table in the social room, so if you don't have one be sure to make one. We will also designate a table with a sign "welcome newcomers" so that visitors can easily find the Greeter (and others) to answer their questions or to just chat. Stop by the table on your way to get coffee.
- Send us your news. We are an active community and we need to know as much as possible about what's happening. We have several bulletin boards for displaying our activities (we especially want to hear from our newly restored "Peace & Social Action" groups), and remember we also have a website to post items for the larger community. Send your news to dunnolly@gmail.com.
- Take pictures! If you have your phone/camera with you at Meeting or during an activity, take some pictures. We love to share pictures and they are a wonderful way of telling our story. Send your pictures to dunnolly@gmail.com Thank you!

Interfaith Initiative of Centre County

EVENTS COMING UP:

September INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR– Back at PANERA BREAD – corner Beaver Ave. & Allen St. – back room. All are welcome. Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE!

- This month's host: Ken Kline Smeltzer.
- Smaller setting for interfaith conversation and sharing.
- Snack served, refreshments also available for purchase.

FALL INTERFAITH PEACE PICNIC & CELEBRATION – Sunday, September 20, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Pavilion 1, Sunset Park, McKee Street, State College. We will also be marking the United Nations International Day of Peace / International Day of Prayer for Peace, September 21. Special Guest, Rev. Alison Cornish, new Executive Director of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light (PA-IPL).

More information to follow.

SPECIAL INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR / THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION in November at Congregation Brit Shalom – More information coming soon!

HELP WANTED:

POSITION OPEN – A SMALL MINISTRY WITH A BIG IMPACT: Do you have a heart for helping persons of all faiths build friendship, compassion and understanding? Interfaith Coffee Hour Coordinator, position open – to help Convener of Interfaith Initiative Centre County administer monthly Interfaith Coffee Hours held at Panera Bread, downtown State College.

Contact Sarah Malone: 814-883-5884

InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com

FROM INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

DOES YOUR FAMILY HOME HAVE A SPARE ROOM TO RENT?

Students from many countries seek family home settings in order to become more fluent in English. If you would care to earn some income while building international and interfaith friendship bridges, please contact the Vice President of the Islamic Society, Mohammad Althowaini: vp@iscponline.net.

3RD WAY COLLECTIVE (<http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/>):

- Wednesdays, 10 am, Eisenhower Chapel: PAUSE for PEACE – short 30 minute interfaith reflection on peace with candle lighting, a short 5 minute sharing time, and silence.
- Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm, 134 Hetzel Union Building (HUB): 3rd WAY CONVERSATIONS – Discussion and reflection on justice and peace issues and how they connect to our faith. 20 minute presentation followed by open question & answer session.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

The Social Order

Do you promote social justice and make your life a testimony to fair dealing? Do you seek to understand and appreciate differing cultures and social values? Do you support fair treatment of all regardless of race, gender, age and other differences? Are you concerned for those in our society who are disadvantaged? Do you take your full share of civic responsibility by voting and giving service? Do you oppose the use of land, labor, technology and capital for human exploitation or in ways destructive to other living things?

QUERIES
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Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Ministry of Outreach

Outreach

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance? How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?

Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends and invite them to worship with us?

Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?

Collaboration

In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue?

How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends worldwide?

What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to worship with them, and to work with them on common concerns?

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?

“Matt Shepard” movie to be shown at State Theatre

The Centre LGBTQA Support Network is proud to be hosting the documentary *Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine*. The movie is one of many ways the Centre LGBTQA Support Network has brought visibility to LGBTQA causes since its inception in 2014.

We are seeking sponsors for the movie. Businesses and individuals who donate \$50 or more will be listed on our program and are invited to a reception at 6:00, prior to the movie. Any proceeds will go towards offering future events and will benefit our award for a graduating student of State High who has worked to advance LGBTQA causes. Sponsoring the movie is a great way to promote your business and indicate your support of the LGBTQA community in Centre County.

Date: Monday, September 28th

Time: 7:00 (Run Time: 1 hr. 29 min.)

Where: The State Theatre

Cost: \$10 Adults; \$5 students

Sponsorship Form:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/d0acylg8uh6m92e/sponsorshipform.pdf?dl=0>

Synopsis

Fifteen years ago, on the night of October 6, 1998, two men lured Matthew Shepard, a gay freshman at the University of Wyoming, from a bar in Laramie, WY. He was kidnapped and driven to a field where he was tortured and tethered to a fence and left to die. Never regaining

consciousness, Matthew succumbed to the severe injuries from the attack and died on October 12, 1998.

The murder of Matthew Shepard was a devastating tragedy that made countless headlines around the world. As people denounced the hatred and senseless violence that caused Matthew's death, a much-needed dialogue about hate crimes and intolerance against the LGBT community began and continues to this day. His tragic story brought the reality of inequality and vicious, irrational contempt into the public consciousness and set the stage for the landmark Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which President Barack Obama signed into law in 2009.

Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine follows director Michele Josue, a close friend of Matt's, as she travels to pivotal locations in Shepard's life, interviewing other friends and family members, and gaining insight into the beautiful life and devastating loss of Matthew Shepard.

While we've come a long way in the last fifteen years, LGBT inequality and hate crimes are still very real today, and parts of Matt's story are unfortunately still very much a part of young people's realities. Though framed through a very personal lens, *Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine* tells a universal story that highlights the responsibility we have now to make sure young people around the world are not at risk of falling victim to the same story ending Matt was.

Let me know if you have any questions or would be interested in being a sponsor. Contact me at kgw11@scasd.org or 238-1764 or 571-8909.

Thanks!

Kerry Wiessmann

THINKING ABOUT RACE

September 2015

Anne Braden, Civil Rights Activist

“I never knew anybody who really got active because of guilt. Everybody white that I know that’s got involved in this struggle got into it because they glimpsed a different world to live in... Human beings have always been able to envision something better... All through history there have been people who have envisioned something better in the most dire situations. That’s what you want to be a part of.” Anne Braden, quoted in the Facebook page, *The Other Tennessee*.

(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Other-Tennessee/464461963762234>).

The Other Tennessee is part of a regional online campaign of Southerners stepping up against hate and racism in response to both Black liberation movement on the move and the presence of hate groups in our towns and cities. We're building on and expanding the white anti-racist tradition in the South. See the coalition's full statement at <http://surjnashville.org/get-involved/the-other-tennessee/>”

The *Baltimore-Area Working Group on Racism* usually meets 7 – 9 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Stony Run dining room. We consider issues around racial justice, share personal experiences, and plan and host special events. All are welcome to attend.

STATE COLLEGE FRIENDS MEETING
MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS
AUGUST 2, 2015

Meeting began with silent worship and a reading of the Queries on Peace from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

How does our Meeting act to advance peace to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world?

What are we doing as a Meeting:

--to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?

--to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?

--to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?

--to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?

How do I maintain Friends' testimony that military training and all participation in war and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?

Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?

Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?

There were no responses to the Queries.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Reports from Worship and Ministry and Alternatives to Violence Program were added along with a concern from a Foxdale resident.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Foxdale Concern

Ollie Jones brought a concern that he and Marjorie Nelson share. Foxdale recently did a satisfaction survey that contained a question about whether spirituality needs are met. While the level of dissatisfaction was not high, this was one of the areas where residents expressed some dissatisfaction. The subject came up in a men's group of 15 to 20 residents, many of whom have lived at Foxdale for a number of years. Several of the men said they do not understand Quakerism. Ollie said he and Marjorie would like help from the Meeting to inform residents about Quakerism and Quaker process.

Several questions were raised during the subsequent discussion. One Friend suggested that Advancement and Outreach along with Worship and Ministry could address this. Another Friend wondered why Friends School has a Quaker Life Committee but Foxdale does not? It was suggested that when we have Meeting for Worship at Foxdale it should be better publicized. Three additional questions were raised: why is there no transportation to churches/meeting by Foxdale, why is there no restful place for worship at Foxdale, and why don't we have an annual orientation about Quakerism or an annual offer of Quakerism 101? It was suggested that Quaker Foxdale trustees could respond, or the Meeting could offer adult education on Quakerism at Foxdale, or an ad hoc committee could be formed to address the issues.

Polly Dunn will add this concern to the Advancement and Outreach agenda. They will be having a meeting in two weeks.

Peace and Social Action

Kerry Wiessmann updated the Meeting on the LGBT Christian group with whom she has been participating. A \$1000 scholarship was given in May to a State High graduate who plans to attend Hampshire College. The student was very grateful. The group has continued gathering for "Friday Night Lives" and will do so next year.

They are starting a smaller Christian group on campus that will be LGBT-friendly. It will include worship, bible study, and a service activity. Kerry asked if the Meeting would like to be considered a co-sponsor of the group. No money would be involved and Kerry plans to continue as part of the guiding committee.

The Meeting approved being a co-sponsor of the Centre LGBTQA Support Network (CLSN).

One Friend asked if State College Friends Meeting is considered a sponsor of the overall group. Kerry said that a church or Meeting would have to have a worship presence on campus to be considered a sponsor of the larger group.

On September 28th the group will be sponsoring the movie *Matthew Shepard Is My Friend* at the State Theatre. They are accepting donations to cover the cost and will be selling tickets. Kerry also said they are starting some different support groups. They are looking for a place to run a youth (middle school and high school) support group. They would like it to be a spiritual place so parents would feel comfortable about it.

In another Peace and Social Action item, Care and Concern Committee recommended that a letter from Mujaddid Muhammad be shared with Business Meeting. Selden Smith, clerk, read the following letter:

*Mr. Stacey L. Marsh
AKA Mujaddid R. Muhammad
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London, Ohio 43140*

*Mr. Selden Smith, Clerk
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Dear Friends:

It is my hope and prayer that this letter finds you all enjoying good health and maintaining high spirits and peace of mind. Please allow me to formally introduce myself. The name I was given at birth is Stacey Lamour Marsh, however, about 20 years ago I came into my spiritual name, Mujaddid Rahim Muhammad. I only continue to use the birth name because the authorities require it while I am in their custody. But my legal name is Mujaddid and all my friends and family refer to me as such.

I've been incarcerated now approaching 24 years. Approximately seven or eight years ago while incarcerated at the McKean Federal Correctional Institution in Pennsylvania I assisted in co-founding a chapter of The Non-Violent Training Outreach Organization (NVTOO). NVTOO was a 12 week program that utilized various educational initiatives, group bonding, and other programmatic endeavors to promote and cultivate leadership skills, accountability, responsibility and conflict resolution. What I came to learn was that NVTOO was really a spin-off from The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). While AVP consisted of the three workshops: the basic, Advanced and TforT, each consisting of 3 intensive, eight hour days of fun, healing and transformation. NVTOO sought to expand on the AVP concept. However, in order to complete the NVTOO 12 week program each prospective facilitator and participant was required to complete all three phases of AVP. It was through that prerequisite that I came to meet James

Plowden, or the man we all came to affectionately known as "Courageous Campbell."

With the help of Courageous Campbell and the other Friends that he brought on board (Dorothy, Jessica, Don and others) the McKean AVP blossomed into a bona fide and respected, by both staff and inmates, self-improvement, community building, conflict resolution program. While NVTOO was ultimately too complex to sustain and maintain and was subsequently disbanded, AVP continues to this day. It has served as a spiritual balm by creating an environment that facilitates healing and wholeness, which has help[ed] hundreds of men change their lives, becoming better men, husbands, fathers etc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the State College Friends for your financial support of Courageous Campbell and the AVP workshops, because I know that without your support AVP would have folded long ago. Thank you for supporting such a worthy endeavor.

In preparation for my release I was transferred in 2011 to the Elkton Federal Correctional Institution in Ohio. In an effort to maintain our friendship, Courageous Campbell offered to visit with me periodically. He visited on several occasions and it was during [sic] this time period that I really came to understand the meaning of a friend. As a deeply spiritual person I know that God uses us for His own purposes according to the purity of our hearts. The advent of Campbell into my life, from the time I reached out to him to start AVP to now, has been nothing short of Divine Intervention. He [never] ceases to amaze me with his degree of love, compassion, empathy and uncanny sense of selflessness. I know that God has placed him in my life to embody and personify these too often fleeting and hard to internalize characteristics. Man/woman is always in need of a pattern for our lives, for we love to follow and hate to lead. Campbell has given me a friendship that is untainted by ulterior motive or material gain. It is simply because it is who he is and how he allows himself to be used by God. In his own non-judgmental way Campbell is always forcing me to reevaluate and think deeper over my seemingly sacred concepts and beliefs. In a sense our visits

are like personalized AVP sessions, as the effect for me is always ever evolving and enlightening.

In August of 2014, I was released from federal prison and was anticipating reuniting with my family and getting on with my life. But much to my shock and chagrin the State of Ohio detained me for violating my parole when I caught the federal case 24 years ago, and subsequently imposed another four years on me for the violation. My family and I were devastated by this turn of events. Despite the distance I had moved since McKean and Elkton, Campbell was still committed to visiting, maintaining our friendship and ensuring my continued growth, maturity and development in the midst of my trials. Here recently what I have come to understand is that Campbell is not so much an individual phenomenon, but simply the way of Quaker Discipleship. With that being said, I wanted to also extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the State College Friends because I know that he is only a product, and outgrowth of his community and without your support and blessings I know that he would not be in my life the way that he has. Thank you and God bless you all.

*Warm regards,
Mujaddid*

Worship and Ministry

Ann Sidone reported:

In order to spend some relaxed time together and go a little deeper than we're able to do at our regular meetings, the Worship and Ministry Committee met for a retreat at Ann Sidone's camp at Black Moshannon on July 18. Polly Dunn represented the meeting's clerks and the Advancement and Outreach committee, and Dorothy Habecker joined us for a discussion of Adult Religious Education. We spent some time considering the places where we see the Spirit at

work in the meeting, where our challenges lie, and what gifts we and the rest of the meeting bring to building on the strengths and meeting the challenges. With these thoughts in mind, we discussed what we'd like to accomplish this year. Among other things, ideas that came forward were:

- Work with Religious Education, Advancement and Outreach, and other appropriate groups to enrich Adult Education opportunities. Ideas for Adult Education sessions included deep listening sessions with members and attenders to determine needs and interests; presenting and responding to vocal ministry; a joint session with Foxdale and Friends School on Quaker process; and a session on the meeting's committees and what they do
- Welcome Young Friends into the life of the meeting, perhaps inviting the high school group to one of our committee meetings
- Consider timing of Meeting for Worship, Meeting for Worship for Business, and special events
- Work closely with Nominating Committee to strengthen our committee structure
- Encourage interaction among the meeting's committees, perhaps through designated liaisons
- Continue to arrange meetings for worship at Foxdale and Friends School
- Continue to work with the meeting to determine the best configuration of benches in the meeting room

Worship and Ministry nominates Lynne Grutzeck to serve on the Nominating Committee, and asks the Meeting's approval.

The Meeting approved Lynne Grutzeck to serve on Nominating Committee.

Meeting for Worship will be held at Foxdale at 11:15 on August 16. Childcare will be provided.

One comment from a Friend on the benches was to pass on the idea that about twice a year a committee could invite clerks from other committees to attend. It was suggested that Worship and Ministry could do that but not limit it to clerks.

Care and Concern

Kersey Bradley reported that a Clearness Committee had been held for Campbell Plowden. The Clearness Committee recommends that the Meeting support Campbell in his visits to Mujaddid. Campbell was previously approved for two visits and they request finances for the next two visits, about \$300. The support group will meet at least one more time to determine their own roles in prison ministry.

Meeting approved supporting Campbell for two additional visits this year.

Alternatives to Violence

Campbell Plowden reported that he did an AVP workshop at McKean Prison after a long absence. The support of prison administrations vary and he had to wait for a more supportive one to reappear. He also did an Advanced English workshop and will do training for facilitators at the next one.

Kerry Wiessmann encouraged Campbell to contact someone she knows from SCI Benner. The contact person believes the prison administration there is interested in AVP.

Nominating

Gary Fosmire reported there is now a Peace and Social Action Committee for the Meeting. There are mainly smaller groups working together under the larger umbrella of the Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Kerry Wiessmann reported for Treasurer Connie Wheeler:

The financials have been done through June 30th. We will pay the first half-year of our BYM and PYM membership contributions at the beginning of August.

While our current balance sheet shows that we are very healthy financially, \$52,000 is designated for the solar panel project, and two other bequests have remained in our checking account even though recommendations for the use of those funds have not yet been made. A total of \$76,000 is money from Wills and is not from regular contributions.

State College Friends Meeting 2015 Budget vs. Actual January through June 2015

	<u>Jan - Jun 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Donations			
Bequests	32,551.15		
Contributions	17,668.00	51,300.00	34.44%
Total Donations	<u>50,219.15</u>	<u>51,300.00</u>	<u>97.89%</u>
Gain or Loss on Investments	-5.70		
Interest Earned	94.07		
Rentals	8,828.50	16,070.00	54.94%
Special Events Income	255.74		
Total Income	<u>59,391.76</u>	<u>67,370.00</u>	<u>88.16%</u>
Expense			
Committees			

Advancement and Outreach	67.86	500.00	13.57%
Clerk	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Library	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Memorial Committee	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Music	0.00	120.00	0.0%
Oral History	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Peace and Social Action	343.78	500.00	68.76%
Program	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Religious Education	523.91	1,000.00	52.39%
Worship and Ministry	290.00	1,000.00	29.0%
Total Committees	<u>1,225.55</u>	<u>3,370.00</u>	<u>36.37%</u>
Facilities			
Building and Grounds	1,796.92	2,000.00	89.85%
Deferred Maintenance			
Account	2,000.00	3,600.00	55.56%
Friends School rental rqmts	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%
Gas and Electric	3,184.76	4,720.00	67.47%
Grass Cutting	12.22	75.00	16.29%
Liability Insurance	0.00	2,860.00	0.0%
Refreshments and Supplies	242.60	760.00	31.92%
Snow Removal	675.65	125.00	540.52%
Water Sewage and Refuse	525.10	1,000.00	52.51%
Total Facilities	<u>8,437.25</u>	<u>16,340.00</u>	<u>51.64%</u>
Friends Organizations			
AFSC, FCNL, and FGC	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Baltimore Yearly Meeting	0.00	4,940.00	0.0%
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting	0.00	11,840.0	0.0%
Upper Susquehanna Quarter	0.00	2,820.00	0.0%
Total Friends Organizations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,900.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Helping Those in Need			
Care and Concern	1,153.12	2,000.00	57.66%
Central PA AVP	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Conference Fund	163.00	700.00	23.29%
Food Bank of State College	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Housing Transitions	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Interfaith Human Services	0.00	500.00	0.0%

Park Forest Day Nursery	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Total Helping Those in Need	<u>1,316.12</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>28.0%</u>
Office Expenses			
Flowers	187.90	360.00	52.19%
Newsletter	0.00	250.00	0.0%
Office Supplies	144.85	660.00	21.95%
Telephone	515.34	1,140.00	45.21%
Treasurer and Administration	168.57	850.00	19.83%
Total Office Expenses	<u>1,016.66</u>	<u>3,260.00</u>	<u>31.19%</u>
Payroll Expenses			
Gross Wages	7,491.89	16,200.00	46.25%
Payroll Service	780.22	1,800.00	43.35%
Payroll Taxes	573.10	1,400.00	40.94%
Worker Compensation Insurance	27.00	400.00	6.75%
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>8,872.21</u>	<u>19,800.00</u>	<u>44.81%</u>
Reconciliation Discrepancies	<u>0.60</u>		
Total Expense	<u>20,868.39</u>	<u>67,370.00</u>	<u>30.98%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	38,523.37	0.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Building renovation	162.50		
Other Expense	51.94		
Total Other Expense	<u>214.44</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>-214.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>38,308.93</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>

Finance

Kerry Wiessmann reported that the Committee considered ways to raise money for the Meeting. Last year the Meeting brought in \$10,000 less than was budgeted so the Committee feels some fundraising will be necessary. They have planned two: a November dinner that will

also have some items and services for sale, and a t-shirt or bag sale with a SCFM design.

Kerry noted that some people have donated on line through the PYM site. That seems to be working well.

Buildings and Grounds

Michael Grutzeck reported the Committee has decided to leave the shingles that will be under the solar panels rather than try to replace them now.

Gil Morrison, who is working with the Committee on the mold issues, has prepared three Requests for Proposals (RFPs). Michael had them available for review. The first RFP is for mold mitigation, the second is for landscaping, and the third is for concrete work. The latter two are both to control water run-off.

They have received the report on the environmental mold evaluation. It lists types of mold and amounts of each found, and gives suggestions on how to remove it. The back room is the primary source, and the closet at the entry is also full of mold. The back room has to be completely cleaned out. Most items will be thrown out and others have to be carefully cleaned. Professionals will do the sealing and mold remediation. Gil will contact Becky from RE to talk about books and supplies that are stored in the back.

Friends Organizations

Selden has received a request for funding from FCNL. He noted that it is in the budget so is not an issue to discuss.

June minutes were accepted.

Next Meeting for Worship for Business will be September 13th, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Selden Smith, Clerk

Margy Frysinger, Recording Clerk

Present at Meeting for Worship for Business:

Kerry Wiessmann Polly Dunn Campbell Plowden Yuri
Plowden Lynne Grutzeck Michael Grutzeck Becky Misangyi
Kersey Bradley Ann Sidone Gary Fosmire Darlene Clark



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