

THE GAZETTE

“a news-sheet, a periodical publication giving an account of current events”

West Falmouth Religious Society of Friends **SEPT - OCT 2018**

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Upcoming Events

Quaker Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

Nan Garrett-Logan, 5
Len Kreidermacher, 25

OCTOBER

Fred Wheeler, 6
Molly Cornell, 7
Erica Adams, 21

Regular Events

Adult Discussion Group

Sundays at 9AM (September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28)

Peace and Social Order

2nd Sunday at 12 (September 9; October 14)
Larry Jordan, Clerk (508-420-1738)

Adult Education, 3rd Sunday at

12:00 (no September meeting; October 21 TBD). Contact Sunny Davidson if you would like to lead a discussion.

Ministry and Counsel

7:15pm (September TBD)
Deborah Bradley, convener, (508-564-4744)

Marilyn Brice
Martin Fido
Carolyne Jordan
Jonathan Joyal
Louise Luckenbill

Empathy Practice (NVC)

Usually 1st Sat. 9:30-11:45
(September 8, not 1; October 6) at 24 Althea Rd. N. Falmouth, Brenda Nolan, convener (508-274-2701)

New England Yearly Meeting

“Living Faith” gathering in Hartford, CT

Events in the Quarter

Quarterly Ministry and Counsel, Saturday, September 22 in Mattapoisett
Quarterly Meeting for Business, Saturday, October 27 in West Falmouth

Sandwich Monthly Meeting

Monthly Meeting Picnic, Sunday, September 16 in East Sandwich
Monthly Meeting for Business, Sunday, October 7 in West Falmouth. Will include a discussion of Yearly Meeting Sessions.

West Falmouth

Sunday, September 2, Circle Process under the care of Peace & Social Order Committee from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. following hospitality. Topic is “What Opportunities and Challenges Do I See When I Think About the Future of West Falmouth Quakers?” All invited, including our youth.

Midweek Worship at Atria in Falmouth was on hold for the month of August. Our hope is it will resume sometime in September.

Tuesday, September 18, Quaker Women Potluck and discussion. Gather at 5:30, supper at 6, and sharing from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The topic is “What Inspires and Speaks to the ‘Seed’ within You?” Location to be announced.

Sunday, September 23, Visit from Traveling Minister, Chuck Schobert. See Chuck’s explanation of his calling and his mission in traveling among Friends later in this issue.

Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, Children’s Meeting retreat at Quaker House.

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Paula Palmer presentation, “Quaker Indian Boarding Schools: Facing Our History and Ourselves.” All welcome. See attached flyer for further information. Earlier that evening, Quakers will welcome Palmer with a potluck dinner at Quaker House from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Semi-Simulated Restorative
Circle Practice,**

Usually 1st Saturday 12:45-2:45 pm
(September 8, not 1; October 6) at
24 Althea Rd., North Falmouth,
Brenda Nolan, convener (508-274-
2701)

**West Falmouth
Business Meeting**

4th Sunday (but September 30, not
23; October 28)

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Religious Education (Youth)

Deborah Bradley

**New England Yearly Meeting
online Newsletter:**

<https://neym.org/newsletters>



Other Events at the Meetinghouse

Monday evenings, 7 pm, Zen Meditation. Contact Fran Lightsom

Friday evenings, 7 pm, Narcotics Anonymous. Contact Sally Fritz



Gina Lyman is at JML and would appreciate visitors. Please call first.



Friends wishing to send a note of condolence to **Bev Morrison's** family may do so in care of Todd Morrison, 6 Quissett Circle, Falmouth, MA 02540



Minna Rothman, a New England Quaker, will have two of her tapestries included in the upcoming Highfield Hall and Gardens exhibit, "Tapestry in New England and Beyond." She invites us to join her at the artist reception on **Sunday, September 9** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through October. See <https://highfieldhallandgardens.org/tapestry-in-new-england-beyond/> for further information on the exhibit.



From **October 2 through October 31, Erica Adams** will curate two exhibits at the Mashpee Public Library, her second NEYM Legacy Grant venue. The Event Room will feature *Respeto/Respect (2013)*, a traveling exhibition of 28 photographs and text panels by seven Maya women about Maya religious diversity and coexistence after decades of strife, in Chiapas, México. The Adult Room will feature *The Chiapas Photography Project: Photographs by Maya (1992-2012)*, a selection of 12 photographs by Maya men and women, Adams collected from the earliest days of the Chiapas Photography Project. A reception with talks will be held **Saturday, October 13** from 2:30 -5 pm.

Erica requests help *installing* exhibits on Tuesday, October 2nd from 9 am -12 noon. She would also appreciate help with the *provision and set-up of light refreshments* on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m. prior to the reception and talks.



Meeting for Worship for Marriage

Meg Klepack and Jay O'Hara's Meeting for Worship for Marriage will be held at 11 a.m. on **October 6th**. Friends planning to attend the luncheon reception following worship are asked to RSVP so that accurate plans for food can be made. [RSVP by clicking here.](#)

Religious Education (Youth) -- Save the Dates!

Children's Retreat at Quaker House – October 13-14

On Sunday, August 26, Meeting for Business approved our holding a retreat in Quaker House for children from Monthly Meeting from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 13th to approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday 14th. This will be residential for those who so wish. Tom Farrar has agreed to sleep in as housefather in Quaker House. We still need a housemother to care for the girls.



We will also need volunteers who will plan for meals and prepare lunch and supper on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, with milk and cold drinks and cookies or healthy snacks at appropriate intervals, and cocoa at night. We plan to bring the children up for the conclusion of Meeting for Worship on Sunday, and so hope that generous contributions to hospitality there will ensure that the children get a good lunch.

The tentative program is as follows:

Saturday	10:00-10:30	Arrival, registration, get to know
	10:30-10:45	Quiet time
	10:45-11:00	Elevenes
	11:00-12:30	Older ones: Colonialism and Imperialism: talk and discussion Younger ones: Walt Disney's <i>The Little Mermaid</i>
	12:45-1:15	Lunch and washing up
	1:15-2:30	Weather permitting, walk to the beach and collect sea water and make salt (Weather may shift this to other available times or, in worst case, force a replacement activity)
	2:30-2:45	Fruit juice and healthy snack
	2:45-4:15	Younger ones: Stories, games, activities Older ones: David Lean's <i>Gandhi</i> , Part 1
	4:15-4:30	Cup of tea/fruit juice and cookies
	4:30-6:00	Who remembers or will learn The Gay Gordons? And can we learn the Virginia Reel? And do we remember or will we learn "One Man Went to Sleep in Meeting"? And can we make kitchen maracas?
	6:00-6:45	Supper and washing up
	6:45-7:00	Quiet time
	7:00	Younger ones: shower or wash and clean teeth. Bedtime story and bed Older ones: Discussion of Gandhi's early career and its example to us
	8:00	Cocoa and cookies. Free time until bed.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Wake up. Wash. Fold up bedclothes.
	8:30-9:00	Breakfast. Washing up.
	9:00-10:30	Younger ones: Stories, games, activities. Milk and cookies at 9:45 Older ones: David Lean's <i>Gandhi</i> Part 2
	10:45-11:00	Join Meeting for Worship
	11:00-12:00	Hospitality lunch in the Meeting House. Help wash up and clear away.

- 12:15-2:00 Younger ones: Walt Disney's *Pinocchio*
Older ones: Discussion of Gandhi's later career
- 2:00-2:45 Can we remember The Gay Gordons and The Virginia Reel?
And sing One May Went to Sleep with maraca accompaniment
And learn the Hokey Cokey
- 2:45-3:00 Milk or fruit juice or cup of tea and healthy snacks
- 3:00 Youth (younger and older) put together separate short reports to go in West
Falmouth Gazette and be sent on to Yarmouth and Monthly Meeting.
Brief quiet time and goodbye.

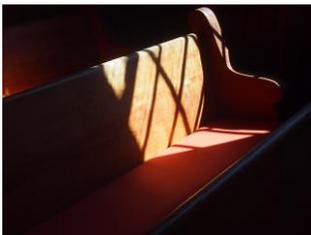
We will need suggestions for readings and games, willing readers and play assistants for the young ones. If Yarmouth send large numbers, we shall be taking up the generous offers of hospitality that have been given.



Visit from Traveling Minister, Chuck Schobert
Sunday, September 23

Chuck Schobert, a member of the Madison, Wisconsin Friends Meeting, will worship with us on Sunday, September 23. We especially encourage Friends to be present for Meeting for Worship that morning. Those interested in meeting with Chuck will do so during hospitality. If there is a desire for further interaction with him, Friends may want to move back to the Meeting Room for worship sharing and discussion. Chuck comes with travel minutes from his home Meeting and from FWCC [Friends' World Committee for Consultation]. He travels with a support "elder." He has written the following explanation of his calling and his mission in traveling among Friends:

"My ministry is to travel across the various branches of Friends — from unprogrammed, to conservative, to pastoral/Friends United Meeting, to evangelical. It is a ministry of connection, listening and encouragement. As you no doubt know, there are some significant differences in theology, culture and social issues. I have been called to travel across these gulfs. Mine is a gospel ministry, meaning that I travel where God sends me. I bring what God asks me to bring. At its heart, as I live it, gospel ministry is not solely about the Gospels of Jesus. There is much more. To define Gospel, I go to the early Greek meaning of gospel ministry as "good stories." Buddhist stories, non-theist stories, and more. So I bring stories across these boundaries to teach, to listen, and to encourage Friends to go deeper spiritually. Because of this gospel component, I am not always sure precisely what I will bring. There is a faith I carry that, when the minister, the Friends from the meeting, and God/the Divine/Inward Teacher/Spirit meet in the same place, good stuff will happen. There is a lot we can learn from each other. I realize that there are various beliefs in our unprogrammed meetings, across a spectrum. And I speak to that — and, more importantly, ask Friends to tell stories from their own experiences. I do not give a lecture, powerpoint, or somehow "preach" or tell others what they should believe, or how to experience the Divine. I share my stories and I ask Friends that are led to share theirs. In this ministry I defer to what is rising among Friends and where God leads us."



Upcoming West Falmouth Library Program on Quaker History

David Young

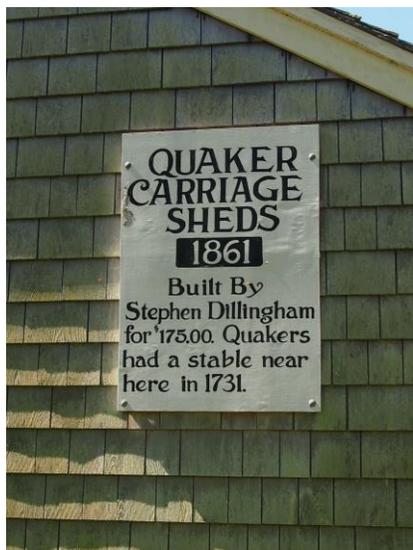
As mentioned earlier, the West Falmouth Library is planning a series of programs on West Falmouth History, with the first one on West Falmouth *Quaker* History. To that end, I have tried to build the outline of such a history that others can add to and correct before we turn it over to the Library. You will find what I have been able to put together as a separate attachment to this mailing. It is certainly not complete, nor may the selection of information be what all consider to be the most important facts. Please provide suggested additions—and especially corrections—to me at tirelesslymockingstupidity@gmail.com, within the next two weeks. Citations would be much appreciated but are not required. Plans for pictures are in brackets; if you can suggest others, with the location at which they may be found, please do.

Because this is intended for the Library's first program on West Falmouth History, I felt it appropriate to provide a little background on the competing definitions of West Falmouth, our place in the Plymouth Colony and Massachusetts, and a measly paragraph on our Native American forerunners.

Also, I'd originally intended to provide some background on who Quakers are, but the Library specifically asks for such a talk, so I'll leave that to M & C or other hardy souls.

Finally, this is intended as data to be drawn on for exhibits or to provide skeletons for talks. Consequently, it's pretty fact-heavy and not a page-turner. Those final uses will undoubtedly be more audience-friendly.

Thanks for your input!



Isaac Penington: To Friends in Amersham

Fran Lightsom

For the last few weeks I have been pondering Isaac Penington's letter to Friends in Amersham, written in Aylesbury, 4th of Third Month, 1667. I have needed the reminder that "Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness" and Penington's examples bring the message home. I appreciate his explaining why this is the Quaker way, and how we will grow toward the light by walking this path.

Also, I am enjoying the fascinating precision of Penington's 17th-century prose. "Ye" is a plural form of "you" that was used as the subject of a verb, analogous to he or she. We struggle with y'all and you-uns to be so exact. I appreciate Penington's prepositions, the way he emphasizes his message by saying "one against another," "one for another," and "one with another." I like the word "dominion" as an alternative to "kingdom" because it reminds me of "domestic" and "domicile," and the guidance of a kind but firm grandmother. And I've even come to appreciate the word "Lord" as I remember that, in 1667, it would have carried the meaning that our allegiance isn't to the local duke or earl, but to something much bigger.

Here is Penington's letter:

FRIENDS,

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand, if there has been any slip or fall; and waiting till the Lord gives sense and repentance, if sense and repentance in any be wanting. Oh! wait to feel this spirit, and to be guided to walk in this spirit, that ye may enjoy the Lord in sweetness, and walk sweetly, meekly, tenderly, peaceably, and lovingly one with another. And then, ye will be a praise to the Lord; and anything that is, or hath been, or may be, amiss, ye will come over in the true dominion, even in the Lamb's dominion; and that which is contrary shall be trampled upon, as life rises and rules in you. So watch your hearts and ways; and watch one over another, in that which is gentle and tender, and knows it can neither preserve itself, nor help another out of the snare; but the Lord must be waited upon, to do this in and for us all. So mind Truth, the service, enjoyment, and possession of it in your hearts; and so to walk, as ye may bring no disgrace upon it, but may be a good savor in the places where ye live, the meek, innocent, tender, righteous life reigning in you, governing over you, and shining through you, in the eyes of all with whom ye converse.

Your Friend in the Truth, and a desirer of your welfare and prosperity therein.

I. P.



Readers Write

Travels to The Gambia

Carolyn and Larry Jordan

Friends Carolyn and Larry Jordan visited Banjul, The Gambia, from June 11 to June 22 as guests of the Honorable Carolyn Alsup, U.S. Ambassador to The Gambia. Carolyn was recently appointed to the American Friends Service Committee's oversight committee of the Quaker United Nations Office in New York City (QUNO), and Larry has for several years presented at the Quaker Institute for the Future Summer Seminars (QIF). This year he spoke on "Care and Operation of Space Ship Earth." Having these interests, the Jordans' Gambian visit provided an opportunity to gather insights on global issues of concern to both QUNO and QIF. In light of this, the Ambassador arranged meetings with high-level officials in the Gambian government, international diplomats to The Gambia, and leaders of NGO and activist organizations. Contact is still being made with the Minister of Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources. Carolyn met with the administrators of the West Africa Network for Peace Building, which includes the countries of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Cape Verde, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia and Togo. This NGO has support of the United Nations, and is working collectively with West African Nations on peace issues.

NB: The Jordans will make a formal presentation to West Falmouth meeting when final editing of the QIF paper incorporating commentary on the implications of climate change projections for The Gambia is completed.



Visit to the West African Network for Peace Building, The Gambia, West Africa



Meeting with the Minister and top-level staff of the Ministry for Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

Myanmar

John Davidson

I am happy to report that I have been offered an opportunity to work on an EU-funded project managed by the Geneva Centre for the Democratization of the Armed Forces (DCAF) in Myanmar to help reform the police, the criminal procedure and the criminal law. This work will last for three years and will be based in Nay Pi Daw, the capital of the country, where I will be primarily working with the parliament on training, fly-in assistance and legal drafting. I'll return home twice a year for six weeks (2 at Christmas, 4 in Summer). I will be flying to Hong Kong on 1 September, and then on to Yangon.



Myanmar currently still has in place the Criminal Procedure Code of 1898, an archaic piece of legislation left behind by the British. The challenge will be to gradually move the country toward a more modern concept of criminal law and the rights of citizens so that after a series of trainings and workshops, a new law will be drafted and a new system of parliamentary control will be established. This is the desired successful outcome, but it may take some time to get there.

With this in mind, I wish the best to all and will respond to any personally addressed email sent to me from a Quaker.

Switzerland Sufi Retreat

Sally Fritz

Here are some souvenirs from my vacation with the Sufis on a mountain near Olivone, Switzerland. The first quote is from a talk during the first of two weeks which were otherwise filled with music and silence. The other quotes are from translations by Kabir and Camille Helminski and by Coleman Barks of the poetry of the 11th century Persian scholar and mystic Jelaluddin Rumi.

Think of climbing a ladder, always up,
with each rung a conception of God
that is meant to be left behind.

If you're playing chess with a crow
you'd better not be half asleep. He has good moves
which will stick in your throat like straw
and be caught there for years.

What is that straw? Desire for status and wealth.
These straws will stick in your throat,
and you'll lose your capacity
to drink the Water of Life.

Every tree, every living thing, as it grows, says this truth:
You harvest what you sow.
With life as short as a half-taken breath
don't plant anything but love.

Dust falls upon my head and upon my metaphors,
For You are beyond anything we could ever think or say.

As the sun weakens
I begin to mourn
Then goldenrod, goldenrod
everywhere I look

My chosen weed
I cut the porcelain berry
out of the goldenrod

When the goldenrod blooms
I fill the hummingbird feeder
With slightly sweeter water

Attracted to goldenrod
Flies bees wasps spiders moths,
me

The goldenrod
So robust, so happily heavily
bloomed that saturate yellow,
I just left it alone

Standing in goldenrod
taller than me –
On the one hand
oblivion, the other acute divine,
me in between

The wind, the rain
blew the goldenrod over
where it went on blooming
cheek to the ground



What We're Reading

Fran Lightsom:

Although I joined an online discussion group about the book, *Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion*, I didn't actually participate because the early parts of the book are specifically about Southern Evangelical Christianity, which has historically been explicitly supportive of slavery, segregation, and white privilege. I felt like an outsider in the discussion group, although I was interested in the author's story of learning from The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II (leader of Moral Mondays in North Carolina) and other wise African Americans.



The later parts of the book more directly address our nation's current economic and political struggles. The author advocates "reconstructing the gospel" to guide Christians in fearlessly following the example of Jesus. In a chapter called "Having Church" he suggests that, contrary to common usage, "church" should be understood as "the movement Jesus invited people into when he invited them to join together in 'setting the oppressed free.'" (p. 142) That sounds much like the transformation that is underway in New England Yearly Meeting these days.

In the book's final chapter, "Healing the Heart," the author addresses the healing that white Americans must do, after generations of living in a system that is only bearable if we learn to suppress our compassion for others. He also suggests that generations of white privilege have resulted in white people believing that they should always be in control, and tending to speak freely but listen selectively. The book recommends healing practices based on the monastic Rule of St. Benedict: listen, especially to those who have been rejected because of their blackness; stay put, to absorb the message and feel the pain; and constantly reform our lives, taking one small step after another. These remind me of Quaker advices: greet that of God in every one; stand still in the Light; live up to the light that thou hast and more will be granted thee.

Wilson-Hargrove, J. *Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion*. Westmont, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 2018.

Rita O'Donnell:

I recently finished *The Underground Railroad*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (2017) by Colson Whitehead. The story is told almost completely from the perspectives of a group of slaves, particularly one, a young woman named Cora, who essentially spends her life resisting bondage. Prior to reading this I knew the broad outlines and even many of the specifics of the history here, but that's all on the intellectual side.

Whitehead's gift is to make the *lived* experiences of this particular group of slaves *felt* and *real*. The book's importance, in my opinion, is that it makes it impossible to ignore the perspectives of the slaves, what their lives were like, how they lived, and what they felt. I don't normally think of empathy and force in the same breath, but that's what Whitehead's words do—they force empathy. The combination of his skilled writing and his amazing imagination will leave you both devastated and motivated. You think you know what the underground railroad was? To quote my son when he was very little, "You don't know."

Reading this novel can be an experience of what philosopher Martha Nussbaum calls "artful pain." According to Nussbaum, experiences of artful pain serve to "combat moral blindness and shape citizenship." They help us "uncover our own weakness and acquire new motives to treat others decently."

This book is not easy to read, but it is wonderful.

Whitehead, C. *The Underground Railroad*. New York, NY: Anchor Books, 2016.

Martha Nussbaum: See <https://www.nytimes.com/1999/05/23/nyregion/commencement-fordham-class-bears-magician-and-peacemaker.html>

Nan Garrett-Logan:

I recommend Margaret Renkl's recent New York Times opinion piece on racism and what white liberals are getting wrong. The link follows.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/30/opinion/how-to-talk-to-a-racist.html>



West Falmouth Preparative Meeting for Business: August 26, 2018

Friends gathered for business following worship and hospitality in the meetinghouse. Attending: Fran Lightsom (clerk), Rita O'Donnell, Sally Fritz, Larry Jordan, Steve Gates, Ruth Zwirner, Rod Zwirner, Carolyne Jordan, Martin Fido, Molly Cornell, Deborah Bradley, David Young.

Meeting opened with a reading by the clerk from Douglas Gwyn, *The Call to Radical Faithfulness: Covenant in Quaker Experience*, CreateSpace, 2017, p. 94. Gwyn is responding to a quotation from Henri Nouwen, which goes like this:

“To listen is very hard, because it asks of us so much interior stability that we no longer need to prove ourselves by speeches, arguments, statements, or declarations...Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings...Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even dare to be silent with you.”

Gwyn's response is:

“Holding the space of conventional relationship is often raised to its highest practice in the *meeting for business*. Here listening to one another is crucial to any hope of reaching Spirit-led decisions. Listening for “where the words come from,” is as important as hearing the words themselves. That deeper discernment opens a space among us that frees us from judging the words, to hear more generously the spirit behind them. It's our spiritual hospitality toward one another.”

Clerk's business:

Meeting is starting to do some planning to be good caretakers of our buildings and cemeteries. As a first step, Brenda and Paula will be leading a Circle talk after hospitality next Sunday, with the focus question. “What opportunities and challenges do I see when I think about the future of West Falmouth Quakers?” This is Labor Day week-end, but there will be other opportunities for discussion later.

Peace & Social Order: Larry Jordan reported that about two months ago, Meeting was invited to host a presentation by Paula Palmer, a travelling Friend from Boulder, Colorado, on the subject of Quaker supported boarding schools for children of displaced Native Americans. Members of P&SO committee have been negotiating arrangements for including a presentation in Falmouth on October 23, during Friend Palmer's upcoming tour in New England. Meeting approved the visit to West Falmouth on October 23, and waiver of fees for the use of Quaker House if needed, and an honorarium of \$100 for Paula Palmer. P&SO committee will continue to care for the arrangements.

The committee recommends a \$100 contribution to the *Massachusetts Coalition Against Gun Violence* of which we are an organizational member (with no financial obligation). Meeting approved this contribution.

At the recommendation of the committee, the Meeting clerk and Ministry & Counsel will draft a letter of introduction for Steve Gates in support of his travel to other meetings in response to NEYM minute on reducing our carbon footprints by 10%, and Erica Adams to help her in making contacts regarding her Legacy grant.

The committee is exploring the possibility and requirements of inviting the *Quaker Institute for the Future* to hold its 2019 Research Seminar here in September 2019.

Adult Religious Education: A possible change in the name of the committee was deferred for further discernment of its focus and purpose.

Youth Religious Education: Martin Fido reported on plans for a Children's Retreat the week- end of October 13-14. Following considerable discussion, Meeting recommended that the scope of the retreat should only encompass Sandwich Monthly Meeting, that our Youth Education Committee include youth program leaders from Yarmouth Friends in planning the retreat, and that fees for the use of Quaker House be waived. The treasurer reported that the line item in our budget for Religious Education and Childcare has \$200, and that Sandwich Monthly Meeting has in excess of \$1,000 in its Youth Opportunity Fund. A Friend spoke for many of us by saying that children are the highest priority for the use of Meeting funds.

Archives: David Young reported that the West Falmouth Library's grant proposal for a series of programs on the history of West Falmouth was approved in July, with the initial segment, on West Falmouth's Quaker history, planned for October. David and Larry met with Lois Hiller, WF Library Director, and Renee Vorhees from the library some months ago and agreed that the Meeting was interested in being involved, but no commitments were made, and the library staff did not disclose any thoughts on how programs would be structured, apparently deferring their planning until approval of the grant. David has been putting together a first draft of what he has been able to learn, particularly about how Quakers wound up in West Falmouth. He will publish the draft as an attachment to the Gazette and also leave copies in the meetinghouse library and welcomes input and corrections before turning it over to the WF Library. Meeting approved the formation of an ad hoc Committee to Define What Happens Next, consisting of David Young (convener), Abigail Young, Eric Edwards, Carolyn Jordan and Molly Cornell. Beyond providing historical information, Meeting may be involved in leading tours of the meetinghouse and burial grounds, giving scheduled talks at the meetinghouse or library, and so forth.

Ministry & Counsel: Deborah Bradley reported that Chuck Schobert of Madison Meeting (Wisconsin) plans to visit on Sunday, September 23. He is travelling in the Ministry for Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), an organization promoting communication among the branches of Quakerism. David and Abigail Young, formerly of Madison Meeting, will provide overnight hospitality. M&C will set aside a table for conversation with Chuck during our hospitality hour following worship.

Mid-week worship at Atria, which was put on hold during the summer, hopes to resume sometime in September.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting: The Annual Picnic is scheduled for September 16 in East Sandwich. Friends are encouraged to travel to Sandwich for worship and fellowship.

Monthly Meeting for Business is scheduled for October 7 in West Falmouth, and will include a discussion of Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Treasurer's report: Steve Gates reported balances as of 08/25/18:

Meeting Checking Acct = \$ 40,108 NEYM Pooled Fund = \$ 97,425.28

Notes: funds included in total Operating Account:

Operating = \$ 6,171	Cemetery = \$ 5,698	Repair Reserves = \$ 4,477
Clerk's Fund = \$ 1,000.00	General Sufferings Fund = \$1,000.00	Quaker House = \$ 21,125

The report included a history of utility costs. The treasurer requests that committees plan to provide him in November with advice on the budget for 2019, so we can approve the budget in December. Report accepted with thanks.

Meeting closed with quiet, purposing to meet again on September 30 following worship and hospitality, as way opens.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Cornell, recording clerk

Calendar:

August 26: Bev Morrison Memorial Meeting

September 2: Circle talk about vision

September 9: Peace & Social Order Committee

September 16: Sandwich Monthly Meeting Picnic in East Sandwich

September 23: Visiting minister

September 30: Meeting for Business

October 6: Jay & Meg wedding

October 7: Sandwich Monthly Meeting in W Falmouth

October 13 -14: Children's Meeting retreat at Quaker House

October 13: *Respeto/Respect* Exhibit Opening Talk, 2:30 – 5 pm, Mashpee Public Library

October 23: Paula Palmer presentation

October 27: Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in W Falmouth

October 27: NEYM "Living Faith" gathering in Hartford



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