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QUERIES

How can I be more thoughtful about what I need and what I acquire?

Do I know when to say "no" to work I cannot adequately attend to?

In what ways do my interactions with other people reflect my beliefs and values?

May these queries spark the light that can help anyone – people of various faiths or none – promote peace in our communities and our world.

Autumn Queries, American Friends Service Committee pamphlet

Clerk's Corner

by Daron Barnard

A community coming together to engage in the process of discernment over difficult issues can be a wonderful experience. It speaks to the strength and the potential of the community. When our meeting is in the midst of such an experience as we are now, I feel the benefits of the process spill over, enriching our worship and our community as a whole.

On the third first day of the ninth month, our meeting gathered for a threshing session to continue our ongoing discernment regarding the role that our meeting house plays or could play in our community. While our discernment focused on the role of the building structure and the repercussions of choosing between minimal upkeep, renovations or moving, this was a wonderful way for us to examine our use of resources as we attend to our leadings. It gave us a chance to share the values that we hold dear, and think about ways that the meeting community might provide for the greater community. This allowed us to consider our role in the lives of meeting members and attenders, in the greater Worcester community, in the New England region, in New England Yearly Meeting, and beyond.

This was one step in an ongoing discussion, however it gave me great peace to sit with these friends for the sharing of our values. One Friend summed up this sentiment best by commenting that whatever role the building might play, it is the people that are creating the community.

Service Retreat

The Junior High Young Friends October retreat was a “service retreat.” I asked Addison Green and Elliot Walsh, the young Worcester Friends who attended this retreat, “What do people do at a service retreat?” Their answer was: work to help other people that you don’t know, or maybe picking up litter, or painting.

The Light is available yesterday, today and to eternity. What is thee doing about it?
- Lucretia Mott

Robert Lawrence Smith, author of *A Quaker Book of Wisdom: Life Lessons in Simplicity, Service, and Common Sense*, writes about service. The following comes from his book, which can be found in the Worcester Friends Meeting library:

What is the importance of service, or trying to help people you don’t know? Why do we work to advance a cause that may not reach fruition in our lifetime? Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm suggested, “Service is the rent you pay for having a room on the earth.” Woodrow Wilson gave voice to the same sentiment: “There is

something better, if possible, that a man can give than his life – that is his living spirit to a service that is not easy.”

The simple insight that “work is love made visible” tells us a great deal about letting our lives speak. In the final tally, love is the most instinctive and powerful force in our lives, a gift we should all be more profligate in bestowing on others. I believe that we are most ourselves when we are connecting with others through service. The impulse to serve is the mysterious ingredient that fills us up, that makes our cup run over.

It really doesn’t matter where or how we start. It is only important to begin. In the nineteenth century, Lucretia Mott, the tiny, fearless Quaker from Nantucket, made her life speak by working tirelessly for the abolition of slavery, for equal rights, and for higher education for women. Encouraging less active Quakers to become involved in service, she threw out this challenge: “The Light is available yesterday, today and to eternity. What is thee doing about it?”

Travels in Palestine

Octavia Taylor, occasional attender at Worcester Friends Meeting events, was one of the three hundred women that Friends Mary Bennett and Betty Poynton traveled with several years ago when they rode bicycles in the Middle East with Follow the Women. Octavia’s husband is teaching a course at Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine, near Ramallah, and they are living there for several months. Octavia’s e-mail letters describing her experiences are enlightening. If you are not on her E-list, and wish to be, contact her at tayloroctavia@gmail.com

The following is an excerpt from one of her earlier posts:

Last year Birzeit had nearly 9,000 undergraduate students and over 1,200 graduate students. (Although Birzeit boasts the largest campus in Palestine, An-Najah University in Nablus to the north lays claim to the largest student body at 25,000.) Sixty-four percent of the undergraduate and graduate student body at Birzeit is female and 36% is male. ... Over two thousand students graduated from Birzeit University in the last academic year,

and over 27,000 students have graduated from the University since 1976. It is considered the premier university in Palestine from which many go on to graduate studies abroad. ...

I went to the (daily) farmer’s market where I bought potatoes from a vendor. The conversation started in a pretty standard fashion: Where are you from? He asked in better English than my Arabic. America, I said. I LOVE Amerika! Insh’allah, I go there one day. Then he went on to list all the places he would like to visit: Florida, Ohio, Michigan (the “ch” as in “church”), and New York. But then the exchange took a turn: I hate here in Ramallah. No future here... No hope.... We live in prison. Israel is taking all our land, our sky, our lives. My brother broken by the IDF....

Everywhere I turn someone has a story about living under the Occupation. Some are hard to listen to. But then, I think, I’m just a traveler passing through. Listening is the only human thing to do.

Ma’salaame, Octavia, Vicki and Michie

Pendle Hill will hold a conference from April 29th through May 3rd on Ending Mass Incarceration and the New Jim Crow. On-line registration will open in mid-October on their web site: <http://www.pendlehill.org>.

Michelle Alexander points out that the number of African-American males either presently incarcerated, or under other forms of control such as probation or parole, is greater than the number of African American males in slavery before the American Civil War.

Consider these Drug War facts:

- Number of people arrested in 2011 in the U.S. on non-violent drug charges: 1.53 million.
- Number of people arrested for a marijuana law violation in 2011: 757,969.
- Number of those charged with marijuana law violations who were arrested for possession only: 663,032 (87 percent).
- Fraction of people incarcerated in state prisons for a drug law violation that are black or Hispanic, although these groups use and sell drugs at similar rates as whites: 2 out of 3.
- Number of people killed in Mexico's drug war since 2006: 70,000+
- Number of students who have lost federal financial aid eligibility because of a drug conviction: 200,000 +.
- Number of Americans behind bars in 2011 in federal, state and local prisons and jails: 2,266,800, or 1 in every 99 adults, the highest incarceration rate in the world.

Today, the U.S. accounts for 5% of the world's population, but 25% of the world's prisoners.

This fall, the Peace & Social Concerns/Outreach Committee will be showing the film "Broken on All Sides". The documentary centers around the theory put forward by many, and most recently by Michelle Alexander (who appears in the movie), that mass incarceration has become "The New Jim Crow." Since the rise of the drug war and the explosion of the prison population, and because discretion within the system allows for arrest and prosecution of people of color at alarmingly higher rates than whites, prisons and criminal penalties have become a new version of Jim Crow.

Much of the discrimination that was legal in the Jim Crow era is today illegal when applied to black people but perfectly legal when applied to "criminals". Upon their release from jail and prison, many people are denied the right to vote, denied licenses for certain occupations, and even restricted as to where they can live.

Watch your e-mail and future Newsletters for details of this season's Friday Night Film Series.

MISSING!



The projector that was so generously purchased for the Meeting's use is missing!! Friends have looked far and wide for it. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is planning a film series, and the projector is needed! Any knowledge of its whereabouts will be appreciated. We are still hopeful that it will return as mysteriously as it disappeared.

Errica Saunders is a volunteer and co-coordinator for 350Mass Central MA Node (a Better Future Project). She lives in Worcester. When I received the e-mail (below) I wrote to her asking for a few words about the March. Here is her response:

How do I put into words the experience of attending the People's Climate March? It took days, possibly weeks before I could finally stop saying "wow" or "amazing" every other word. We had two buses from Worcester that we organized, almost 100 people total. And I know schools like Clark University had chartered their own buses. In all 350Mass, a Better Future Project, had organized 31 buses of people! Which was amazing and from what I heard we were the largest group from any state to get down there.

The power of the march was that the organizations that stood together were not just environmentalists but that it was labor unions, mothers and parents groups, religious leaders, teachers, nurses, animal rights organizers and so many others. And that we stood together as global citizens to demand that change happens.

The moment that really had an impact for me came early on in the day. The organizers called for a moment of silence to honor those who are on the front lines and who are most impacted by the climate crisis. If you can imagine the streets surrounding Central Park went entirely silent, we each held our hands up and shared in this brief moment of reflection.

That moment came to an end with a literal wave of sound. It was so extremely powerful!

I could go on and share more ~ trust me!! It really was a moment that was meaningful to me for so many reasons.

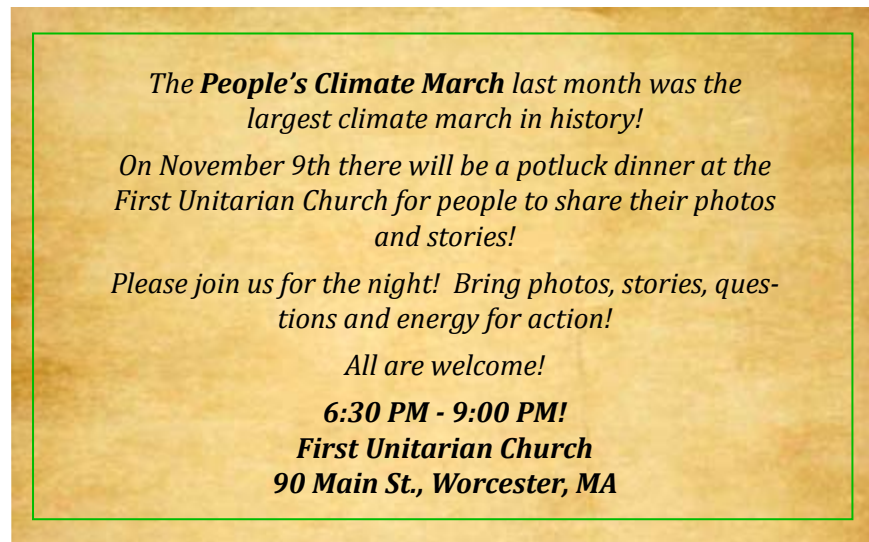
We hope that you will be able to join us on 11/9. So many of us have different stories and moments we'd love to share. And we also have so many concerns and issues in Massachusetts that we are working on that we need help with and would love more voices in moving towards a more secure future.

Please feel free to ask questions. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Worcester State University and welcome everyone!

Best,

Errica Saunders <erricas@gmail.com>

Don't you just love the bit about Silence in Central Park??! - Editor



On Monday, September 8th, I went to Fall River, MA for the lobster boat blockade trial. Back in May, a Quaker friend of mine, Jay O'Hara and his friend Ben tied up their small white lobster boat, the Henry David T. at the pier at the Brayton Point Power plant where a huge coal freighter was to unload 40,000 tons of coal. They unfurled a banner which read "Coal is Stupid". This was a carefully thought out direct action of civil disobedience on climate change. They kept the coal freighter from unloading for hours. The power plant operators called the police, and Jay and Ben were charged with criminal conspiracy, creating a public disturbance and two other charges. So the trial came around on September 8th, and the judge had agreed to let them use the necessity defense saying their actions were necessary to prevent a larger harm.

About a hundred people from around New England and New York came to witness the trial. I carpooled with some other friends of Jay's. We arrived at the Fall River Justice Center about 8:30am, and there was a silent Quaker style meeting for worship going on which we joined. It was a very 'gathered' meeting, completely silent. A bit after 9, when the courthouse was opened to the public, the meeting ended, and we began to enter the building. We learned that the courtroom was on the fifth floor and that only about 30 of us could sit inside. One of us went downstairs to ask the court officials if more benches could be placed in the hallway outside the room and three more benches were brought up. There still wasn't enough seating for everyone, but it seemed that all who really needed to sit could.

The defense attorneys and the assistant DA prosecuting the case were having discussions and the jury selection hadn't even begun. The judge called a recess until these talks were finished. A while after 10 AM the defense attorneys and the assistant DA came out and announced that they had reached an agreement and that the judge had given his approval. The conspiracy charge was completely dropped. All other charges were reduced from criminal penalties to civil infractions. The defendants did not have to serve jail time, and the only penalty was to pay the \$2,000 in police overtime to the town where the Brayton Pt. power plant is located. Everyone agreed it was a great outcome. There were arrangements made with two local churches to host supporters for lunch and supper. After interviews with the press and time for pictures, people walked over to the Methodist Church where lunch was served in the church basement. Many people started going home, but some stayed, hanging out on the church lawn and talking. About 4 o'clock, we walked over to the other church. I helped prepare supper and there was a first performance of some street theatre on climate change. Finally back to home, singing songs along the way.



Center for Non-violent Solutions

The Center for Nonviolent Solutions will celebrate their fourth annual *Way of Nonviolence* from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12 at Clark University. They will honor Educators MJ and Jerry Park, of **Little Friends for Peace**, a Washington-based organization that provides a variety of peace education programs, including peace camps, school programs, family workshops and conference presentations. The Parks welcome inner-city children and international visitors to their Oasis of Peace, their five acre property in Maryland. They have conducted teacher trainings in El Salvador and have invitations to work in Haiti, Russia, and Sierra Leone.

Tickets to *Way of Nonviolence* are \$25 each and include hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Advance registration is encouraged. Register online <http://www.nonviolentsolutions.org> or call 774-641-1566.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) encourages us to tell our Congressmen to non-violently resolve the crisis in Iraq and Syria. Instead of trying to solve the problem with a military intervention, FCNL thinks the U.S. should:

1. Stop U.S. bombing in Iraq
2. Pursue alternative strategies for long-term peace
3. Reject any new war authorization
4. Repeal the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force

Congressional action toward these goals will intensify after the November Congressional recess, when Congress returns from the election season. Quaker Public Policy & Lobby Day is November 20 and 21 in Washing-

ton D.C. Parker Palmer will deliver the keynote speech on Thursday evening, November 20th, at the end of a day of worship, briefing, lobby training and planning. The following day, there will be worship and lobbying on Capitol Hill. The Closing Plenary – Your Voice Matters is scheduled for Friday afternoon.

Don't you think being part of this event would be a terrific way to prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday? We can take care of the planning the feast and celebration with our family and f/Friends by November 19th, and then relax and give thanks on Thursday, November 27th. I think if we can find a way to participate in this FCNL action, either by going to Washington or by writing/calling our legislators and tell them to encourage non-violent solutions rather than military action, we will enjoy our turkey dinners more than ever!!



Did You Know ...?

Mary Chenaille continues her studies at Worcester State University. We congratulate her determination to learn Spanish.

The Sullivans travelled to Ireland. Ask them about their latest adventure!

Matthew Shorten enjoyed a wonderful visit with his granddaughter, **Nova Jean Boyer**, last summer. She is Karina's baby girl, and the family lives in Maine.

Friends are encouraged to communicate events – large or small – to the editor by email:

info@worcesterfriendsmeeting.org



Nova Jean (Shorten) Boyer age 8 months.



"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

- Mother Teresa

Quaker Passports

The Ministry and Counsel Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting introduced Quaker Passports as a way to make travel among meetings more visible, and encourage inter-visitation. Approximately 300 Quaker Passports were distributed at our Annual Sessions in Vermont.

Beth Gorton from New Hampshire visited our meeting for worship on October 5. She talked about the Quaker Passport program and encouraged Friends to pick up one of these colorful little booklets to document visits to other Meetings.

Why travel to other meetings?

Traveling to other meetings helps us know how other Quakers practice their faith. Building community with them helps us all deepen our spirituality and be a stronger Quaker family.

Who is this program designed for?

Too many Friends have never visited a meeting other than their own. This program is designed to encourage travel by those who might not otherwise do so, to get more of a sense of the depth and breadth of Friends outside of their meeting. We are making special effort to encourage youth and Young Adult Friends participation.

How does this work?

NEYM Ministry and Counsel's Working Group on Inter-visitation envisions that each meeting that chooses to

participate could have a stamp with which to stamp their page in the Passport, or you may have it signed by a clerk. If your meeting would like to have a stamp, they can be easily carved from an inexpensive eraser – a First Day School activity? - or purchased commercially.

We hope that this will make travel among Friends more visible and enjoyable.

Yours in the Light,

Diane Dicranian, jpdd@tds.net,

Beth Gorton, gorton_beth@yahoo.com

Jerry Sazama, gerald.sazama@uconn.edu

Errata. Unfortunately six Meetings were not included in the first edition of the Quaker Passport. These meetings are: Amesbury (MA) Monthly Meeting, Concord (NH) Monthly Meeting, Midcoast (ME) Monthly Meeting, Narramissic Valley (ME) Monthly Meeting, Storrs Friends (CT) Meeting, and West Epping (NH) Preparative Meeting. We humbly apologize to these

meetings. Those who have passports can add these meetings to the blank pages at the end of the Passports. Directions to these meetings can be found at NEYM.org/meetings. For more information please contact a member of the Quaker Passport subcommittee (listed above).



Woolman Hill Opportunity

Peace in Oneself, Peace in the World

Mindfulness for Educators, Teachers, Parents, and All Who Work with Youth

Facilitated by Richard Brady and Nick Roosevelt

October 23-26 (Thurs-Sun)

How can we approach our work as educators, teachers, parents, and youth workers from a place of inner peace and convey that peace to our young people? Drawing on several contemplative traditions, we will explore mindfulness tools and practices to use in our work and our homes.

Flyer here: <http://woolmanhill.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Mindfulness-with-Youth.pdf>

You can register on-line.



Three apples fell from heaven: one for the teller, one for the listener, and one for all the peoples of the world.
 – Armenian folklore

Stories are powerful tools. They give us hope; they give us courage; they explain the hows and whys of life and the universe.

We treasure the parables Jesus told, and the stories we know about him. We find strength in the stories of George Fox. Religious stories and myths add meaning and depth to our lives. The stories that we hear and tell shape the way we perceive and experience the world.

At this moment in history, people are so afraid, and I am aware of the stories that fill the media. As a storyteller, I must question the intention behind the creator of any story that I hear. Some stories are created to influence us to spend money. Some are told for the purpose of keeping people apart. Stories can “demonize” the other – creating an enemy.

Fifteen years ago I was saddened that Girl Scout cookies could no longer be sold door-to-door; it was not safe to knock on a neighbor’s door. We hear of drive-by shootings, we may be the recipient of “road-rage.” And

this month, it is “the Ebola War.” Today my daughter’s doctor’s office called to remind her of her appointment. She was asked, “Have you been to Africa? Have you been in contact with anyone who has...?” And I learn that a 12 year old child is afraid that she will contract Ebola. The fear of an epidemic ripples through the U.S., amplifying prejudice, and creating an international crisis that begins with healthcare and spreads into economic difficulties. Stories can frighten us; stories can build community.

The stories we hear and tell shape the way we live. Several years ago the Young Adult Friends visited our meeting with a concern for the climate. Those Worcester Friends who heard their presentation and listened to their personal stories were deeply moved. Surely today, in these troubled times, stories of the effects of climate change are troubling, and the stories we tell become even more important.

We cannot escape the popular stories told on the radio, or in the newspapers. I am reminded of the importance of Faith. We cannot let our worries and fears be greater than our confidence in the love of God. Being a member of an accepting and nurturing community becomes increasingly important.

The stories we hear and tell to each other are important. We are fortunate that our Quaker Meeting is “the meeting for eating” because we have regular opportunities to talk with each other. We know that we have each other’s best interests at heart. We tell each other stories every day.

Let us begin to tell these stories with intention. Let us tell each other stories that will allow us to learn about each other’s fears and hopes. Give us the faith that we can hear each other’s stories and recognize that of God as we experience a common bond.

I believe that this is the basis of Quakerism and the intention of the Religious Society of Friends.

Worcester Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
September 14, 2014

Present: Betty Jones, Mary Bennett, Clarence Burley, Aaron Sakulich, Mark Sullivan, Matthew Shorten, Paul Gallagher, Karen Sargent, Phil Stone, Jane Cutting, Daron Barnard, clerk.

- 09-14-2014-1 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading from NEYM Faith & Practice, Query 9, and Stewardship.
- 09-14-2014-2 The clerk noted that the Practical Committee has prepared and made available a document for F(f)riends in their consideration of next week's third Sunday discussion on the meeting's finances. This will be available after meeting, and sent out with weekly reminder emails.
- 09-14-2014-3 Spiritual Life committee recommends there be a statement at the rise of meeting introducing members of the committee, noting they are available for leadings, questions on Quakerism, or personal concerns. Friends approved.
- 09-14-2014-4 Practical committee recommends discontinuing the meeting's yellow pages advertising as the cost doesn't support the number of visitors. There will still be a regular listing. Friends approve.
- 09-14-2014-5 The committee noted the improvements to the meeting's office and thanks Paul Gallagher for the new furniture. It recommends that with the exception of 2 tables, the old furniture be donated to Habitat for Humanity. The committee has organized the office and there is now room for any meeting materials. Friends are asked to bring in any such items they have at home.
- 09-14-2014-6 The meeting received a request from an individual who writes a travel blog. This person wishes to have it reflect cemeteries in New England. She would like to include photographs of our cemetery in the blog. She has not yet replied to a request for additional information. As we can't prevent anyone from publishing on-line, Friends express some concerns. The clerk will hold this request and wait to see if this person responds and sends additional information. Friends agree and ask the clerk of the meeting to proceed if the responses do not exploit the cemetery, or those who are buried there and ask that a link be included to the website policies regarding the cemetery.
- 09-14-2014-7 The treasurer reported the automatic donations have been better than expected. There have been no unexpected expenses this year. Currently there is a \$2300 surplus. He notes that some anticipated costs for the building have not been realized.
- 09-14-2014-8 In their meeting, the Practical committee was not able to come to clearness on either discontinuing advertising in the Telegram and Gazette, or increasing the meeting's contribution to NEYM.
- 09-14-2014-9 Spiritual Life Committee discussed ways to support the clerk, and recognition of the correspondence clerk. It was also felt there needs to be more recognition of the spiritual life of individuals in the meeting and that this be minuted; they specifically noted the contributions of the current correspondence clerk.
- 09-14-2014-10 Peace and Social Concerns/Outreach did meet during the summer with somewhat sporadic attendance due to vacations. Several members are working on a Facebook page. Several members have attended a group for ex-offenders. There has been work done on the e-mail system. There has been discussion about another 'Spoken Word' series and a grant will be applied for from the Worcester Cultural Council.
- 09-14-2014-11 The meeting's website is in need of updating. The committee feels they need guidance from the meeting to proceed with this issue. Friends ask that the Spiritual Life and Practical committees look at and make recommendations regarding changes to the website and bring these to the next meeting for business.
- 09-14-2014-12 Market Day is Saturday, September 20. Volunteers are needed to make pies, bring baked goods, set up on Saturday, work that day and clean up.
- 09-14-2014-13 Saturday, October 4, NEYM committee day will be at the meeting house. We will also be using space at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The meeting needs to provide soup and drinks, and childcare.
- 09-14-2014-14 There will be a talk by the Reverend Sam Smith, of the Church of the Brethren, "The Militarization of Youth", Saturday, November 1 at the College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Campus Center. Co-Sponsored by Pax Christi Massachusetts.
- 09-14-2014-15 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again October 12, 2014, or at the call of the clerk.

Submitted in the Light,
Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk

Worcester Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

October 12, 2014

Present: Caitlin Quigley, Betty Jones, Mary Chenaille, Aaron Sakulich, Fred Mikkelsen, Whitney Mikkelsen, Karen Sargent, Paul Gallagher, Kevin Walsh, Jessica Seem, Tyler Green, Clarence Burley, Daron Barnard, clerk.

- 10-12-2014-1 Meeting began with a period of silent worship and a reading from NEYM Faith & Practice, Query 10, Vocations.
- 10-12-2014-2 The NEYM Committee Day point person reported that our hosting on October 4 was successful. A near maximum fifty-eight attenders crowded the meeting room for plenary session and a spectacular providing of food. The cooperation of "Good neighbor" St. Luke's Episcopal Church at no cost for three committee meeting rooms was appreciated and emphasized. Friends approved the clerk's offering of reciprocity in the use of our facilities in his thank-you note to St. Luke's.
- 10-12-2014-3 Practical committee recommends replacing both railings on the front porch steps as quickly as possible. Friends approved.
- 10-12-2014-4 Practical committee recommends repointing the bricks at back wall and chimney at an approximated cost of \$3,500. Friends approved.
- 10-12-2014-5 Friends approved a request by a recommended Friend fine-arts photographer to take pictures of, and inside, the meeting house. The clerk's letter of approval will remind the photographer of the former meeting house at Chatham and Oxford streets and will ask permission to use the pictures on our website, newsletter and Facebook page.
- 10-12-2014-6 As the treasurer was absent, there was no financial report.
- 10-12-2014-7 Practical committee will defer repairs to the front lawn signs until spring.
- 10-12-2014-8 Friends approved engaging a recommended snow removal man at \$1800 per season and the practical committee's continued negotiations with Rainer Raichel.
- 10-12-2014-9 Spiritual Life committee reports the setting up of a clearness committee for a membership application and a clearness committee for a leading to traveling ministry.
- 10-12-2014-10 Peace and Social Concerns/Outreach reports the development of a banner for the meeting. It asks Spiritual Life to review the contents of our website and Facebook page for recommendations. It is planning a film series on Friday evenings this winter, and it hopes to host a dialogue on the Middle East.
- 10-12-2014-11 Friends approved inviting Marian Baker to present her program on Rwanda and Tanzania.
- 10-12-2014-12 In considering the use of the website as outreach, Peace and Social Concerns/Outreach recognizes the need to sustain interest by frequent updating. It asks each committee to write a summary of every meeting for posting.
- 10-12-2014-13 The clerk made these announcements:
A November 1 meeting at The College of the Holy Cross on the militarization of youth;
A November 1 clerking workshop at Friends Meeting at Cambridge;
Our November 16 third Sunday discussion on committee structure and schedules.
An Obadiah Brown fund for Young Adult Friends to attend the Friends Committee on National Legislation meeting on November 20 to 21.
- A question was asked about resuming bible study. Spiritual Life is requested to promote it.
- A question was asked about the water freezing on the concrete slab for parking. Practical is asked to look into it. A Friend will investigate workman's compensation insurance to protect the Meeting.
- Several Friends announced their interest in attending Quarterly Meeting next Sunday at Smithfield Friends Meeting. Carpooling was suggested.
- A Friend asked the Meeting to hold a hospitalized Friend in the Light.
- 10-12-2014-14 The meeting ended with a period of silent worship, purposing to meet again on November 9, 2014 or at the call of the clerk.
- Submitted in the Light
Clarence Burley, recording clerk pro-tem.

Scheduled Meetings

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	Second Sunday, 9 AM
Spiritual Life Committee, convener Matthew Shorten	Fourth Sunday 9:30 AM
Practical Committee, convener Aaron Sakulich	First Sunday, 9:30 AM
Peace/Social Concerns/Outreach, convener Phil Stone.....	as called
Mid-week Meeting for Worship, convener Aaron Sakulich.....	Wednesdays, 7 PM
Worship at Briarwood Community, convener Betty Jones	Third Friday, 3:30 PM
Clerk of Worcester Friends Monthly Meeting	Daron Barnard
Recording Clerk	Barbara Sullivan
Treasurer.....	Mark Sullivan
Recording Clerk/Corresponding Secretary	Clarence Burley
First Day School	Katie Green and Katherine Barnard
Newsletter Editor.....	Katie Green

Deadline for the next newsletter is flexible. Friends interested in editing, please contact Katie at info@worcesterfriendsmeeting.org

Voluntary Set-up

Worcester Friends Meeting: The Meeting for Eating

Each First Day, Worcester Friends share a pot luck lunch at the rise of Meeting for Worship. The offering vary from week to week, but there is always enough to go around. Watch the newsletter for occasional recipes that are printed when Mmmm's and Oooo's and Ahhh's are uttered.

10/12/14	Paul Gallagher	11/02/14	Virginia Powell-Brasier
10/19/14	Philip Stone	11/09/14	Virginia Swain
10/26/14	Victoria Belisle	11/16/14	Whitney Mikkelsen

This is a voluntary responsibility. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list, please tell a committee member. If you have suggestions to add or remove anyone, your input is needed. Please contact Paul - 508-981-7285 - paulgallagherG@gmail.com