

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)
Tenth Month, Fourth Day, 2019 (10/4/20)

Present were: Martha B. (clerk), Phil C. (acting recording clerk), Peter, Dot, Jack H., Nan & Sky E., Ria, Barb T., Wes, Margaret H., Jeanne, Julie R., Jennifer D-L., Karen C., Marjorie K., Pat S., Ted R., Sheila M., Joan M., Jack L., Mary B., Ruth S., Margaret & Will C., Lee L. We met via Zoom remote conference and began with centering worship. From the initial silence, our Clerk welcomed Friends and began with a Zoom participants' role call and a reading of our AFM anti-racist queries.

9th Month Minutes: Friends approved last month's minutes, as revised, which had been made available by an earlier email attachment.

Treasurers' Report (see attached) and 2020 income COVID shortfall: Co-treasurer Dot W. reported that we have received \$31,778 in individual contributions so far – just slightly behind what is projected for our 2020 budget. However, with COVID-closing of the Meeting House in March, our rental income has been interrupted and is expected to be \$10,000 less than our budget's projection by year's end. Dot observed that this income shortfall easily could be made up from our savings—such as that contained in our over-\$16,000 Committee Contingency fund. A bright spot is our minimal electric bill, thanks to AFM's very effective solar panels. (Written report attached.)

Our Co-Treasurers also reported that an online donation button on AFM's website recently was de-activated until Stewardship & Finance (SF) Committee can make better plans to enable the Co-Treasurers more easily to track such online donations. Karen C. noted that BYM has an online donation system that might offer some assistance or a model for AFM. Direct electronic funds transfers also are an option, although this works differently with different banks. SF & our Co-Treasurers hope to offer an update soon. Friends thanked our Co-Treasurers for their service.

Stewardship & Finance (SF) committee: SF clerk Wes advised Friends that SF will present a proposed AFM 2021 draft budget at our 11/1 MfB. He noted that, with last year's surplus, we had topped off our internal designated funds (IDF) and that we may want to review and reallocate some of these IDF funds, if needed, for any shortfall in 2020 income.

One Friend noted that a good example of a little used IDF is our building fund, suggesting that we may not need to increase that fund when building is unlikely during the pandemic. He also expressed concern that AFM grounds' maintenance has been limited in 2020 and done only on a volunteer basis. Other Friends reminded us of AFM's commitment to use of minority contractors; currently, our only minority contractor relates to cleaning – Sheila W. We could consider a minority-owned grounds contractor. Another Friend reminded us of the need for a contractor for replacement of the worship room flooring. Yet another Friend noted that "minority" may not accurately describe black, indigenous and Latin-x people who actually, together, may make up a worldwide majority;

our Clerk suggested that we might return to review our use of that “minority” label in the future. After a moment of silent consideration, Friends thanked NC for their work!

All committees’ 2021 budget input is requested during the week following 10/18 committee meetings in light of today’s Co-Treasurers’ report. Please submit such input via email to treasurer@annapolisfriends.org and stewardship@annapolisfriends.org no later than 10/25/20. SF will need the final week 10/26 to 10/30 to produce the 2021 draft budget.

Nominating Committee (NC): Also speaking for NC, Wes reported that progress is being made with annual opportunities for rotation for Friends who have served their full terms and, in some instances, extensions of terms – and for recruitment of new attenders who may not yet have served on a committee. Friends and committee clerks have been contacted as to their leadings and suggestions. Some particular concerns for the coming year include: Identification of a new newsletter editor and more support for Meeting House and Land (MHL) Committee, which is losing a co-clerk. Children’s Religious Education Committee (CREC) always needs help and Market Committee faces special challenges in COVID-times. Within NC, liaisons are Susan D for library, Quaker Market, and Pastoral Care, Wes for AFM officers and MHL, Ann R. for Ministry and Worship, SF & Trustees, Patty R. for CREC and Outreach and Barb T. for Peace & Social Concerns. Wes noted that there is no better way for new attenders to learn more about how AFM operates than by joining a committee.

Path Forward (PF) ad hoc committee- For PF, Karen reported that, in the past month, AFM has continued with outdoor Meeting for Worship with 4-5 participants each for 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship; two Friends met outside to work on 13-bean soup mixes, and another committee soon may meet outdoors. PF itself has had sparsely attended Zoom Listening meetings, but has initiated a second survey again to solicit Friends’ input. So far, it appears that many Friends are not interested in returning to indoor activities, despite the impending cold weather, or otherwise to intensify group activities at this time in the pandemic. PF is considering the possibility of outdoor heaters for continued outdoor worship and encouraging Friends to bundle up. PF believes that most Friends are satisfied with the status quo.

One Friend asked for confirmation that this means that AFM still does not plan to open indoor use of the Meeting House to renters. Karen agreed, per past MfB instructions, this is correct. Another asked if conditions for reopening indoor use have been considered; Karen responded that PF has not planned to recommend AFM’s reopening to occur automatically as a condition of some specified local infection metrics. Another Friend suggested asking those Friends meeting outdoors, if they are not comfortable with Zoom, why not? Two Friends suggested that, if there are reasons some need indoor meetings, perhaps indoor worship in the classroom with the door open and a heating running might be considered. Karen noted her impression that in-person meeting is simply a preference as some of these same groups now are participating in this Zoom MfB. PF continues to encourage input from Friends via their current survey and otherwise.

Pastoral Care (PC) Committee: For PC, Barb reported various pending items. These included:

1. “Exploring Clearness,” Oct. 10 from 10-12:30—An education session and workshop with Judy Brown will be offered to increase our skills for asking “Clearness Committee quality-questions” without making these questions into implied suggestions, advice or judgments.

2. Spiritual Friendship Groups—These are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:00. In addition, an evening or weekend Spiritual Friendship Group soon may be launched.

3. “Friendly 8s” is restarting this fall after PC’s Oct. 18 Meeting, although gathering of numbers smaller or greater than 8 also are welcome. Look for the email on Announce List!

4. Emergency Contacts, Buddies, Life Events and Memorial Wishes—These can be requested for Friends who may want support from Pastoral Care in these areas. For example, if a Friend or attender lives alone and needs to make contingency plans for an emergency. And, for non-emergencies, the Buddy system can offer more regular contact. AFM also can help to share Life Events or Memorial Wishes for Friends and attenders upon request.

5. “Faith and Practice”—This BYM publication gradually is being revised; currently, the “Marriage” section draft is available for all local Meetings and individual Friends to provide input. Pastoral Care will circulate this draft. If you are interested in forming a group to discuss it, please let Barb know.

AFM Trustees: For Trustees, Jack L. reported that a proposed Minute will be circulated this coming week as to guidelines for what political activities Meeting properly may engage in, consistent with our founding charter and sec. 501c3 tax rules. This proposed Minute will be discussed at our November MfB. Comments from individual Friends on this draft are invited via email to Jack in the meantime.

We concluded with brief silence. *-These minutes respectfully submitted – P. Caroom, Acting Recording Clerk.*

Attachments:

October Treasurer’s Report

October Budget Report

10/3/2020

Annapolis Friends Meeting 2020
Treasurer's Report run on October 3

Operating Budget			
	Budget	Actual	Balance
Income			
Contributions	48,175	31,778	16,397
Rentals	18,500	8,817	9,684
Other Income (interest)		0	
Approved mid-year budget increase- from CC			
Total Income	66,675	40,595	26,080
Expenses			
Committee activities			
CREC	250	0	250
Library	350	40	310
Market	500	0	500
Meetinghouse and Lands	28,000	15,258	12,742
Ministry and Worship	900	0	900
Outreach	1,200	268	932
Pastoral Care	500	54	447
Peace and Social Concerns	3,650	3,350	300
Stewardship and Finance	830	0	830
Restricted Funds	11,121	11,121	0
Quaker Causes	4,485	4,310	175
Apportionment	14,889	14,889	0
Total Expenses	66,675	49,289	17,386
Net	0	-8,694	8,694
Bank Account Balances			
BB&T CD	101,340		
BB&T Checking	27,886		
Capital One Savings (old ING)	123,603		
Friends Fiduciary Corp as of 12/31/2018	104,623		
Sandy Springs Savings Bank CD	10,713		
Total	368,164		

AFM Fund Balances				
Internally Designated Funds	Start	Additons	Expenses	Total
Social Justice				
Emergent Social Concerns	4,218	1,121	2,500	2,839
Peace & Justice Center	3,405	0	0	3,405
Meetinghouse and Lands				0
Building Fund	184,718	5,000	0	189,718
Capital Improvement	28,330	0	0	28,330
Capital Replacement	31,400	5,000	0	36,400
Memorial Garden	3,405	0	295	3,110
Individuals				0
Adult Scholarship	2,000	0	0	2,000
Camping	2,000	0	0	2,000
Embraced Ministry	2,000	0	0	2,000
Suffering / Individual Emergency Fund	4,600	250	1,000	3,850
Young Friend's Opportunity Fund	3,005	0	1,000	2,005
Other				0
Committee Contingency	16,622	0	0	16,622
Founders Fund	10,620	93	0	10,713
Total Internally Designated Funds	296,323	11,464	4,795	302,991
Other Off-Budget Activities	Income	Income	Expenses	Balance
Quaker Market				
CREC				
Bank account balances	368,164			
minus designated funds	302,991			
minus other off-budget activities	0			
unrealized gains/losses this year				
other balance items				
Reserves	65,172			
remaining approved budget	17,386			
Undedicated Reserves	47,787			