

Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfW wAtB)
5th Month, 7th Day, 2023
(5/7/2023)
Meeting Minutes – Approved

Note: The MfW wAtB was conducted from the meetinghouse in person and with participants using Zoom.

Present at the meetinghouse: Karen C. (clerk), Ellen M., Nan E., Sky E., Martha B., Wes J., Sheila M., Betty Sue S., Jack H., Phil C., Cairn K., Bonnie P., JoAnne S., Diane S., Kathy T., and Dan C.

Present on Zoom: Arielle J. (recording clerk), Martha B., Martha L., Minette C-S., Jean C., Patty R., Ria H., Margaret C., Will C., Jeanne W., Ann R., Phyllis S., and Marcia O.

9:00 am Opening: The clerk displayed and read queries from Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice: Personal Way of Life while we settled into silent centering worship.

- Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?
- Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

The clerk then reviewed the meeting's agenda and the AFM Anti-Racist queries for use in our discernment and additionally provided a reminder of best practices for the hybrid meeting and for Friends attending on Zoom.

Agenda:

- 1) Stewardship & Finance (S&F): On behalf of S&F, Wes J. shared updates about the 2022 Financial Report & 2023 Budget.
 - a) 2022 Financial Report & Recommendation:
 - i) The meeting's income exceeded expectations and we have a \$17,752 surplus. The committee recommended that the \$17,752 surplus be allocated as such:
 - (1) \$10,000 to Capital Replacement Fund
 - (2) \$7,752 to the Committee Contingency Fund
 - ii) Friends approved the recommendations.
 - b) A report on the corrected 2023 Budget was also highlighted to note:
 - i) updates to the 2023 Budget including edits to earlier typos in the YF Opportunity Fund, Adult Scholarship Fund, and Committee Contingency Fund.

- c) Both reports are attached.

2) Quaker Market Informal Report (QMC):

Cairn K. shared the great work and expressed joyful gratitude coming out of the Spring Quaker Market. In addition to the money raised for our featured causes (Francis Wayne's personal ministry in Kenya, Slade Child Foundation, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and UnIFIED Efforts), the market was able to support local groups including the Black Church Food Security Network, Partners in Care, and Orphan Grain Train. AFM was also able to make a first connection with another Baltimore group, Rosemont Community Interfaith Coalition. A thank you shared to all who helped make the event a success and a full report will follow next month.

3) Peace & Social Concerns (P&SC):

- a) On behalf of P&SC, Phil C. shared the following updates and items for approval:
 - i) First, an update and request regarding the Afghan Refugee Family. Due to recent strain on the family's income and expected upcoming expenses, the committee is seeking approval to extend support for an additional 6 months.
 - 1) The meeting discussed the request and approved to continue supporting for an additional 6 months with further information to follow.
 - ii) Second, Phil shared a report on the Golden Rule's recent visit to Annapolis. The official welcoming event was a success and there will be a link available if Friends are moved to donate additional funds to their effort.
 - iii) And finally, the Racial Reconciliation Collaborative is almost ready to launch their Community Conversations plan with support of the A.A.Conflict Resolution Center, St. Philips and other RRC congregations. A final planning meeting will take place and then information about dates and other details will be shared.

4) Communications Committee (CC):

- b) On behalf of CC, Ellen M. shared a report on the new Tech Assistant.
 - i) The new hire Ben has been coming each week to operate the OWL for MfW and expressed his gratitude and interest in further work as available or needed. If any committee has additional needs for tech assistance, they can reach out to Ellen to let them know their need and Ellen will bring a recommendation to meeting for approval.

5) Meetinghouse & Land (MH&L):

- a) On behalf of the MH&L committee, Jeanne W., shared an update about the security camera installation and announced the upcoming workday on Saturday, May 13th from 9am-12pm. Additionally thanks was shared to S&F for the additional amount added to their funds.

6) Outreach Committee (OC):

- b) Joan M. shared that the recent Earth day event was very successful and shared information about the Annapolis Pride parade on June 3rd and request for the meeting to participate.
- c) Friends shared gratitude & approval to participate in the June Pride event and additional information will be shared about participating.

8) Clerk's announcements:

- a) The clerk opened up a discussion on the R&RJ fund, including the process for finding our way forward on funding our Retrospective and Restorative Justice Fund and, more broadly, on AFM's fundraising policy. Background about the initiative was provided with Phil C. adding additional context and the proposal to hold a specially-called MfB which would provide more time for thoughtful spirit based consideration of this larger, complex discussion.
- b) The meeting discussed support and shared in some concerns, along with ideas for holding this meeting and the clerk agreed to regroup on ideas for next steps.

Closing

The MfW wAtB closed with a moment of silence, reflection and gratitude.

The recording clerk will send the approved meeting minutes to the AFM-Announce email list before the next MfW wAtB on June 4th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Arielle J., Recording Clerk

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 4th Month 2023 MfW wAtB Meeting Minutes
- 2022 Financial Report & Recommendation
- 2023 Budget Report

2022 Financial Report and Recommendation

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Contributions	\$42,988	\$55,234	\$12,246
Rentals	5,000	7,137	2,137
Committee Contingency to MHL	5,800	5,800	0
Total Income	\$53,788	\$68,171	\$14,383
Committee activities	36,205	33,473	-2,732
Restricted Funds, Quaker Causes, Apportionment	17,583	16,946	-637
Total Expenses	\$53,788	\$50,419	-\$3,369
2022 Net	0	\$17,752	\$17,752

Stewardship and Finance recommendation for \$17,752

- \$10,000 to Capital Replacement Fund (\$46,017 on 12/31/2022)
- \$7,752 to Committee Contingency Fund (\$7,297 on 12/31/2022)

2023 Budget

	Budget
Contributions	\$50,555
Rentals	8,000
Total Income	\$58,555
Committee activities	31,155
Restricted Funds, Quaker Causes, Apportionment	27,400
Total Expenses	\$58,555
2022 Net	0

Corrected typos:

- Young Friends Opportunity Fund: corrected \$1,655 to \$1,495 (to meet target)
- Adult Scholarship Fund: changed \$1,655 to \$2,157 (to meet target)
- Committee Contingency Fund: changed \$2,703 to \$2,361 (to maintain IDF total)