

Salem Quarterly Meeting
Draft - Minutes of Meeting held 25th of 4th month, 2010
Framingham Meeting, Framingham, Massachusetts

10-04-1 Opening worship

We opened in waiting worship. 15 Friends were present.

10-04-2 Recording Clerk pro tem named

In the absence of the recording clerk Shearman Taber came forward to serve as recording clerk for this meeting. Friends **approved**

10-04-3 Minutes from Meetings of 10-25-09 and 1-24-10

The minutes from Salem Quarter's meetings held the 25th of 10th month, 2009 and 24th of 1st month, 2010 were **approved** as presented.

10-04-4 Memorial Minute for John Barlow

The memorial minute for John Barlow, Acton MM, was read. Friends **approved** forwarding the memorial minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-5 Memorial Minute for Rosly Walter

The memorial minute for Rosly Walter, Friends Meeting at Cambridge, was read. Friends **approved** forwarding the memorial minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-6 Consideration of Annual Themes for Quarter Programs

At our meeting in October it was suggested that the Quarter set a theme for our programs over the course of a year (for the October, January and April meetings, in that order). The current practice of having the host meeting determine the program topic for each meeting means there is no continuity and as topics are repeated we tend to cover the same ground and not progress or deepen our understanding. Friends **approved** trying this for the coming October, January and April meetings.

10-04-7 Theme for the Coming Year's Programs

It was noted that, at this time, there did not seem to be a significant issue facing the Yearly Meeting which would need seasoning. Suggestions for possible themes for the coming year included building on discussions held during the Day of Discernment held at Wellesley Meeting, Earth Care Witness or other program aimed at leading to some form of action. Friends asked Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel consider these and other topics and then determine the theme for the coming year.

10-04-8 Memorial Minute for Jane Westover

The memorial minute for Jane Westover, Acton Monthly Meeting, was read. The Clerk was asked to attach a note more completely describing her service to the Yearly Meeting. Friends **approved** forwarding the memorial minute with attachment to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-9 Memorial Minute for Finley Perry

The memorial minute for Finley Perry, Wellesley Monthly Meeting, was read. Friends **approved** forwarding the memorial minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-10 Travel Minute for Susan Loucks

Ken Haase, clerk of Beacon Hill Friends Meeting, read a travel minute for Susan Loucks. Susan has trained as a facilitator for the Quaker Quest program sponsored by Friends General Conference and intends to travel among Friends throughout the country. Friends **approved** endorsing the minute and forwarding it on to Permanent Board.

10-04-11 Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Report

Judy Goldberger, co-clerk of Ministry and Counsel presented their report. Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel has released meetings from submitting formal State of Society reports this year as part of the Year of Jubilee so they are not presenting one for the Quarter for our approval.

Ministry and Counsel noted that the current Faith and Practice is unclear regarding who an individual holding a travel minute from their meeting with endorsements by the Quarter and Yearly Meeting is accountable to. They recommend that the Friend holding a travel minute report to the body originating the minute with copies forwarded to those bodies which endorsed the minute. Ministry and Counsel will forward this recommendation to the Faith and Practice revision committee.

At the Quarter's January meeting, Ministry and Counsel sponsored the program on Sexuality and Spirituality presented by Young Adult Friends. If needed, Ministry and Counsel is available to assist our constituent meetings as they take up this topic which has been referred to all meetings for discussion and discernment by Yearly Meeting.

10-04-12 Summer Picnic

All members of the Quarter are invited to attend Beacon Hill Meeting for worship, singing and a picnic lunch on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Worship begins at 10:30 with lunch and singing to follow. Friends are asked to bring copies of the *Friends Hymnal* and *Rise Up Singing* as well as their lunches.

10-04-13 Memorial Minute for William How

The memorial minute for William How, Fresh Pond MM, was read. Friends approved forwarding the memorial minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-14 2011 Budget

For the Finance Committee, Ed Mair presented the proposed budget for the coming year.

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| Administrative Costs | \$150.00 |
| Quaker Studies | \$1,000.00 |
| Gay Pride Parade participation fee | \$300.00 |
| New England Friends Home | \$300.00 |
| Puente de Amigos | \$300.00 |
| Total | \$2,050.00 |

The money for this budget comes from income of the Salem Quarter Fund portion of our endowment. Friends **approved** the budget

10-04-15 Grants

For the Funds Allocation Committee,, Ed Mair presented the following grants for our consideration.

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| Friends Camp | \$3,000.00 |
| Beacon Hill Friends House speaker series | \$200.00 |
| Support operating cost of truck to be used by Elphis Muhangee as part of his work in Kenya (Project of FMC) | \$1,000.00 |
| Total | \$4,200.00 |

The money for these grants will come from the income of the Moses Paige Fund portion of our endowment. Friends **approved** these grants.

10-04-16 Memorial Minute for Kay Toll

The memorial minute for Kay Toll, Acton Monthly Meeting, was read. Friends **approved** forwarding the memorial minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-17 Memorial Minute for Eloise Houghon

The memorial minute for Eloise Houghton, Friends Meeting at Cambridge, was read along with an endorsement from Salem Quarter more fully detailing her involvement with the Yearly Meeting. Friends **approved** the endorsement. Friends then **approved** forwarding the memorial minute with endorsement to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-18 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee reported that they had no names to present at this time. They did wish to remind us of the open positions which need to be filled which are:

- Assistant Clerk

- Recording Clerk

- Representative to Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation

- Nominating Committee Member

10-04-19 Memorial Minute for Sally Jeffries

The memorial minute for Sally Jeffries, Acton Monthly Meeting, was read. Friends accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel not to forward this minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-20 Memorial Minute for Betsy Tomkins

The memorial minute for Betsy Tomkins, Wellesley Friends Meeting, was read. Friends accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel not to forward this minute to Yearly Meeting.

10-04-21 Pride March Participation

Judy Goldberg announced the participation of the Quarter and several of the monthly meeting in the (Gay) Pride March which will be held June 12 at Noon. All Friends are invited to participate. Please contact Judy for the particulars of where and when to meet, etc.

10-04-22 Closing

The meeting closed with a few moments of silent worship.

Shearman Taber, temporary recording clerk